



International workshop

## Sustainable forest management: joint research priorities for EU, Russia and Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries

27 May 2015

Minsk, Belarus

### Objective

The objective of this workshop is to discuss and share views on potentials to increase cooperation and setting joint priorities in for research needs in the field of sustainable forest management (SFM) in EU and Russia and the Eastern partnership countries.

The workshop will

- present the results of mapping related to SFM research capacities in European countries
- present the results of mapping related to SFM research capacities and priorities in Russia and Eastern partnership countries
- discuss future research needs benefitting from cooperation between EU and Russia-Eastern partnership
- identify joint priorities for joint research
- discuss existing financial mechanisms to be used for supporting research work and joint calls for proposals.

The workshop results will be used as background work for a possible later joint Call for proposals targeted at EU and Russia/Eastern partnership on related to SFM research.

### Tentative programme

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| 9:00  | <p><b>Opening addresses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marc Palahi, European Forest Institute, Finland</li> <li>- Martin Greimel, Ministerialrat, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria</li> <li>- representative of the host country or host organization (<i>tbc</i>), Belarus</li> </ul> |
| 9:30  | <p><b>Keynote:</b> Forest research capacities and resources in EU countries, presentation of the results of the SUMFOREST study, <i>Jan Svensson, Formas (The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning)</i></p>  |
| 9:50  | <p><b>Keynote:</b> Forest research priorities in EU: outcomes of SUMFOREST workshop in Warsaw, <i>Janusz Czerepko, IBL- Forest Research Institute, Poland</i></p>  |
| 10:10 | <p>Coffee break (20 minutes)</p>   |
| 10:30 | <p><b>Keynote:</b> Forest research capacities and priorities in Russia and Eastern Partnership countries, presentation of the results of the SUMFOREST study and the Kazan workshop, <i>Elena Kulikova, Senior Expert, European Forest Institute</i></p>   |



- 10:50 **Panel discussion 1:** Joint forest research priorities and challenges in EU, Russia and EaP countries (identify joint priorities for joint research; discuss future research needs benefitting from cooperation between countries)  
*Panellists: panel consisting of keynote speakers and SUMFOREST partners / Ru and EaP partners*
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 **Keynote:** Forest research support and financial mechanisms used in EU countries, *Martin Greimel, The Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management*
- 13:50 **Keynote:** Financial mechanisms used for research support in Russia, *Irina Kuklina, International Centre for Innovations in Science, Technology and Education, Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation*
- 14:10 **Panel discussion 2:** Identifying financial mechanisms used for forest research support in EaP countries and to be used for joint calls for proposals  
*Panellists: panel consisting of SUMFOREST partners / Ru and EaP partners*
- 15:30 **Conclusions and steps forward,** *Martin Greimel /Elena Kulikova*
- 16:00 Adjourn and coffee

### Who will attend

Participation will be by invitation only. Expected participants are representatives of related to SFM research institutions in EU, Russia and EaP countries (tentatively, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine): applied research, academic and educational organisations, sectorial ministries and research funding organisations, as well as SUMFOREST partners - owners of forest research programmes in EU countries.

### Venue

Venue of the workshop is hotel Crowne Plaza Minsk [www.cpminsk.com](http://www.cpminsk.com) (13 Kirova str.220030, Minsk, Belarus).

### Other

Simultaneous interpretation between English and Russian will be provided.

### Further information

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