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## **AGENDA**

### **OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE STANDING FORESTRY COMMITTEE**

**AND**

### **CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP FORESTRY AND CORK**

**AND**

### **EXPERT GROUP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAP STRATEGIC PLANS REGULATION**

**AND**

### **THE WORKING GROUP ON FOREST AND NATURE**

### **Workshop on Public and Private Payments for forest Ecosystem Services (PES)**

**Meeting via videoconference (Webex)**

**on Thursday 31 March 2022 from 9:00 to 13:30**

#### ***1. PLENARY***

##### ***1.1 Background. The departing point.***

- *Welcome*
- *PES in the EU:*
  - *How the CAP supports PES (COM)*
  - *Revised State Aid Guidelines (COM)*
  - *Research possibilities under Horizon: the SINCERE project (tbc)*
- *Sustainable Carbon Cycles (COM)*

##### ***1.2. Valuation of forest ecosystem services***

- *Valuation of forest Ecosystem Services (Forest Europe-former LU Bratislava)*
- *Accounting of forest related ecosystem services- Pilot accounts for habitat and species maintenance (COM)*

## **2. Parallel Break-out Groups**

### **2.1 Break-out Group 1: Payments for Ecosystem Services in Forests in the EU, with a focus on public funding schemes**

- *Presentations: The experience of MS (Finland and Croatia) with public PES schemes*

#### **Discussion**

##### **Guiding questions for discussion:**

- *How can the use for PES be promoted or maximised?*
- *What are the main risks and barriers pertaining to the implementation of PES schemes? How to overcome them?*
- *How do you see the sustainability of PES schemes? Under which circumstances can the duration of the service be ensured without payments?*
- *How could successful local stories be extrapolated? How to facilitate knowledge and good practice exchange?*

### **2.1 Break-out Group 2: Payments for Ecosystem Services in Forests in the EU, with a focus on private funding schemes**

- *Presentation. Examples for successful private PES schemes*

#### **Discussion**

##### **Guiding questions for discussion:**

- *How are rewarding mechanisms designed under private PES? Which costs are supported?*
- *What are the main challenges and advantages pertaining to the implementation of private PES, in particular when compared to public PES? How can challenges be overcome?*
- *How do PES link to the upcoming initiative on certification of carbon removals?*
- *Do combined approaches (public-private) have better potential to deliver on ecosystem services? How do such systems address co-benefits and safeguards?*
- *How to facilitate knowledge and best practices exchange and build on good experiences on the ground?*

## **3. PLENARY session**

### **Final Discussion and wrap-up**

- *Reporting from break-out Groups*

- *Q&As,*
- *Wrap-up*

*Please send us your AOB questions in due time before the meeting (e-mail: [AGRI-B2@ec.europa.eu](mailto:AGRI-B2@ec.europa.eu) ).*