

Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy

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GREEN ECONOMY WORKING DEFINITION



Green Economy is one that results in:

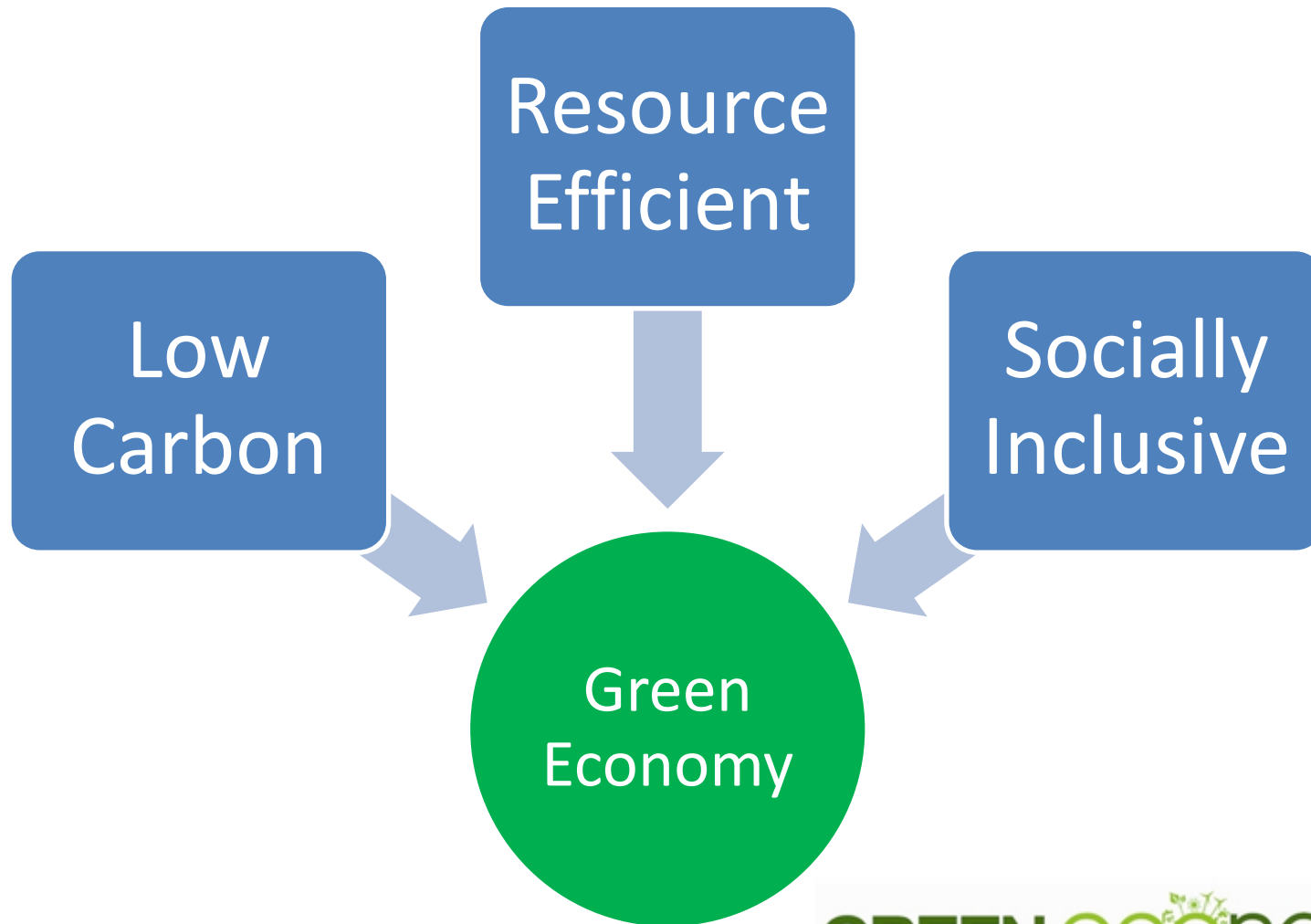
- Improved human well-being and social equity,

- Reduced environmental risks and ecological scarcities.

GREEN economy



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THE FOREST SECTOR IN A GREEN ECONOMY

A forest sector which contributes to an emerging green economy. In every aspect of its activities, it:

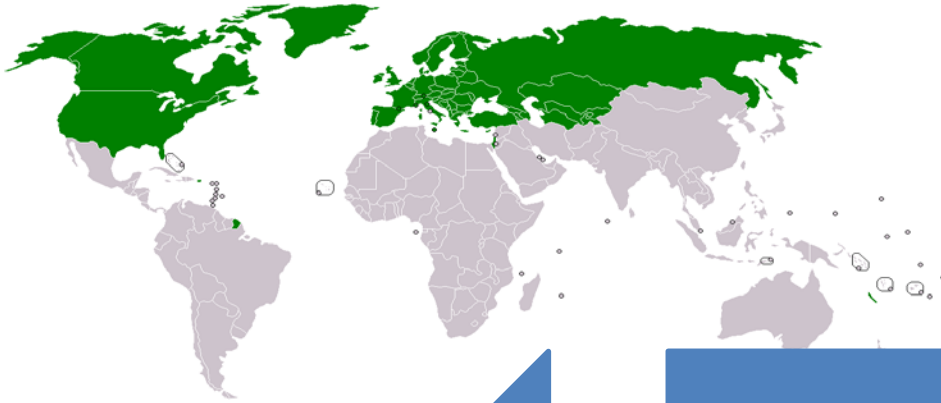
minimises its carbon emissions,

uses its resources efficiently,

is socially inclusive.



AN ACTION PLAN: WHAT FOR?



Demonstrate how the ECE region forest sector can contribute to the transition towards a Green Economy;

Share best practices and promote policies which are effective, efficient and equitable;

Communicate achievements – to public, policy makers and other sectors.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTION PLAN



RIO+20
United Nations
Conference on
Sustainable
Development



WORLD FOREST WEEK
24-28 SEPTEMBER 2012



Special Session
(COFFI) on 17-18
June 2013 in Geneva

E-mail
consultation
after TC 70
(Dec 2012 to
Jan 2013)

Stakeholder
meetings:

- 10-11 May 2011
(review of actions)
- 26 March 2012
(priorities and
actors)

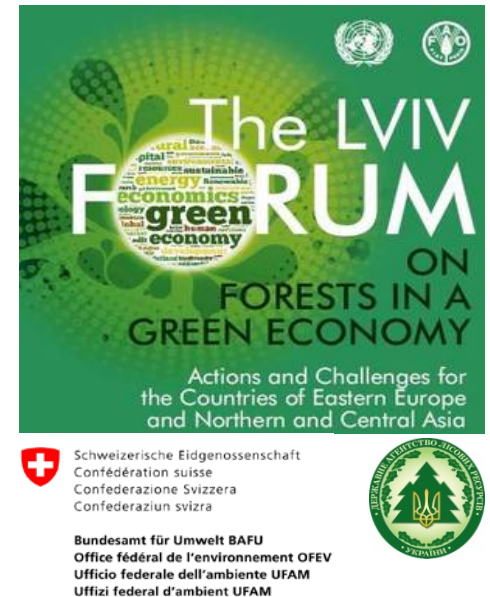
Replies to a
questionnaire:

A first draft



THE L'VIV FORUM MESSAGES FOR ACTION

1. Capture the true values of forests
2. Use all resources efficiently
3. Be energy-wise
4. Make jobs decent and green
5. Address threats to forests
6. Define governance principles and stick to them
7. Update skills
8. Innovate and build partnerships
9. Cooperate across boundaries
10. Make the case for the forest sector's role in the green economy



HOW DOES IT WORK?



Series of objectives (5 main obj.)
Actions to achieve them (around 120)
Possible actors
Voluntary and non binding

for

- International organizations
- Governments of member States
- Private sector
- Civil society at large... and others.





STRATEGIC ISSUES / PRINCIPLES

**Innovation
needed**

Uses and reuses
wisely the resources

Contributes to
the mitigation of
climate change

Cares for its
workforce

By 2020

Takes all
externalities into
account

Bases decisions
on evidence



THE FIVE PILLARS OF THE ACTION PLAN

1. Sustainable wood consumption and production

- Patterns of consumption and production of forest products are truly sustainable.

2. The low-carbon forest sector

- The forest sector makes the best possible contribution to mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.

3. Decent green jobs in the forest sector

- The workforce is able to implement SFM and the forest sector provides decent jobs.

4. Valuation of and payment for forest ecosystem services

- Forest functions are valued and PES are established.

5. Monitoring and governance of the forest sector

- The forest sector policies and institutions promote SFM, policy making is evidence-based, and policy instruments are effective, efficient and equitable

For more information: <http://www.unece.org/forests/greeneconomy.html>



OBJECTIVE A4: TO PROMOTE INNOVATION

A.4	Objective: To promote innovation in forest management and in the production and use of forest products and the related services so that the forest sector is a competitive supplier of renewable and sustainably produced goods and services.	
A.4.1	Showcase innovative uses of wood and forests, e.g. by regular forums/market places	Private sector
A.4.2	Assess the potential and impact of biorefineries.	FTP, private sector, UNECE/FAO
A.4.3	Review and promote innovation intended to improve efficiency in the use of materials in the manufacturing and processing of forest products, and the competitiveness of the sector.	UNECE/FAO
A.4.4	Create conditions and approaches which promote innovation (policies, framework conditions and changed attitudes).	Governments, stakeholders, forest industries and relevant stakeholders
A.4.5	Carry out studies on the current status of services related to forest products, and other marketable forest sector services, and their impact in terms of employment and value added.	UNECE/FAO, EFI, research organizations
A.4.6	Carry out research into the future social and economic drivers of forest sector services.	UNECE/FAO, EFI, research organizations

**See you
in Rovaniemi,
Finland
9 to 13 December
2013**

**Day 2 dedicated to
a dialogue with the
private sector,
Facilities for side
events.**

Joint session of the
**UNECE Timber Committee and
the FAO European Forestry
Commission**

**9-13 December 2013
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Forests for a green society: taking root, branching out

A unique opportunity for forest and non-forest sectors
to meet and share their experience and knowledge
of forests and their contribution to a green economy

A major event of:
The European Forest Week 2013





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Thank you!

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