



Climate Crisis and its effects on Forest and Timber Value Chains: What are the consequences of CC impacts and recommendations for EUSALP?

Milan, Italy, 29th November 2019 8.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.

Multifunctional Forests are extremely important assets for life, health and wealth in the Alpine Region – in the mountains as well as in the perimeter and the metropolises. Due to climate change, these forests and their valuable ecosystem services are at risk for present and especially for future generations.

Subject

If mitigation efforts fail to reach the max. 1.5°C-goal in time, the climate crises - all emitting sectors are responsible for - may limit the ecological functionality of our forests to such an extent that multifunctional tasks and services are much less delivered than before.

In fact forests are both victims of the accelerating climate crisis and part of the solution. Therefore, the five EUSALP Action Groups (AGs) 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 with different approaches have taken the initiative to unify their competences and support forests as well as forest and timber actors in tackling the challenges.

Thus, the newly formed EUSALP Task Force for “Multifunctional Forests and Sustainable Use of Timber” (TF MFSUT) invites all concerned or interested people to attend this crosscutting workshop.

With focusing on the sustainable use of forest resources, their ecosystem services and the processing and refining value chains of timber, the participants will work in a guided in-depth discussion on two key questions: What can EUSALP and other actors contribute to mitigate climate crisis? What can they contribute to support the adaptation of the forests and the forests actors to the climate crisis?

The results will subsequently form an important input for the future political agenda of EUSALP, the sectoral work plans of the AGs and the mandate of the TF MFSUT.

Programme

08:45 – 9:00 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Wolferger Mayrhofer, Co-Lead of EUSALP Action Group 6, Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention

9:00 – 9:20 Keynote Speech

“The Dynamics of climate change and its consequences for forests and actors!”

Dott. Georg Pircher, Forest Administration of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen, South Tyrol.

09.25 – 10.15 WORKSHOP

After a short impulse, the participants discuss at each focus table (moderated by the members of the TF): What can EUSALP and other actors contribute to mitigate climate crisis? What can they contribute to support the adaptation of the forests and the forests actors to the climate crisis? Based on a standardized form, the participants will develop recommendations, how to manage the climate crisis to sustain:

1. Forests and their productive services (AG6);
2. Forests and their non-productive ecosystem services (AG7 & AG8);
3. The value added from processing and refining timber and non wood forest products (NWFP) (AG2 & AG9) under various climate change pathways.

The moderators will summarize with the participants of their tables the driving arguments and prioritize them for being presented as outcomes in the Closing Plenary of EUSALP FORUM.

Moderation: Dr. Klaus Pukall, Technical University of Munich

Dr. Gian Antonio Battistel, “Fondazione Edmund Mach” representing Autonomous Province of Trento and Dr. Christian Hoffmann, “Eurac Research” representing the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen, coordinate the crosscutting TF MFSUT an EUSALP peer group of AG2, AG6, AG7, AG8 and AG9.