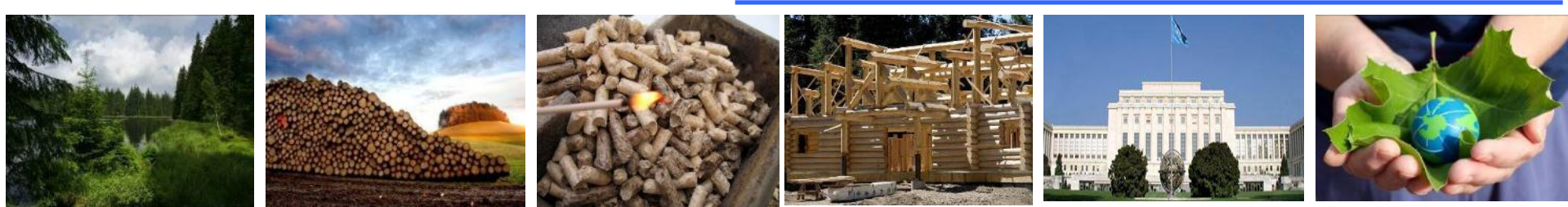




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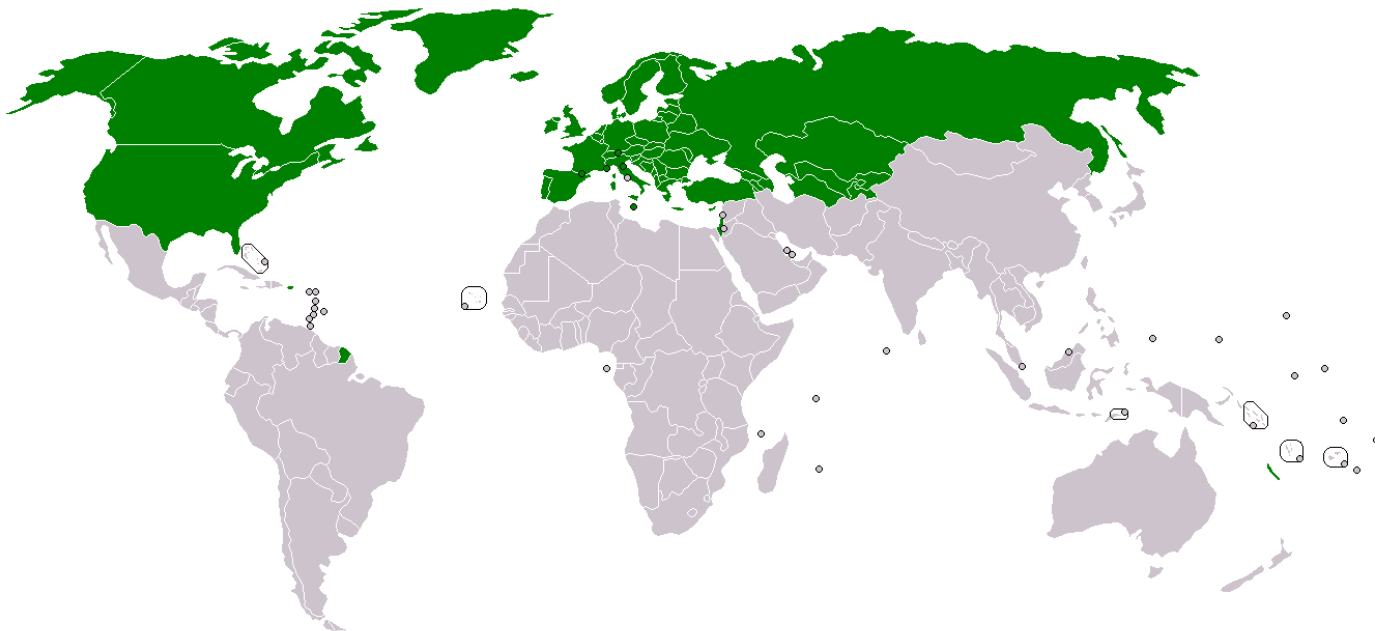
## Guidance of WA 3: Forest Sector Outlook Studies

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# Outlook studies cover the whole ECE region

- European Forest Sector Outlook Study (EFSOS) completed in September 2011.
- North American Forest Sector Outlook Study (NAFSOS) published in March 2012.
- Russian Forest Sector Outlook Study (RFSOS) presented in September 2012.



# Dissemination activities

Efforts to disseminate Outlook studies findings at national or international level in 2012:

- Laboratoire d'Economie Forestière Biennial workshop, Nancy, 31 May - 1 June 2012.
- Eighth International Conference on Renewable Resources and Biorefineries, Toulouse, 4-6 June 2012.
- Final Conference of the EU Project MANFRED “The Future Potential of European Forest Mountain Forests: challenges and solutions between Green Economy and Climate Change”, Rome, 28 June 2012.
- Committee on Forestry Rome, 21 September 2013.
- Federal Office for the Environment, Waldökonomisches Seminar, Bern, 1-2 October 2012.
- Annual Conference of the APA Engineered Wood Association, Amelia Island, Florida, 10-12 November 2012.
- National Forest Policy Dialogues held in Switzerland, 6 November 2012, and Poland 22 November 2012.

And partial presentation at other events or for teaching.



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# “Friends of the Outlook” Meeting

**16 October 2012** in the margins of the Timber Committee session.

Objective: to discuss strategic outlook issues bringing major players together in an informal setting.

Main focus: to map outlook resources in the ECE region with the aim of agreeing on a way forward for the next round of the outlook.

Partners expressed their interest in cooperating further and discussed the following:

- Main approach (bottom-up/top-down, geographical scope, timeline) to be adopted;
- Methods and models used;
- Data collection and model output review with National Correspondants;
- Consultations for scenarios and the list of policy issues to be addressed;
- Capacity-building tools such as a manual for national outlook studies.



# Future of the Outlook Studies

## Fundamental questions to be addressed:

- Should there be a new round of outlook studies?
- Should this happen by the end of the next Programme of Work (2017) or later?

**Proposal of the ECE/FAO Steering Committee:** To conduct a feasibility assessment with the main partners to explore:

- Needs in terms of analysis and modelling.
- Scenario construction and consultation with policy makers.
- Data improvement and consultation with national correspondents.
- Preparation process for conclusions and communication with stakeholders.
- Development of common approaches for the whole ECE region.
- Feasibility of finalizing a study/a round of studies by the end of the next ECE/FAO integrated programme of work.
- Capacity, willingness of the relevant partners for, and expected benefit from their contribution to an outlook study partnership.



# For the consideration of the Working Party

Delegates are invited to take note of the past activities and discuss the proposal regarding the future of outlook studies in the region. In particular, they are expected to:

- Inform the Working Party of any other initiatives taken or planned to promote discussion of the issues raised by EFSOS II.
- Suggest further opportunities for reaching out to other sectors and working with actors in those areas, including by providing advice on funding of outreach and communication activities.
- Discuss the relevance of having a new round of outlook studies by the end of 2017 and provide guidance to the secretariat on the proposed feasibility assessment (see previous slide).



# Thank you for your attention



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