

## **FOREST EUROPE Expert Level Meeting**

**4/5 June 2024**

**Venue: Conference room DG01 at IGZW (part of the Technical University  
of Munich)**

**Georg-Mendel-Str. 4, 85354 Freising, Germany**

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“working modalities”**
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  - 4.4 Way forward on the preparation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference  
(MC9) including the publication “Short story about European forests”**
- 5. Implementation of the Work Programme of FOREST EUROPE 2021 – 2024**
- 6. Any other business**
- 7. Closure of the meeting**



**Meeting hours:** Tuesday, 4 June 2024, 9:00-17:00 (if needed also longer) and Wednesday, 5 June 2024, 9:00-12:00 CEST

**Excursion:** The Bavarian State Institute for Forestry is inviting for an excursion on 5 June 2024 from 13.00 until 17.00 in the nearby forests. Further information will be shared soon.

**Dinner:** The Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BMEL) is inviting you to a dinner at the Klosterbrauerei Weißenstephan, planned for 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in the evening

**Meeting format:** in person only

**Meeting language:** English



## **Annotated agenda:**

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting will be opened and chaired by the representatives of Germany, the chairing country of the FOREST EUROPE process. Sweden has accepted to be the co-chair of this meeting. The meeting will be held in-person only and in English.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

In accordance with the established procedure, the chair of the Expert Level Meeting shall, at the beginning of the session, introduce the draft agenda and ask for its adoption.

***Document: ELM2/2024/1/Preliminary time schedule***

### **3. Membership in the GCC from 2025 onwards and funding of the process**

Following the kind announcement by the United Kingdom and by Albania at the last ELM in Bonn (9/10 January 2024) to become GCC members from 2025 onwards with the precondition that the new working modalities will be approved, a formal decision will be prepared to present this decision to the 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference.

Sweden will provide an update following their announcement at the last Expert Level Meeting if the country would be able to chair the process from the beginning 2025 onwards.

### **4. Preparation of the ninth Ministerial Conference (MC9)**

Following the intense discussions at the last Expert Level Meeting in Bonn and based on the written procedure by FE signatories and observers (19. February – 2 April 2024) the Liaison Unit Bonn with support from the GCC has developed the final drafts (version 3). It is foreseen that signatories and observers will have a last check of the documents and agree on the remaining open points. It is the joint understanding that the Ministerial documents will be finally approved by this Expert Level Meeting with the agreement that this version will be presented to the Ministers at the 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference for signature. No further amendments will be allowed after the Expert Level Meeting.

#### **4.1 Zero draft of the Bonn Ministerial declaration including its annex “working modalities”**

***Document: ELM2/2024/2/ Bonn Ministerial declaration and its annex***



**4.2 Zero draft of the Bonn Ministerial decision including its annex  
“Terms of Reference FoRISK”**

***Document: ELM2/2024/3/ Bonn Ministerial decision and its annex***

**4.3 Implementation report**

The Liaison Unit Bonn will inform about the contributions received by signatories and observer for the implementation report (see mail of 19 February 2024 with deadline 30 May) and on the part LUBo will provide. Signatories and observers are invited to raise open points in order to help finalizing this important document for MC9.

**4.4 Way forward in the preparation the 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference**

The Liaison Unit Bonn will present the actual status of preparation of the Ministerial Conference including the work on the publication “Short story about European forests”.

***Document: ELM2/2024/4/ Preparation of the Ministerial  
Conference***

**5. Implementation of the Work Programme of FOREST EUROPE 2021 – 2024**

The Liaison Unit Bonn will present the implementation of the work programme especially on its work on Green Forest Jobs and forest education.

**6. Any other business**

Delegates are invited to discuss any other issues that were not included in the agenda items.

**7. Closure of the meeting**

