



MCPFE – Forests and Water

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Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe

- High-level forest policy process in Europe
- Policies for sustainable forest management
- Ministerial commitments and follow-up actions
- Open platform for dialogue
- 18 years of cooperation – 47 Signatories
- 5 ministerial conferences



MCPFE: overall achievements

- Solid platform for pan-European cooperation
- Framework for global-regional interface
- Developed a conceptual frame for Sustainable Forest

Management (SFM) in Europe:

- Definition and General Guidelines
- Criteria and Indicators
- Operational Level Guidelines



Warsaw ministerial conference – 5th MCPFE, 5-7 November 2007

- Warsaw Declaration
- Warsaw Resolution 1 "Forests, Wood and Energy"
- Warsaw Resolution 2 "Forests and Water"



Why Forests and water?

- **Context:**
 - Water shortage (quality and quantity)
 - Biodiversity
 - Natural hazards (erosion, floods, droughts, forest fires)
 - Climate change
 - Financial basis - full economic value of forests
- **Measures outside the sector:**
 - Water Convention
 - EU Water Framework Directive (EU Groundwater Directive)
 - Ramsar Convention
 - United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification (UNCCD)
- **Measures inside the forest sector:**
 - Warsaw Declaration and Resolutions Follow-up
 - Afforestation Guidelines (ongoing)
 - Cross-sectoral cooperation



Warsaw Resolution 2 “Forests and Water”:

- I. Sustainable management of forests in relation to water
- II. Coordinating policies on forests and water
- III. Forests, water and climate change
- IV. Economic valuation of water-related forest services



Coordinating policies on Forests and Water:

- ”Develop and improve policies for forest and water resources management...”
- ”Coordinate forest and water resources management policies...”
- ”...improve the existing institutional arrangements to better cooperate in addressing the interrelation between forest and water issues.”
- (...)

- ”Encourage joint activities of the forest and water sectors and enhance cooperation between the MCPFE and the Water Convention (Warsaw Declaration)”



MCPFE Work Programme


- adopted May 2008

- Two scientific conferences on forests and water:
 - Poland, 14-17 September 2008
 - Barcelona, 30-31 October 2008
- Workshop: "Water related ecosystem services and implications for forest and water policies", Turkey 2009
- Workshop: "Pan-European approaches for development of measures to secure multiple forest ecosystem services", 2010



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- Proposed for May 2009
- Bring knowledge and experiences a step further
- Cooperation and dialogue between sectors
- Explore implications for forest and water policies:
 - Interrelations between forests and water
 - Broaden the financial basis for SFM, e.g. Payments for ecosystem services (PES), other measures
 - Evolve coherence between water management plans (e.g. IWRM) and national forest programmes (NFP)



Thank you for your attention!

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