

EFSOS policy consequences meeting: objectives

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Present status

- EFSOS published (March 2005)
- Almost all material available: Discussion Papers, country sheets, Executive Summary etc.
- "Marketing" effort: press conference, presentations, etc.



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EFSOS main objective

- “provide *decision makers* in the forest sector with information and analysis about long term trends in the sector and projections of future developments”
- Earlier ETTS studies and other regional outlook studies have not directly been used by decision makers, despite the recognised quality of the studies. Why not?



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Possible reasons for past failure to reach decision makers

- Scope too abstract and regional (I.e. not local/national)?
- Remained an academic exercise for specialists?
- Failure to present ideas to policy makers at national and regional level?
- Long term outlook irrelevant to real world policy making, as it is based on short term pressures and thinking?
- Other ideas??



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What we expect from the Budapest meeting

- Feedback on EFSOS outputs, conclusions and process
- Commitment to national level follow-up
- Ideas for maximising impact of EFSOS
- Proposals for process of future outlook study work in Europe



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Proposed organisation of the meeting

- Monday morning:
 - presentation and discussion of EFSOS
 - Country reports
- Monday afternoon:
 - Group work (3 groups)
- Tuesday morning
 - Plenary discussion of group reports
- Tuesday afternoon
 - Conclusions of the meeting



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The international environment for EFSOS follow up

- Timber Committee (September 2005), European Forestry Commission (May 2006)
- MCPFE Expert Level Meeting (September 2005)
- EU Action Plan for Forestry (draft by winter 2005)
- Forest Based Sector Technology Platform (FTP) (Strategic Research Agenda)
- UNFF: strengthening of regional dimension for implementation of SFM



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What the workshop could achieve

- Criticise, prioritise or endorse EFSOS recommendations
- Stimulate use of EFSOS in national programmes and strategies
- Recommendations for research
 - Forest sector general (FTP)
 - Related to outlook studies
- Proposals for future activities by ECE/FAO or MCPFE



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Workshop organisation

- Flexible
- Informal
- Democratic



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Your comments, questions and
suggestions, please!



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