

Working Group 2: Markets for forest products and services

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Three sections

- Review of EFSOS historical analysis
- Review of EFSOS methodology and scenarios
- Future EFSOS work



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Background

- The EFSOS process is needed. Most countries are unable to gather and use this information by themselves



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EFSOS history: uncertainty should be described

- Products and trends are changing all the time
- New forest inventories often radically change data on the forest resource
- Conversion factors change but are not properly monitored



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EFSOS methods

- Evaluation of non-market services and goods: EFSOS analysis was a welcome first step forward, but data and methods need to be radically improved
- Some weaknesses:
 - Little consideration of developments outside Europe (global overview needed)
 - Price data too weak for high quality modelling



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EFSOS methods (2)

- In EFSOS, methods must be adapted to data available and to the questions to be answered
- Life Cycle Analysis should be more widely used
- Real trends should be compared systematically with EFSOS scenarios (using data for 2005)



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Development of future EFSOS methods

- A group should continue to develop the concepts and methods for future EFSOS work, working alongside modeling groups
 - Modelers require policy support for their funding applications
 - Lead times are long



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National use of EFSOS

- Some countries have unrealistic expectations from EFSOS (i.e. that it can provide all the answers)
- There are no simple answers
- Countries must analyse and digest EFSOS data and results for their own use



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EFSOS follow up

- It is important to understand and influence public perceptions of forest issues
- Life Cycle Analysis for wood should be compared to that for other materials
- Wood energy trends and issues should be analysed and monitored much better
- EFSOS analysis and data should be used develop national forest programmes and other strategies
- EFSOS should also be presented to non-forest circles



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