



ADVISORY GROUP OF FOREST EXPERTS FROM EUROPE

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According to the New Forest Strategy of the European Union for 2030 for the forests of European Union begins a new era, in which forests can be transformed and strengthened to be protected from climate change and through proper forest management forests can become a factor in combating climate change and mitigating the effects of climate change. The objectives of the New Forest Strategy of the European Union for 2030 can be achieved through Forestry policies appropriate to the environmental, economic and social conditions of the European Union and each member country of the European Union. And for these forestry policies to be carried out so that the objectives of the New Forest Strategy of European Union to be achieved, it is necessary to use the performance and professional experience of foresters, their professional expertise, to use of forestry performance at academic level, from the level of scientific and forestry research, to use the performance and the experience of forest managers.

In Chapter 6 "Inclusive and Coherent E.U. forest governance framework" of the New Forest Strategy of European Union for 2030 provides : "Regarding the engagement with civil society, forest owners and managers, industry and academia, the Commission will take a similar approach and build on experience of the existing Civil Dialogue Group on Forest and Cork and the Working Group on Forest and Nature, creating one Group with a revised mission statement, broader membership and focus on the implementation of the new E.U. Forest Strategy ".

In this regard, the Advisory Group of Forest Experts from Europe (A.G.F.E.E.), an Institution of the Council of the European Foresters , kindly request to the European Commission to agree A.G.F.E.E. to be part of the new Group that will be formed according to Chapter 6 "Inclusive and Coherent E.U. forest governance framework" of the New Forest Strategy of the European Union for 2030, in order to fulfill the commitment of cooperation with civil society, forest owners and managers, industry and academia and focuses on the implementation the new E.U. Forest Strategy.

Members of A.G.F.E.E. are important forest personalities from Germany, France, Italy, Finland, Hungary, Croatia, Romania, Ukraine, Turkey, Russia, Bosnia, Moldova, Serbia with a high professional training, with professional forestry experience, with expertise in forest management who can bring their contribution to the implementation of the new E.U. Forest Strategy.

Respectfully,
**A.G.F.E.E. President
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