



XXII UEF Governing Council Meeting Maienfeld, Switzerland

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UEF Meetings and Projects September 2018 – June 2019



1. UEF Meetings – PM and RTM

1.1 Presidency meetings

25 - 26 November 2018, Brussels

A third Presidency Meeting for 2018, after the one in Warsaw in April and another in Cosenza in Italy. The past and the following activities of the UEF Presidency Members

The second day was dedicated to a UEF work shop for the preparation of a UEF position paper about the midterm review of the European strategy.

The draft of a position paper was prepared.

Midterm-review of the EU Forest Strategy shows urgent need of coherence and coordination!

The European Professional Forest managers and Forest owners are concerned about the future of European Forests. Healthy forests play a key role in fighting against climate change. But while the Midterm-review of the EU Forest Strategy is under discussion and different demands of interests to the forest sector has to be taken in account, European forests are increasingly being affected by climate change.

Two problem areas are emerging from the perspective of professional forest managers caring daily about the forests:

- Due to damages by climate change (such as storm damages, insects, fungi, forest fires) which are originally caused by society and the resulting need for reaction in forestry, the economic situation of many forest enterprises deteriorates dramatically without any adequate compensation for the forest owners and sufficient resources for balanced forest management in the past. Needed and important Ecosystem services delivered by Forestry to society has to be ensured by a long term running financing even in times of climate change. Foresters and forest owners should not be left alone with this crucial task to ensure sustainability.





5 February 2019, Brussels

The first Presidency Meeting for the year.

At the European Forestry House.

The main issues:

- the next UEF GCM in Maienfeld (Switzerland) in June 2019,
- all meetings UEF attended by PM members;
- Planning of the following meetings and activities of the Presidency .





1.2 RTM, Brussels, European Forestry House

4 February 2019, European Forestry House, Brussels

UEF is organizing Round Table Meetings every year in Brussels since more than 25 years.

Organized in cooperation and partnership between UEF CEI-BOIS, CEPF, CEPI, COPA COGECA, EUSTAFOR and FECOF

Topic: "Coherence between forest-related policies in the EU - The Role of the EU Forest Strategy"

More than 60 participants – representatives of the key stakeholders and policy makers in the field of forestry, forest owners and forest based industry

The aim: to initiate a debate with the representatives of the EC, EU Parliament and Council on the results of this mid-term review of the EU Forest Strategy and to investigate possible ways to strengthen the role of the Strategy as a key reference for SFM in forest-related policy for the next decade.



II. UEF projects

2.1. Workshop on Forest Pedagogy

Organized in cooperation between UEF, UBF and the Bulgarian MAF

Second level workshop on FP – 7-10 May 2019

Lecturers:

Thomas Baschny (Austria) + Georg Sprung (Germany)

28 participants improved their knowledge and skills in the field of forest pedagogics and learned how to work with kids with special needs;

Exchanged knowledge and experience, presented and discussed the problems they faced and the achievements they made.





2.2. UEF Forestry Students Work Camp

Planned for the period

27 oct – 3 nov 2019, Germany

The Workcamp for students in forestry will be organized in the forest district of Kastellaun (Rheinland-Pfalz).

In Cooperation between the Forest service "Landesforsten Rheinland-Pfalz" and UEF.



The aim of the workcamp excursion week is to gather young forestry people from different countries and to present them the forest and the forestry conditions in Germany, to exchange information and experiences and to get to know the region and people,



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- *UEF web-site and*
 - *is published in our Presidency Letters*

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