

## Statement

Council of the European Foresters (Council of the European Foresters - C.E.F) established in Sibiu, Romania, on August 25, 2011 invites all professional organizations and unions of foresters from Europe to join this international organization of foresters.

C.E.F. is an international, democratic organization to which the member organizations should not pay any fee and the leadership of C.E.F is taken every year by an organization from another country.

C.E.F. does not admit that among its members or between C.E.F and other foresters the relationships to be undemocratic, intolerant or discriminatory. In its activity, C.E.F. will cooperate with other international organizations as long as they work in the interest and welfare of the foresters.

### The C.E.F. objectives are:

- to develop the understanding among foresters and between the foresters and society;
- to support the interests of foresters, members of the C.E.F at the national, European and global level;
- to develop the international solidarity among foresters;
- to inform the members of the organization about the subjects and issues of the forestry sector in Europe and world;
- to represent the member organizations and the foresters at the international institutions like the UN, the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, the European Council, the European Commission and others related to the forestry field, environment, bio-energy reserves, timber and biomass and to the labor relations;
- the development of contacts, understanding and cooperation among the members of C.E.F and between C.E.F. and other international organizations of the foresters;
- to develop the experience and knowledge exchange in the forestry field between the member organizations;
- to promote the Forester's Declaration in order to be recognized and implemented by national and international institutions.

Through the Forester's Declaration provisions recognition by the communities, national and international institutions, it is recognized the role and importance of the foresters' work in sustainable forests management, the forester's right to participate actively in the development of forestry strategy and policy, in the promotion of the sustainable forest management and are recognized the foresters' social rights.

During its first meeting after setting up, C.E.F has set proposals for direct contacts between itself and national and international institutions.

C.E.F considers that a direct contact between itself and the Council of Europe will determine better information of the Council of Europe about the forestry situation in



Europe that will lead to the establishment of a forestry strategy appropriate to each country of Europe.

Regarding the forestry situation from the EU, C.E.F considers that the forestry sector strategy cannot be different from that of the whole Europe.

At EU level, C.E.F considers as needed to be created a Forestry Directorate General or a Forestry Directorate within the Commission for Agriculture and Rural Development, which will determine the monitoring of the sustainable forest management applying in all member countries.

C.E.F also considers that it is needed the establishment of a new Advisory Group of forests experts for the issues of the EU forest sector.

In the near future the C.E.F will send the Forester's Declaration to the Council of Europe and to the European institutions to be recognized by them.

**Council of European Foresters**  
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