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

9:00 Opening addresses
   - Marc Palahi, European Forest Institute, Finland
   - Martin Greimel, Ministerialrat, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria
   - representative of the host country or host organization (tbc), Belarus

9:30 Keynote: Forest research capacities and resources in EU countries, presentation of the results of the SUMFOREST study, Jan Svensson, Formas (The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning)

9:50 Keynote: Forest research priorities in EU: outcomes of SUMFOREST workshop in Warsaw, Janusz Czerepko, IBL- Forest Research Institute, Poland

10:10 Coffee break (20 minutes)

10:30 Keynote: Forest research capacities and priorities in Russia and Eastern Partnership countries, presentation of the results of the SUMFOREST study and the Kazan workshop, Elena Kulikova, Senior Expert, European Forest Institute
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


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 (13 Kirova str.220030, Minsk, Belarus).

Other
Simultaneous interpretation between English and Russian will be provided.

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