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FOREST EUROPE
WORKSHOP ON GOVERNANCE AND FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Why this FE workshop?

- Vienna Resolution 2 – Enhancing Economic Viability of Sustainable Forest Management in Europe:
  - Signatory States and the EU commit themselves to adjusting the policy, legal frameworks and instruments to support SFM.
  - Effective measures for forest law enforcement and for combating illegal harvesting of forest products and related trade.
  - In this context FOREST EUROPE:
    - Workshop on combating Illegal Harvesting of Forest Products and Related Trade in Europe was held in Madrid, Spain, in 2005.
    - Expert meeting on FLEG, progress and lessons learned, co-organized with Romania, EFI and the World Bank, held in Bucharest, Romania, in 2008.
FOREST EUROPE looks forward to finding ways to strengthen forest governance and ensure that timber traded within or into pan-European countries derives from legally harvested forests:

- Oslo Ministerial Decision: European Forests 2020
  - Goal VIII. Illegal logging and associated trade in wood and other forest products are eliminated in Europe
  - Target IX. Effective measures are taken at regional, sub-regional and national levels to eliminate illegal logging and associated trade

- FE Work Programme adopted at the ELM held in Madrid in February 2012:
  - 3. Strengthened efforts against illegal logging and related trade:
    - Workshop on governance and forest law enforcement
Workshop objectives:

- Exchange experiences and views on the lessons learned
- Develop a better understanding on how to produce synergies among the variety of policy instruments
- Seek ways to strengthen forest governance and the enforcement of forest laws
- Identify future priority areas for enforcement governance and forest law at national and pan-European levels.
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Workshop on governance and forest law enforcement

- Jointly organized with The Regional Environmental Centre (REC) hosted by the Ministry of Rural Development of Hungary in Budapest on the 20-21 November 2012
Workshop structure:

- **1st day:** presentations from different organizations and countries: EFI FLEGT/REDD Facility, IUCN, WWF Russia, World Bank (ENPI-FLEG), EC, Forest US Service, THEMIS, MMFN, Czech Republic, Denmark, Austria, PEFC, FSC, CHEP
  - S.1. Illegal Logging and trade in the pan-European region
  - S.2. Relevant initiatives, good practices and governance in combating illegal logging and associated trade.
Workshop structure:

- 2\textsuperscript{nd} day: two working groups
  
  - WG 1: Enhance governance to strengthen measures against illegal logging and trade in a political and legal framework.
  
  - WG 2: Raise awareness and understanding of the negative impacts of illegal logging and related trade on the environment, the markets and society.
Workshop conclusions:

Main matters to focus on:

- Different situations in the pan-European region
- Common definition of illegal logging and a common understanding on the legality of forest products origin.
- How to improve the knowledge concerning the economic, social and environmental consequences of illegal logging and its related trade.
- Implications of EU’s regulations FLEGT and the EUTR implementation for the pan-European region
- Illegal logging and its related trade as a real challenge to face in some East European countries.
Thank you for your attention!

You can find all the presentations and the final report in our webpage:
http://www.foresteurope.org/content/forest-europe-international-workshop-governance-and-forest-law-enforcement-0