



C.E.F. STRATEGY FOR THE PERIOD 2014-2019

C.E.F. AND A.G.F.E.E. ACTIONS PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2014 - OCTOBER 2015

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C.E.F. Strategy during 2014-2019 will include the following main objectives, which will be taking into consideration to develop the CEF and AGFEE Actions Program:

1. To promote the importance and necessity of applying sustainable forest management in all the forests of Europe; this involves taking into equitable consideration all the forest functions: economic function, ecological function and social function;

2. In accordance with the C.E.F. observer status at FOREST EUROPE meetings - Round Table Meetings - Workshops & Working Groups - Expert Level Meetings, which C.E.F. obtained on February 4, 2014, C.E.F. will participate to:

- Forest Europe Round Table Meeting on updating the Sustainable Forest Management Tools - Cuenca, Spain on November 3, 2014.
- Forest Europe Round Table Meeting on topics for the next Ministerial Conference - Cuenca, Spain on 4 - 5 November 2014.
- Forest Europe Expert Level Meeting to prepare Extraordinary Forest Europe Ministerial Conference - Cuenca, Spain on 6-7 November 2014. During the Extraordinary Ministerial Conference the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe shall present its work for its consideration and possible adoption. Also, participants in the meeting will discuss possible topics for the 7th Ordinary Ministerial Conference, which will be organized in October 2015.

Observations:

- The invitations to these meetings and also to other meetings of the FOREST EUROPE institutions shall be analyzed by the C.E.F.'s Board and will be sent to all the C.E.F. members in due time.
- The delegations who will participate in FOREST EUROPE meetings shall be convened based on C.E.F. members' requests, by the C.E.F.s' Board.
- The proposals which the delegates will present to the FOREST EUROPE meetings shall be analyzed and set by the Board of C.E.F. Board.

3. Continuing the C.E.F. requests to the European Union institutions (the European Commission, the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the European Parliament) for:

- Establishing a Forestry Authority in the European Union. Forest Authority at EU level can regulate the legal framework of issuing forestry regulations, can regulate forest policies,

forestry strategies and forestry programs at EU level, can regulate the financial support from the European Union or from the EU countries for preserving forests and their multiple ecosystem services (supporting, regulating, provisioning and cultural), applying the sustainable forest management or increasing forest area, can initiate the development of good practice guides and innovations to implement sustainable forest management and preventing illegal forest logging in some European countries, etc.

- Coordinating and strengthening the role of the forestry institutions and their contribution to economic viability of forest sector and human well-being, its role in climate change adaptation and mitigation, preventing global environmental risks.
- Obtaining for C.E.F. the member status in the Advisory Group on Forestry and Cork from the Commission for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission.
- Further requests to complete Annex 1 of the European Commission Decision of 23 April 2004 on the advisory groups of the common agricultural policy (2004/391 / EC) with the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe.

4. Participation of C.E.F. to the UNFF meetings

5. Participation of C.E.F. and Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe to events and meetings organized by C.E.F. member organizations.

6. Encouraging the C.E.F. Board, Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe as well as C.E.F. member institutions to create a joint project on some of the most challenging prioritized topics of forestry. EU funds can be considered for financing.

7. Strengthen and promote the role of forest related research in the science politics and the EU research strategy programs.

8. Enlarge the number of members to C.E.F.