

FOREST EUROPE Ukraine Meeting

7 December 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

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Meeting hours: Wednesday, 7 December 2022, 9:30-12:00 and 13:00-15:00 CEST

Meeting language: English

Link to the event will be provided in due time

Annotated agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened and chaired by the head of the Liaison Unit Bonn. The meeting will be held in English.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The chair will introduce the draft agenda and ask for its adoption.

3. Ministerial Decision of 30 August 2022 to support Ukrainian forests and its forest sector and its mandate by the Expert Level Meeting

The Liaison Unit Bonn will present the Ministerial Decision endorsed at the High-Level Policy Dialogue and the subsequent discussion and adoption of the roadmap to implement the Ministerial Decision at the Expert Level Meeting (31 August 2022). This information will set the scene for the joint work of the network.

The chair will explain the setup of the FOREST EUROPE network to support the recovery of the Ukrainian forest sector. He will also explain the role of the Liaison Unit Bonn in the context of this work.

4. Status-quo of Ukrainian forest sector

The Liaison Unit Bonn and its consultant, Liubov Poliakova (Ukraine), will present background information on the Ukrainian forest sector including the forest protected areas. A focus will be set on the current situation of the various aspects of the forest sector due to the war-related breakdowns and effects. The participants and in particular the present representatives of the Ukrainian authorities are invited to show those parts of the forest sector not yet covered by the status quo report presented by LUBo.

5. Priorities of the Ukrainian government to build back better its forest sector during and after the war-related breakdown

Following a request from the German Minister for Food and Agriculture, the Government of the Ukraine has elaborated a list of priorities to build back better its forest sector during and after the war-related breakdown in order to conserve, restore and sustainably manage its forests. A representative of the Government of the Ukraine is invited to present the main aspects of the priority list.

6. Preliminary overview of projects and support activities by signatories, observers and other relevant parties

The Liaison Unit Bonn will present a condensed overview on all projects and support activities provided by signatories, observers and other relevant parties that support the recovery of the Ukrainian forest sector and sustainable forest management of Ukrainian forests. Participants are invited to add missing information to this overview.

In line with the Ministerial Decision, international organizations are invited to participate in the preparations and support the implementation of the initiative within their respective mandate. A representative of the FAO will present their activities in this respect. All other international organizations such as EFI, IUFRO, EUSTAFOR are asked to add relevant information as well.

7. Next steps

In line with the roadmap adopted at the Expert Level Meeting (31 August 2022) the Liaison Unit Bonn will carry out a comparison, analysing if the items listed in the priority list provided by the Government of the Ukraine are already covered by the projects and support activities collected in the overview (see item 6). For those missing activities, LUBo will facilitate a fundraising raising campaign in order to encourage concrete projects/initiatives between donors and the relevant Ukrainian authority.

In addition, LUBo will constantly update the overview on all projects and support activities, asking signatories, observers and other relevant parties for their active support. Furthermore, the status quo report will be further developed/updated based on future developments in Ukraine and on guidance given by the network.

The second online workshop is foreseen in spring 2023.

8 Any other business

Participants are invited to discuss any other issues that were not included under the agenda items.

9 Closure of the meeting