

# SWG FOREST

## Forests and Forestry Research and Innovation

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# Strategic Working Group FOREST

- ▶ In 2014 the Strategic Working Group on Forestry was established (First mandate period 2014-2016)
- ▶ In 2016 the group refocused its mandate (December 2016-June 2019)

# SWG FOREST

- ▶ Aim at **strengthening coordination of Forest Research and Innovation** between the EU, Member States and Stakeholders for the development of a coherent and ambitious EU forest-based research area that is able to meet the challenges of forest adaptation to, and mitigation of climate changes
- ▶ Focus on **forest-based systems, products and services**; it interacts with other SCAR groups (Bioeconomy), forest-relevant Era-Nets and European platforms and networks (FTP, EFI, etc.)
- ▶ Propose to **renew its mandate for the period 2016-2019** with new terms of reference and widened participation from MS

# Work packages

## 1 FOREST BIOECONOMY

- ▶ **Tasks:** mapping, analysis and synthesis on forest-based bioeconomy research and innovation (R&I) in Europe.
- ▶ **Deliverable:** report “ Synthesis on forest bioeconomy research and innovation in Europe”

## 2 TRANSNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- ▶ **Tasks:** assessment of forest-related ERA-NETs and COST actions, identification of future areas and topics for joint programming and alignment of research activities.
- ▶ **Deliverables:** report from expert study (February 2018), EU workshop (second term, 2018)

## 3 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- ▶ **Tasks:** mapping of international forest related scientific cooperation, identification of key areas for future development
- ▶ **Deliverable:** synthesis report on global forest R&I cooperation (2019)

# Current activities -outstanding results

Two studies supported by CASA:

- (1) mapping, analysis and synthesis on forest bioeconomy research and innovation in Europe;

The study entitled “**Synthesis on forest bioeconomy research and innovation in Europe**” has recently been completed by the European Forest Institute Dec (2017)

and

- (2) assessment of transnational research cooperation and networking (forest-related ERA-NETs and COST FPS actions)

The study will be completed in the second term of 2018

Next event

# COST Connect CLIMATE CHANGE and FORESTS

## *Climate Change and Forest Systems* *New horizons for research and innovation*

- ▶ Tuesday 05 June 2018
- ▶ Location Sofia, BULGARIA
- ▶ Contact [Elke.Dall@cost.eu](mailto:Elke.Dall@cost.eu) and [anais.jallais@gip-ecofor.org](mailto:anais.jallais@gip-ecofor.org)
- ▶ [http://www.cost.eu/events/cost\\_connect\\_climatechange\\_forests](http://www.cost.eu/events/cost_connect_climatechange_forests)

# Governance and organisation

- ▶ Coordination of SWG FOREST by France
- ▶ Contact person (coordinator): Jean-Luc Peyron (France)
- ▶ Core group: Greece (Kalliopi Radoglou, deputy coordinator), Austria (Martin Greimel), Sweden (Karin Perhans)
- ▶ Member states from previous mandate (18): AT, BE, DE, EE, ES, FI, FR, GR, HU, IE, IT, LV, LT, NO, PL, SE, SK, UK
- ▶ Observers: EFI
- ▶ New members: Bulgaria, Netherlands, Portugal, Turkey, ... others ?  
(participant and names tbc)

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# Benefits of participation in the SWG Forest for MS (Bulgaria)

- ▶ **Strengthening of the collaboration between participating MS agencies and interacting with other SCAR groups and EU target groups**
- ▶ **Contribution to the implementation of EU Forest Strategy and to the revision of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy;**
- ▶ **Define the realistic objectives, outputs and planning in Forest Research**
- ▶ **Participate in joint activities with other European innovation actors: ERA-NET FTP, strategic input to EU's 9th Framework Programme.**
- ▶ **Development of global cooperation in forest R&I for key areas in relation with the UN's sustainable development goals (SDGs)**



# Country representative at SWG Forest

## New member

- ▶ A person working in a national Forest Institution (Ministry, University, Institutes) and willing to participate and contribute SCAR SWF Forest
- ▶ Steps
- ▶ Inform your national representative at SCAR asking for nomination to this SWG
- ▶ Contact the coordinator of SWC FOREST
- ▶ Find national resources for supporting the traveling for the participation in the meetings (CASA )

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Thank you

