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# 31<sup>st</sup> session of the EFC Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds

## Report of the Secretariat



**Las2017 - Joint Session of the ECE Committee on Forests and  
the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission**  
9-13 October 2017, Warsaw, Poland

# Overview Focal Points

LAS 2017



	<b>Represented country</b>		<b>Represented country</b>
1	Albania	9	Italy
2	Austria	10	Norway
3	Belgium	11	Poland
4	Czechia	12	Russian Federation
5	Finland	13	Serbia
6	France	14	Slovakia
7	Georgia	15	Spain
8	Germany	16	Switzerland



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# Steering Committee Meetings

LAS 2017



The Steering Committee had two meetings in the reporting period:

- 13-14 June 2016 in Rome
  - work program of Working Groups
- 15 May 2017 in Prague
  - Preparations for the 32<sup>nd</sup> session



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# Major products of Working Group I

Forest and Water

LAS 2017



## Key themes:

- the role of forests in landscape ecology for soil and water conservation
- and impacts of forest management on water-related ecosystem services, mainly water quality and quantity

## Major products:

- “Ecosystem services of headwater catchments” (Springer)
- **INTER-EXCELLENCE project:** INTER-COST LTC 17006, 2017: Czech Republic, Finland, Italy
- COST projects CLIMO 2016-2020



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# Major products of Working Group II



## Hazard and Disaster Risk Mgmt in Mountains

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### Key themes:

- Risk resilience and capacity building
- Disaster risk management

### Major products:

- Workshops for practitioners to exchange ideas and solutions on concrete problems in the field
  - “Hazard zone mapping and the integration of the forest protection function”, 2016, Austria
  - “Sediment and woody debris transport regulation in torrential catchments: case study of an Alpine torrent”, 2017, France
- Reports: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/89331/en/>



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- “Management of municipal watersheds in mountain regions”
- Programme:
  - The Jaroslav Balek Memorial Headwater Session
  - Observer reports
  - National reports
  - WPMMW business meeting
  - Field Programme: “Forest practices in watersheds of drinking water reservoirs”
- Proceedings to be published as special issue in the journal of Land Use Policy

# Points for Consideration

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The Commission may wish to take full advantage of the services of the Working Party and facilitate its work by:

- strengthening further their commitment to the Working Party, including through designating a focal point to serve on the Working Party;
- providing continued guidance for the Working Party, in particular in terms of priority topics to be addressed by the group.
- Publicise the work of the Working Party and make full use of its services, for example through the submission of news items and announcements to be posted on the Website.



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# Thank you!



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Position

**UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber  
Section**

Day October 2017, Warsaw