

FOREST EUROPE High-Level Policy Dialogue

Sustainable Forest Management: unlocking forest biodiversity's potential

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HLPD 2022: Features



- Hybrid event with 160 participants (on site & online)
- Core topic: „**SFM: unlocking biodiversity potential**“
- One political, one technical panel discussion with selected panellists (signatories, forest owners, nature conservation, youth, science)
- Additional agenda item: "Emerging Issue Ukraine"
- Dialogues established based on sound science
- Discussion with signatories, observers and interested public
- Communication campaign involving observers/speakers

HLPD 2022: Outputs



Publication of
Policy Brief

Endorsement
of Ministerial
Decision Ukraine

Take home
messages
document

Knowledge
exchange on SFM
and biodiversity

Increased
visibility in pan-
European forest
policy

High impact on
social media

HLPD 2022: 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.

HLPD 2022: Key Messages

Action

- Acknowledge the necessity to act now to halt biodiversity loss and climate change
- Consider the "two realities" of forest biodiversity

Timeliness & Scaling up

- Speed up and scale up action
- Shorten the time from theory to practice

SFM

- Progress made, more recently fostered by ProSilva and the Integrate Network

Communication

- Improve open and constructive dialogues and collaboration among different stakeholders

Education & Youth

- Need to modernize and broaden education and training
- Increase financial support for youth and gender inclusion

HLPD 2022: Key Messages

Monitoring & Data

- Monitoring is the tool to understand local situations and conditions
- 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 Ukraine



FOREST EUROPE (FE) signatories and observers sent a strong signal of solidarity with Ukraine at the HLPD 2022

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

- Applying the FOREST EUROPE Rapid Response Mechanism
- Building back better the forest sector in Ukraine
- Present a final report at the next Expert Level Meeting in 2023

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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).

HLPD 2022: Impulses & next steps

- **Need to take immediate action at all levels**, by all stakeholders supported by communication activities
- Action through **multiple pathways** respecting local conditions, socio-economic values, management legacies and adapted solutions
- Build on and further **strengthen existing initiatives** that support science-based policy making
- Foster close **cooperation and exchange** with and among Member States as well as relevant organisations, initiatives and processes

HLPD 2022: Impulses & next steps

- Proactively engage to **inform the development and implementation of policies** relating to forests and forest management
- **Support members** in their respective efforts to enhance integrative and close-to-nature forest management
- **Get involved at EU level**, i.e. relevant workshops and working groups
- Further strengthen **close cooperation with relevant processes and fora** such as the Standing Forestry Committee, FOREST EUROPE, Pro Silva, private forest owner organisations, as well as ENGOs

THANK YOU!

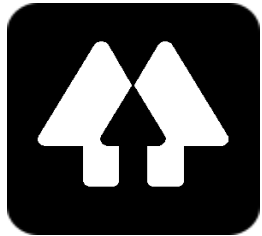




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