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High level policy dialogue "Sustainable forest management: unlocking forest biodiversity's potential"

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- wo panel discussions on the core topic „: **u n l o c k i n g b i o d i v e r s i t y p o t e n t i a l** “, selection of panellists
- n e e x t r a i t e m a b o u t t h e e m e r g i n g i s s u e k r a i n e
- ialogues established on sound science
- & w i t h s i g n a t o r i e s , o b s e r v e r s , a n d i n t e r e s t e d p u b l i c

Outputs:

- High impact on social media
- Knowledge exchange around SFM and biodiversity
- Increased visibility of FOREST EUROPE in pan-European forest policy
- Endorsement of Ministerial Decision Ukraine
- Communication products (prior & post event)
- Publication of a policy brief (prior event)

policy brief

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POLICY BRIEF

Forest Biodiversity in Europe –where do we stand?

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CURRENT SITUATION

Biodiversity is currently one of the most prominent topics in forest policy discussions in Europe. There are debates on how forest biodiversity can be maintained and enhanced in modern sustainable forest management (SFM). These discussions are not new, but require a refreshed angle towards balancing different demands on forests in an unstable world, and answers for integrative management in the future.

[redacted]: key messages

Act	• Acknowledge the necessity to act now to halt biodiversity loss and climate change
Time	• Shorten the time from theory to practice
SFM	• Progress made by the Integrate network and ProSilva
Communication	• Improve open and constructive dialogues and collaboration among different stakeholder
Education &Youth	• Need to modernize and broaden education and training • Increase financial support for youth and gender inclusion

: key messages

Monitoring & data	• Monitoring is the tool to understand what is happening • Improve data availability and accessibility
Trade-offs	• Comprehend and broaden the discussion about socio and economic trade-offs in the forest (e.g. PES)
Innovation	• Enhance innovation in the sector and think progressively
Different pathways	• Develop different pathways depending on the legacies, local conditions and socio-economic values
Planning and networking	• Strategic planning and networking among policy makers, scientists and practitioners

Ministerial Decision on

- FOREST EUROPE (FE) signatories and observers showed their solidarity with the Ukrainian people during the HLPD 2022

Ministerial Decision "**Supporting the recovery and sustainable management of Ukrainian forests and its forest sector"** was endorsed during ELM 2022

- Apply the Rapid Response Mechanism
- Building back better the forest sector in Ukraine
- Present a final report next ELM 2023

Ministerial decision on

Next steps:

- Set up a network of experts (FE signatories, observers, Ukrainian authorities)
- Create a list of planned or agreed projects to support Ukraine
- Develop a "status quo report" as basis for the first online workshop (December 2022)
- Receive a priority list from the Ukrainian authorities in building back better the forest sector during and after the war
- Start a fundraising campaign
- Organize meeting with International Organization
- Discuss and finalize the final report (April 2023)

Your support is welcome!

Please share information about:

- **planned or already agreed projects or any support activities** of your government / your organization
- **any other international, national, or regional initiatives that** you are aware of in the field of forestry and/or nature conservation in Ukrainian forests
- your **country and/or organisation being able to support** the implementation of the Ministerial Decision with additional (financial and/or in-kind) contributions (e.g. communication campaign, organization of an event).

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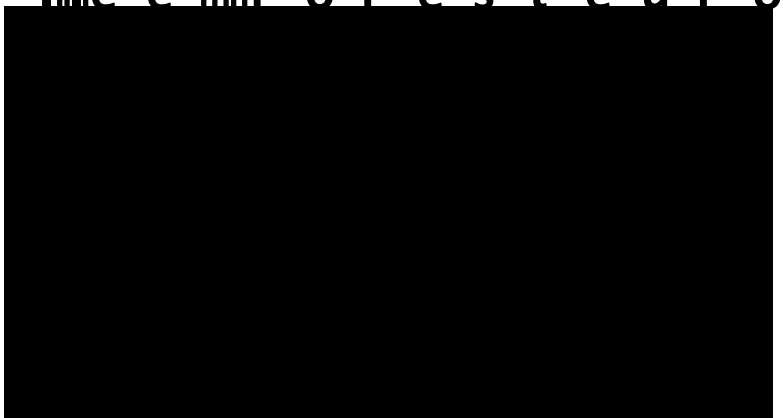
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