

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT: October 18-21 2018, Alutaguse Parish, EE

in co-operation with the Estonian Fund for Nature

PROGRAMME

Day 1: 18 October 2018 Arrival

14:00 - 18:00 Participants Arrive

20:00: Welcome and dinner

Day 2: 19 October 2018 Discovering the region and activities

Day 2 will be dedicated to understanding the situation in the region - from policy framework to local reality. The Field Visits will give an opportunity to discover how important and sustainable forestry is in Estonia. Each stop will focus on one of the three main constituents of sustainability (economy, social and environmental) but the activities observed will affect also the other two in some way. We hope to discover and understand how these factors interact in each locality and see what tensions and synergies there are or could be.

At the end of the day we intend to have a clearer view on :

- a) elements of sustainable forest management
- b) the role of local communities in sustainable forest management
- c) sustainable forest management in protected areas
- d) where forestry is and is not sustainable

7:30 Breakfast - we will have to leave promptly, so please be ready to leave at 08:25

8:30 - 16:00: Field visits with lunch

Stop 1 PULP MILL

Stop 2 CRAFT WORKSHOPS (Lunch)

Stop 3 FLYING SQUIRREL SITES

Coffee break on return to the hotel at 16:00

16:15 - 17:00: Opening the workshop

- Introduction to the workshop from Gwil Wren (UK, Forum Synergies)
- Origin and objectives of workshops
- Previous workshops
- Introduction to Forestry in Estonia and the Field Visits from Liis Suresoo (ELF)

17:00 - 18:00: Working groups

3 working groups will discuss the main sustainability issues/questions/ideas raised from each field visit and *Group representatives will bring findings to the plenary*

18:00 - 19:00: Plenary - feedback on field trips

- Short feedback by each working group
- debate and exchange

20:00 Dinner & international buffet

Day 3: 20 October 2018: Coordination policies (national and European), local initiatives, regional initiatives and sustainability in woodland management

09:00 -10:15 Plenary: Introduction and policy context

(1) Presentation of conclusions of first two Sustainable Forestry workshops held in the UK and Serbia (Gwil Wren, UK)

- Influence of Man - Impact of forestry practices, policies, local culture,
- Influence of Nature - Forestry and climate examples of the impact of climate, fires, bark beetles, disease, drought
- What is regional cooperation and possibility for sustainable forestry and the services it provides?
- What are the national policies related to sustainable forestry and the services it provides?
- The 4 Principles

(2) Effects of EU support to the multifunctionality of forests: insight from the evaluation study of the forest measure under Rural Development Programmes (Juliette Augier, FR)

(3) Introduction to Forestry in Estonia (Liis Kuresoo, ELF, EE)

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45- 12:45 Market of Initiatives

This is an opportunity to discuss and understand a wide range of forestry based work. Participants are invited to bring details of their own local projects and initiatives which are discussed in short 20 minute sessions in small groups. Participants are free to circulate among the topics that interest them

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch, family photo

Part 1: 14:00 - 16:00

We divide into groups to consider and discuss the pressures that Sustainable Forestry is facing in Estonia and by extension northern Europe and measure these against the 4 principles of forest sustainability that were identified at the first workshop.

These were:

- A holistic respect for the health of woodlands and forests as natural organisms and systems, which have a validity and even sanctity in their own right, regardless of human intervention
- A sense of stewardship of forests on behalf of humankind now and in the future, rather than selfish or short-term exploitative use of forests
- A sense of communal responsibility for, and pride in, the forests; and of fairness in the provision and allocation of forest-based benefits and resources
- A global perspective, based on care for all the world's forests and on awareness of the fragility of global ecosystems and climate.

These principles need to be held to the competing interests in forests from those who make a living from woodland products to those people who live in and around them through to the wildlife that depends on the habitats that woodlands create and maintain.

The intention is to stimulate dialogue about all these interests to ensure that that they are complementary and not competitive.

The session will examine in detail the purpose and importance of forestry in Estonia and how it is practised. We will explore any identified issues that relate to climate change such as drought, major storms, high winds and long term change in weather patterns, all of which could have very serious consequences for woodlands and forests. We will examine the importance of forests in the delivery of eco-system services like carbon sequestration, climatic control and soil stability to counter erosion and rapid water run-off.

All these points have vital importance for the management of woodlands, for farmers and for national economies.

We will also consider

- (1) The choice and provenance of tree species.
- (2) Which forest management regimes will best conserve soil and water, resist wind and tolerate periods of drought
- (3) The role of active management in the prevention of large scale forest fires.

WG1 .(Session 1 - PRESSURES)

Group 1 - Regional cooperation in forestry

Group 2 - Management in sustainable forestry and climate change

Group 3 - Local community and forestry

These will be reported in plenary

Coffee break

Part 2: 16:00 - 18:00

This session will seek to discover solutions that can be delivered practically or through policy at Regional, National and EU level.

Introduction to working groups

WG 2. (Session 2 - SOLUTIONS)

Group 1 - Regional cooperation in forestry

Group 2 - Management in sustainable forestry including nature and climate change

Group 3 - Local community and forestry

18:00- 19:00 Plenary: Finding the synergies

This plenary session will seek to bring together the themes and examples which have been offered in the market of initiatives and the working groups.

The findings of the Workshop will be combined into a Final report which will be completed early in 2019.

19:00- 19:30 Plenary: Commitments & homework, planning of 4th workshop

Official closure, 20:00 Dinner

Day 4 21 October 08:00 Breakfast and Depart

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