

**ADVISORY GROUP OF FOREST EXPERTS FROM EUROPE  
RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING**

**1.** Taking into consideration the roles and functions of the forests and their sustainable management for the life of the people in Europe, which are substantial towards the attainment of these objectives,

Emphasizing that forestry institutions, forestry profession and forestry professional as well as an effective and operational consultation among them are the key component of the sustainable management of forests which provides social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits at all levels are essential to sustainable development,

Under the umbrella of the C.E.F. an Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe (AGFEE) that can contribute, inform and may be consulted by the EU and the Council of Europe institutions on the development of the forest strategy and forest policy in Europe was established

**2.** The Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe is formed by the Council of European Foresters and can be composed of 3 members from each European country representing foresters, practitioners with at least 15 years of experience in forestry related activities as well as representatives of state forest universities/faculties and of institutions for forest research. In their work, the three members from each country of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe can be supported by a number of up to 7 associate members from each country. Associate members may attend the meetings of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe, but without voting.

**3.** Members and associate members of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe are appointed by each CEF member organization or, even if in that country there is no CEF member organization, they shall be appointed by the CEF member foresters.

**4.** The mandate of the members and associate members of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts members shall be three years and shall be renewable. On expiry of the three year period, the members of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe shall remain within this Group until they have been replaced or until their term of mandate has been renewed. The members and associate members may be replaced, in extraordinary cases, at the request of the C.E.F. member organization who appointed them.

**5.** The functions exercised by the members and associate members of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe shall not be remunerated.



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**6.** The list of the members and associate members of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe shall be published by the Council of European Foresters on its website.

**7.** The Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe elects a president and two Vice-Presidents every 3 years, confirmed by the C.E.F. Board. The election of the president and of the two vice-presidents shall be conducted separately for each of them as follows: (a) in the first ballot, with a two thirds majority of the present experts, (b) in the subsequent ballots, with a simple majority of the present experts. In case of a tie of the votes for the election of the president, the C.E.F. Board ensures temporarily the Presidency. The Vice-presidents shall be elected from the representatives of other socio-economic categories than that represented by the President, subject to exemptions granted by the C.E.F. Board. The President and Vicepresident participate in all the meetings of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe. The Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe appoints among its members six delegates and six substitute delegates who will attend the meetings with the institutions of the European Commission and the Council of Europe.

**8.** The President of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe may invite any person competent on an item on the agenda of the meeting to participate in the Group's activity. These persons may participate only in the discussions regarding the session for which they were invited.

**9.** The Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe may organize working subgroups.

**10.** The convocation and agenda of the meetings of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe are made by the President of this Group.

**11.** Decisions on topics discussed by the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe are taken by majority vote.

**12.** Activity and decisions of the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe shall be reported to the Council of European Foresters' members after each meeting of the Group.