

Outcomes of the Madrid Ministerial Conferences 2015

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FOREST EUROPE Extraordinary Ministerial Conference

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220 attendees

39 signatories

18 observer
organisations



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Madrid Ministerial Documents:

- 1. Madrid Ministerial Declaration:** 25 years together promoting Sustainable Forest Management in Europe
- 2. Madrid Ministerial Resolution 1:** Forest sector in the center of Green Economy
- 3. Madrid Ministerial Resolution 2:** Protection of forests in a changing environment
- 4. Madrid Ministerial Decision:** The future direction of FOREST EUROPE



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Madrid Ministerial Declaration: 25 years together promoting Sustainable Forest Management in Europe

Commitments and Actions:

- ✓ Enhance the role of forests and reinforce synergies with other areas and sectors
- ✓ Endorsed the Updated set of pan-European indicators for SFM
- ✓ Further develop SFM tools and policies to the changing circumstances
- ✓ Continuous cooperation on forest policies in Europe with other processes and organizations



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Madrid Ministerial Resolution 1: *Forest sector in the center of Green Economy*

Commitments:

- ✓ Enhancing the role of the SFM in a green economy
- ✓ Enhancing social aspects of SFM, including promoting green jobs in forests, adapting education and training system as well as social inclusion and gender equality
- ✓ Incorporating the value of FES in a green economy

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Madrid Ministerial Resolution 1: *Forest sector in the center of Green Economy*

Pan-European and national actions:

- ✓ Promoting use of wood from sustainable sources and science-policy integration for policy development and innovation
- ✓ Developing Guidelines on the promotion of green jobs in the forest sector
- ✓ Exchange of knowledge and experiences in education and training systems
- ✓ Explore application of gender mainstreaming to these activities
- ✓ Use NFPs or equivalents to improve occupational health and safety standards, adapt forest education, labour skills and promote job stability, gender equality, among others.

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Madrid Ministerial Resolution 2: *Protection of forests in a changing environment*

Actions:

- Exchange information on management experiences in maintaining the protective functions, taking stock of the particular experiences and solutions under different climatic conditions
- Exchange experiences on restoration and rehabilitation of degraded forests
- Promote interaction between research, policy and forest management about forest hazards.



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Madrid Ministerial Decision: *The future direction of FOREST EUROPE*

- ✓ Recognition 25 years work and achievements FOREST EUROPE voluntary high level political process for dialogue and cooperation on forest policies in Europe
- ✓ Need to be re-examined to respond to current and new challenges – Decision to review the process, specially its structure, procedures and work modalities
- ✓ Maintain and enhance good cooperation with forest related organizations in the region on the implementation of Forest Europe resolutions and decisions

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Madrid Ministerial Decision

1. Acknowledge the work of the INC
2. Recognise the DNT as a basis for potential further consideration of the LBA
3. At an appropriate time and at latest by 2020, explore possible ways to find common ground on the LBA.



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Follow-up of the Madrid Ministerial Conferences

The Draft FOREST EUROPE Work Programme proposes actions for implementation of these Ministerial commitments at pan-European level



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