



# ***XXI UEF Governing Council Meeting Presidency report***

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# Our achievements

- 2 new Presidency letters published in a longer size with more information
- A new PPT UEF presentation
- A flow of information on our web site
- A good cooperation with our Bulgarian web site provider



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**The Presidency Letter**

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**The President words**

At our Governing Council Meeting, last month in Istanbul, the last UEF Presidency meeting was welcomed in March by Orman Mühendisleri Odası (OMO, Turkish Chamber of Forest Engineers), our new member organization since last Governing Council Meeting in Nodebo. We were warmly welcomed in Istanbul and presented the Union of European Foresters to our new Turkish member. On the other hand, we got an interesting overview about OMO and forestry in Turkey. Beside our colleagues from OMO we met representatives of the Turkish National Forest Service and the Istanbul forest University. At the end, we travelled back home with many very positive impressions, looking forward to a long and fruitful cooperation with OMO and our Turkish colleagues.

During our internal Presidency Meeting in Istanbul we prepared the next activities of UEF, actions and meetings. The main focus for us is on the **Green Jobs in the Forest Sector** at the moment.

A sustainable workforce with qualified forest managers, workers, entrepreneurs and the safety of the forest workforce, is an important pillar of a competitive forest sector and has been mentioned in the European Forestry Strategy on initiative of UEF.

UNEP/FAO worked on that topic in the recent years and FOREST EUROPE is now going on with a new established "Expert Group on Green Jobs, Education and Training Systems", which has had a first meeting in January. Vice President Piotr Grygier is representing UEF in that Expert Group.

End of May the EU Green week will focus on green jobs in general and FOREST EUROPE will have another Workshop end of June in Bratislava.

Beside and in between this event UEF will host the annual UEF Round Table Meeting in the European Forestry House in Brussels. In cooperation with FOREST EUROPE Green Jobs in the Forest Sector will be discussed in an informal lunch meeting.

Director: Michael Diemer, President

As important as the technical discussion in detail is, we should not forget, however, which framework conditions lead to the existing problems: stagnation of timber prices over many years, rising costs in Forestry and increasing society demands without compensation for forest owners.

End of September we will meet at the UEF Congress and in cooperation with FECOF, BDF and Landesforester Rheinland-Pfalz we will organize a Seminar about "Change processes and Change Management in Forestry", which means at the end: Frame Conditions in Forestry and Green jobs ...

Don't forget to register for the next XIX Congress in Mainz, Germany, 27 September to 1 October 2017.

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**UEF news**

**A new UEF cooperation with Forest Europe**

For the first time, UEF will organize a meeting in Brussels in partnership with Forest Europe. It will be our next annual Round Table Meeting. Please read more page 3.

UEF is happy to follow on this high-level cooperation with Forest Europe.



**Forest Europe** growing life

Editor: Hervé Némec-Ralot, Vice President



## A new project: the forester image

- A deep work about this important topic
- According to some works in national organizations: DSL...
- In order to understand better what is happening
- To offer some guidelines in this topic

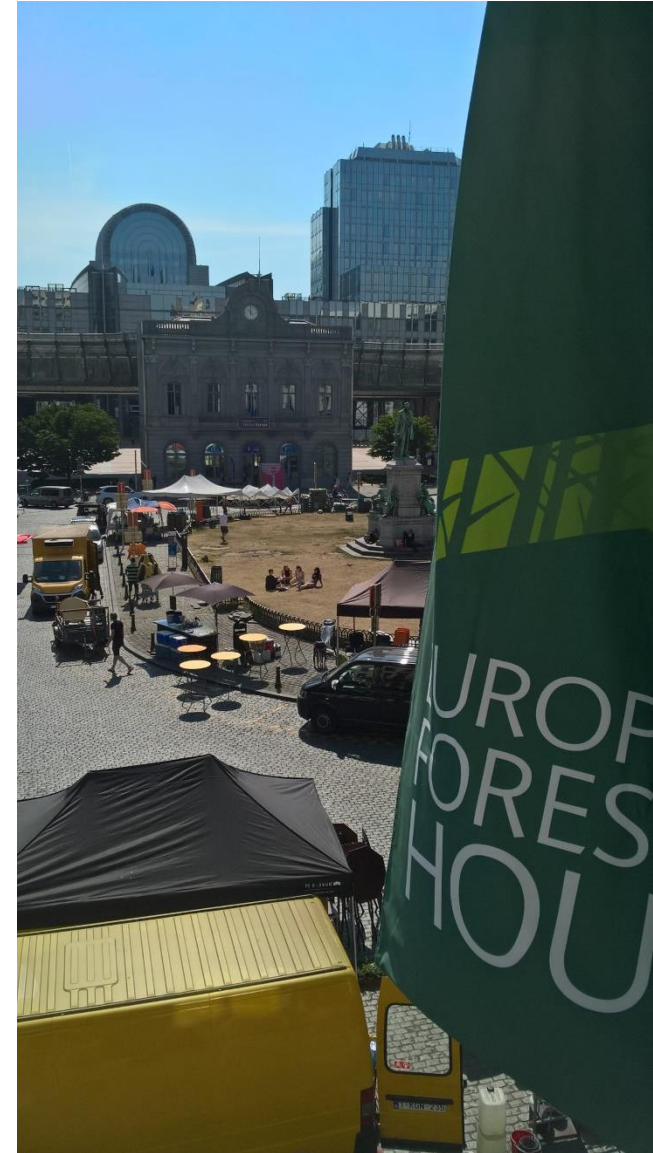






## UEF in Brussels

- Another RTM in the Forestry House in March 2018 for a better UEF visibility
- A strong cooperation with EUSTAFOR, joining their network to our
- A lot of meetings with UEF visibility in Brussels





## Conclusion

- **We ask your support:**
- to provide us with information about National meetings and **activities** in our common web site
- Inform us about the **changes** in your organizations (photos, names...)
  
- We have to continue together the process about the **forester image**
- A special **presentation** about it will follow during the GCM
  
- **Thank you for your attention and comments!**
  - **La ringrazio molto!**