**UNECE/FAO Teams of Specialists Reporting 2015**

**– FOREST COMMUNICATORS NETWORK -**

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| **Items for regular reporting to the JWPFSEM (length max two pages)** |
| **1. Name :** |
| ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Forest Communication (Forest Communicators’ Network) |
| **2. Period covered:** |
| June 2014 – March 2015 |
| **3. Leader/Deputies and Secretary:** |
| Leader: Mr. Ingwald Gschwandtl (Austria)  Deputies: Mr. Colin Morton (UK), Mr. Kai Lintunen (Finland), Mr. Tomass Kotovics (Latvia)  Secretary: Paola Deda/Ivonne Higuero/Paolo Cravero/Anastasia Dogaeva (UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section) |
| **4. Members: (Number only)** |
| 132 |
| **5. Countries: (List separated by comma)** |
| **Countries:**  Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cypres, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA.  **Organisations/Institutions:**  FCN Africa, FCN Mediterranean/North Africa, FCN Asia/Pacific, FCN South America, [BDF](mailto:hhans.jacobs@bdf-online.de), CEI-Bois, CIC, CEPF, CIFOR, UNECE/FAO, EFI, EFI Barcelona, European Commission, EUSTAFOR, FAO, FOREST EUROPE, FSC International, IFSA-International Forestry Students Association, IUFRO, PEFC, [Probos Foundation,](mailto:Patrick.Jansen@probos.net) UEF, UNDP, UNFF-Secretariat, WBCSD, [woodScape](mailto:cecil@woodscape-consult.com). |
| **6. Meetings held:** |
| FCN Annual Meeting: 23-25 April in Berlin/Germany;  FCN Strategic Task Force: Vienna/Austria,16-17 September 2014; Engelberg/Switzerland, 26-27 February 2015;  Upcoming:  FCN Annual Meeting: Barcelona/Spain, 20-22 May 2015. |
| **7. Outputs and impacts achieved during last year:** |
| * Potential messages and strategic aspects for communicating the role of the forest sector in the green economy (see Berlin Meeting report) * Best practice examples in forest communication (see Berlin Meeting report) * Communication advice to the organisers of the EFW2015 * Enhanced Co-operation with other regional FCNs * FCN Forest Calendar 2015 |
| **8. Outputs and impacts expected for coming year:** |
| * Communication advice for WFC2015, EFW2015 and IDF2016 * Work on Strategic Framework update * Work on updating on public perception research * Seminar on communicating forests in bioeconomy |
| **9. Issues for the attention of the Secretariat and the Working Party:** |
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| **10. Comments, lessons learned:** |
| Out of 132 members only some 30 are really active; major gaps in participation is North-America, and East and South-East Europe |

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