

# FOREST EUROPE, STATE OF PLAY



JOINT PREPARATORY MEETING ON  
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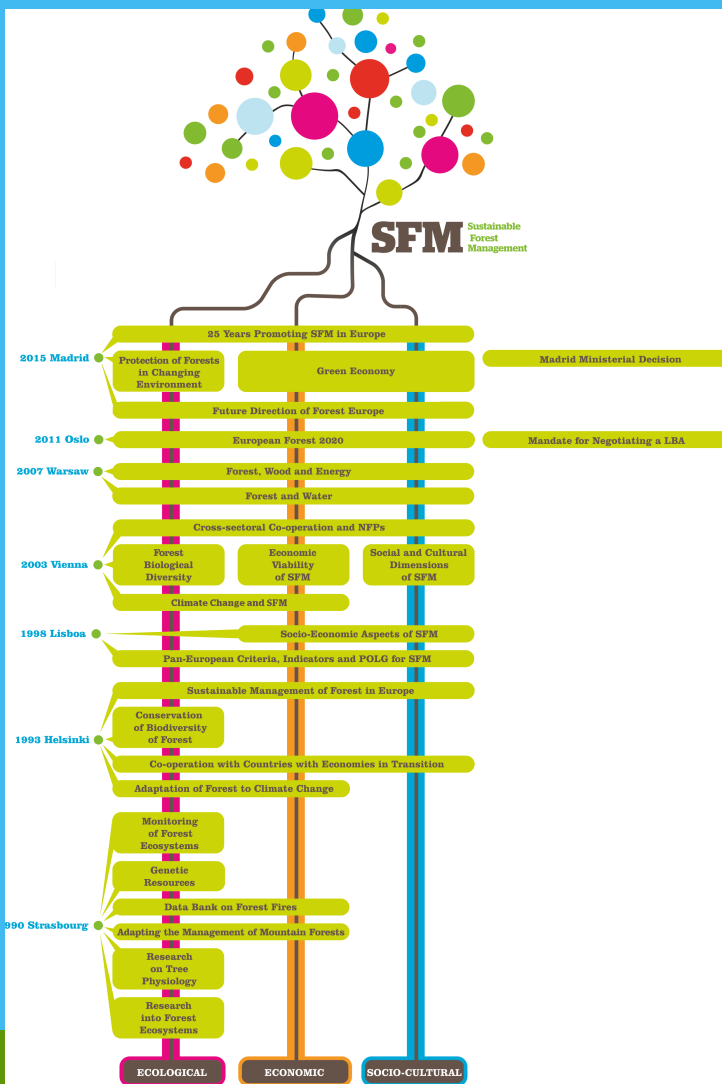
# FOREST EUROPE framework

## 1.1. FOREST EUROPE framework

FE work is built on the decisions and resolutions adopted by ministers at the Ministerial Conferences.

So far 7 Ministerial Conferences have taken place:

21 resolutions, 4 decisions, and 6 declarations have been adopted



# 1.1. The Oslo Ministerial Conference



## Oslo Ministerial Decision: European Forests 2020

- Sets **strategic goals, measurable targets and priority actions**
  - Linked to the 3 dimensions of SFM
  - Linked to policies, institutions and instruments related to SFM

## Oslo Ministerial Mandate for Negotiating a LBA on Forests in Europe

- **Draft text for a LBA** to be presented to an Extraordinary FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference

## 1.2. The Madrid Ministerial Conferences



### 7th Ministerial Conference

- Madrid Declaration: 25 years promoting SFM in Europe
- Madrid Resolution1: Forest sector in the center of Green Economy
- Madrid Resolution2: Protection of forest in a Changing Environment
- Madrid Decision: The future direction of FOREST EUROPE

### Extraordinary Ministerial Conference

- Madrid Ministerial Decision (LBA)

# 1.3. The FOREST EUROPE Work Programme 2016-2020



**1. SFM policies and tools**

**2. Forest Monitoring and reporting**

**3. Role of SFM in a Green Economy**

**4. Forest Ecosystem Services**

**5. Forest Protection and Adaptation to Climate Change**

**6. Human Health & Well being**

**7. Review of the FOREST EUROPE process**

**8. Legally Binding Agreement**

## 2. Review of the FOREST EUROPE process



- Madrid Ministerial Decision 2015

### Key objectives of the Review:

- To further develop the FOREST EUROPE process with a view to adapting to current and new challenges, and to enhancing its contribution to the promotion of sustainable forest management (SFM) in Europe.
- To ensure that the process maintains efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and inclusiveness
- To strengthen the an agenda-setting role

### Subject of the Review:

- the FOREST EUROPE process, especially its structure, procedures and work modalities, which will be reviewed reflecting on the lessons learnt in order to make it more effective and inclusive
- EXPERT LEVEL MEETING (May 2016) set up a Working Group on Future Direction of FOREST EUROPE

# 2.1 Working Group's tasks



Analyse the achievements and added value of FOREST EUROPE based on the "Review of the MCPFE" (2009), and on the "Assessment of the achievements and added value of the Forest Europe Process" (2015). This should comprise a critical look at possible shortcomings.

Take stock of signatories and stakeholders' views on the achievements and added value of FOREST EUROPE.

Analyse the interplay of FOREST EUROPE with other actors in the pan-European forest policy arena.

Take stock of signatories' views on current structures, procedures and modalities of work of FOREST EUROPE.

Take into account current and upcoming issues of high political importance and relevance for the further development of SFM to be addressed by FOREST EUROPE.

Elaborate proposals and recommendations in responding to current and new challenges and opportunities, especially on the structures, procedures and modalities of work of FOREST EUROPE.

## 2.2 Review of the FE process tentative time schedule



- **October 2016** - discussion forum of the 1st meeting
- **October – December 2016** – development of the questionnaire
- **January 2017** – implementation of the questionnaire
- **February – March 2017** - Processing of data collected, interpretation of results, elaborating draft report
- **Spring 2017** – Discussion on results at the 2nd meeting
- **May – October 2017** – preparation of the report
- **October - November 2017** – Presentation of the report to ELM



### 3. Discussion on follow-up of the Madrid EMC (LBA)



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#### Further discussions on Legally Binding Agreement

- *A round-table meeting shall be called concerning all options for the procedural follow-up of the Madrid Extraordinary Ministerial Decision.*
- *The preparation of the meeting will be preceded by informal consultations among signatories and facilitated by the GCC by taking stock of these consultations. Final decision on the roundtable in early 2018 will be taken by the ELM in 2017.*



# Thanks



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