

## PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

Project Title	European Forest Sector Outlook Study III
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Subprogramme	Forestry and Timber
Implementing Entity	UNECE
Start Date	March 2017
End Date	December 2019
Budget	180,000 USD
Beneficiary Countries	UNECE member States
Cooperating Entities within the UN System	FAO
Other Implementing Partners	-

### Background

This project addresses the issue of sustainable forest management in the UNECE region. Specifically, the project addresses the development of scenarios of forests and forest products in the region (outlook). Scenarios and the information they provide on different aspects of forest management (e.g. on climate change, biodiversity, trade and markets, etc.) ensure the policies at the national level are in line with sustainable development goals, the global forest goals and targets, and a green economy in the UNECE region.

The project supports the implementation of the UNECE-FAO Joint Integrated Programme of Work, which includes the development of forest sector outlook studies (Europe, Russia and CIS, North America). The project contributes to the core normative mandate of the Joint UNECE-FAO Forestry and Timber Section and their intergovernmental bodies, the Committee on Forest and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission, respectively. UNECE and FAO are the designated organizations, through their joint section in Geneva, to undertake the forest outlook studies in the UNECE region. The mandate for the development of Outlook Studies in the region is contained in the Integrated ECE-FAO Programme of work, under Work Area 2: Policy Dialogue and Advice, para 16 <sup>1</sup>. There are no other intergovernmental organizations in the European context to develop such scenarios/projections.

Project activities will contribute to the 2030 Sustainable Development, with a particular focus on Goal 15: “protect, restore and promote the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss” as well as to the

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/Content/website/Integrated\\_PoW\\_2014-2017\\_En.pdf](https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/Content/website/Integrated_PoW_2014-2017_En.pdf)

implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan on Forests and Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy.

Developing forests outlooks is an essential tool to support evidence based decisions making at the country level for all UNECE member States. The work will benefit all key stakeholders, including policy makers, national experts and practitioners from public and private sectors. The work is supported by the Team of Specialists (ToS) on the Forest Outlook . The project will also aim to increase participation from CIS countries to ensure proper coverage of the ECE region.

A gender perspective is applied in all project activities of data collection and use, as appropriate and whenever feasible. The project will endeavor to strengthen the participation of women and take into account gender perspective in conformity with the UNECE Gender Action Plan.

UNECE will implement the project in cooperation with FAO, which shares the same programme of work for forests in the region with UNECE (see reference above).

### **Relationship to the Strategic Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals**

The project links to the UNECE Strategic Framework 2016-17 and 2018-19, with specific reference to Subprogramme 7, Forestry and Timber, expected accomplishment (a) *Improved monitoring and assessment of the forest sector to support sustainable forest management.*

The project contributes directly to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 15 (protect, restore and promote the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss), and contributes to SDG 6 (water and sanitation),SDG 7 (sustainable energy), SDG 8 (economic growth), SDG 9 (sustainable industry) SDG 11 (urban resilience), SDG 12 (sustainable production and consumption pattern), and SDG 13 (climate change).

The project contributes to the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, in particular pillar A (Sustainable Production and Consumption of Forest Products), pillar B (The Low Carbon Forest Sector), ,pillar D (long term provision of Forest Ecosystem Services).

### **Objective**

To develop the European Forest Sector Outlook Study III

### **Expected accomplishments**

EA1. Enhanced capacity of policymakers and other stakeholders of forest and forest services and products to develop evidence-based forest policies

### **Indicators of achievement**

IA1. The study is produced in line with agreed deadlines by the Team of Specialists.

### **Main activities**

A1.1. Development of the European Forest Outlook Study III (EFSOS III);

A2.1 Organization of 3 expert meetings on forest sector outlook.

## **Assumptions and Risks**

Following the provisions of the ECE Strategic Framework 2018-2019 (subprogramme 7. Forestry and Timber) the project proposal assumes that also the ECE-FAO Integrated Programme of Work 2018-21 will address similar studies. As of March 2017, the draft proposal has no major difference from the previous one, thus the probability of this occurring is quite low. The project also assumes that cooperation with FAO, through the joint UNECE-FAO Forestry and Timber Section in Geneva will continue. At the moment, there are no changes to the open-ended UNECE-FAO partnership agreement.

Previous similar work resulted in the EFSOS I (2005) and EFSOS II (2011).

**Annex 1.**

**Results-based work plan**

<b>EA</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Budget class and Code</b>	<b>Amount (USD)</b>	
EA1. Enhanced capacity of policymakers and other stakeholders of forest and forest services and products to develop evidence-based forest policies	A1.1. Development of the European Forest Outlook Study	2017-2019	Q1-Q4	Consultants	\$90,000	
				Contractual Services	\$12,000	
	A1.2. Organization of 2 expert workshops on forest sector outlook	2017-2019	Q4	Q4	Consultants	\$5,000
				Q4	Contractual services	\$21,000
				Q4	Travel of Staff	\$15,000
					Travel of participants	\$9,000
					Operating costs	\$7,500

## Budget

### Consultants (010): \$ 95,000 (Total)

#### *International consultants*

International consultants for the task(s) of research and drafting, in support of activities: A1.1 and substantive preparations of the meetings in support of activity A1.2.: 6 work-months x 3 consultants at \$5,000 per month = \$90,000. In support of activity A1.2. x 1 months x 1 consultant x \$5,000

### Travel of Staff (160): \$15,000 (Total)

3 missions by UN staff for the purpose of in expert meetings (outside of Geneva), in support of activities A1.2. \$2,500 average mission cost x 6 missions = \$15,000.

### Operating costs (125): \$ 7,500 (Total)

In support of A1.2= \$2,500 x 3 meetings = \$7,500.

### Contractual services (120): \$ 33,000 (Total)

A provision of \$32,000 is required for individual contractor to provide logistical support for the activity A1.1. and A1.2. 6 months of 1 individual contractor x \$4,000 USD per month = \$24,000.

A provision of \$9,000 is required in support of activity A1.2. \$3,000 x 3 meetings = \$9,000.

### Travel of meeting participants (seminars, workshops, seminars) (160): \$9,000 (Total)

#### *Workshops & seminars*

In support of A1.2 \$1,500 per participant x 2 participants x 3 meetings= \$9,000

Total direct cost	\$159,500
13% UN Programme Support Cost	\$20,735
<b>Total budget (rounded)</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>