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## **Joint session of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry**

### **and the European Forestry Commission**

San Marino, San Marino, 20-23 November 2023

Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its  
Member States<sup>1</sup>

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### **Provisional agenda**

#### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

*(shared competence – MS vote)*

#### **2. Keynote speech and panel discussion: Biodiversity – implications of the Global Biodiversity Framework for forests in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe**

#### **3. International and regional forest – related developments:**

**(a) The global and regional policy context;**

**(b) Fostering exchanges and cooperation among regional and international organisations on forest-related work relevant to the Integrated Programme of Work.**

*(shared competence – MS vote)*

#### **4. Joint Committee/Commission matters**

(a) Global stocktaking of international forest work *(shared competence – MS vote)*;

(b) Progress in preparation for the 2025 cycle of Global Forest Resources Assessment and Joint pan-European data collection on forests and sustainable forest management *(shared competence – MS vote)*;

(c) Forest economics and markets; *(shared competence – MS vote)*;

(d) Reporting on the implementation of the 2021-2025 Integrated Programme of Work and related decisions *(shared competence – MS vote)*;

(i) Report of the Joint Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management  
*(shared competence – MS vote)*;

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<sup>1</sup> Pending further information (meeting documents currently not available)

- (ii) Review of 2023 activities and publications planned for 2024 (*shared competence – MS vote*);
- (iii) Initiation of a mid-term review of the Integrated Programme of Work – Roadmap for the review process (*shared competence – MS vote*);
- (iv) The contribution of forests and forest products to a circular bio-economy (*shared competence – MS vote*);
- (v) Forest damage in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe (*shared competence – MS vote*);
- (vi) Forest landscape restoration – updates (*shared competence – MS vote*);
- (vii) Any other business;.

#### **5. Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry matters (Economic Commission for Europe):**

- (a) Matters arising since the last session;
- (b) Programme of work for 2024 and recommendations on key components of the programme of work for 2025;
- (c) Urban forestry and land matters;
- (d) Update on boreal forest work;
- (e) Gender, human rights and disability inclusion in forestry;
- (f) Capacity – building and technical assistance;
- (g) Election of officers;
- (h) Date and place of next meeting;
- (i) Any other business.

#### **6. European Forestry Commission matters (Food and Agriculture Organization):**

- (a) Follow-up to the decisions of the forty-first session of the European Forestry Commission (*Shared competence – MS vote*);
- (b) Forestry activities of the Food and Agriculture Organization Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (*Shared competence – MS vote*);
- (c) Progress of Silva Mediterranea and the European Forestry Commission Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds (*Shared competence – MS vote*);
- (d) Main outcomes of the European Forestry Commission external review process (*Shared competence – MS vote*);
- (e) Integrated fire management (*Shared competence – MS vote*);
- (f) Forest biodiversity mainstreaming (*Shared competence – MS vote*);
- (g) Global processes and initiatives (*Shared competence – MS vote*);
- (h) Inputs to Food and Agriculture Organisation governance and forestry strategic planning (*Shared competence – MS vote*);
- (i) Election of officers (*MS Competence – MS Vote*);
- (j) Date and place of the next meeting (*MS competence – MS vote*);
- (k) Any other business.

#### **7. Adoption of the joint session report and closure of the session** (*shared competence – MS vote*)