

Conference on
**The role of forests and the forest-based sector
in meeting the EU's climate commitments**

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European Economic and Social Committee
Rue Belliard 99, 1040 Brussels

Draft programme

14.30 Opening session

Welcoming address

- Mr Mario SEPI, In-coming EESC President (Gr. II - Employees)

Keynote speeches

- Mr Ladislav MIKO, Director, Protecting the Natural Environment Directorate, DG ENV, European Commission
- Mr José-Antonio PRADO, Director, Forest Management Division (FAO)

15.10 Stimulating presentations

- Mr Peter ELIASSON, Department of Ecology, Uppsala University, Sweden
- Mrs Teresa PRESAS, Managing Director, Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI)
- Mr Christer SEGERSTÉEN, President, Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF)
- Mr Tamas MARGHESCU, Regional Director for Europe, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

15.50 *Coffee break*

16.10 *General debate*

Use more wood! - How can European forest sector contribute to the fight against climate change?

Panelists:

- Mr Filip DE JAEGER, Secretary-General, European Confederation of woodworking industries (CEI-Bois)
- Mr Pierre-Olivier DRÈGE, President, European State Forest Association (EUSTAFOR)
- Mrs Anke SCHULMEISTER, Forest Policy Officer, WWF European Policy Office
- Mrs Hilka SUMMA, Head of Unit – Bioenergy, biomass, forestry and climatic changes, DG AGRI, European Commission
- Mr Hans-Joachim WILMS, EESC Member (Group II – Employees), In-coming President of the NAT Section, Rapporteur on EU Forest Action Plan
- Mr Josef ZBORĚIL, EESC Member (Group I - Employers), Rapporteur on greenhouse gas emissions and industrial change

Moderator: Mr Brendan BURNS, EESC Member (Group I – Employers), Rapporteur on innovative and sustainable forest-based industries in the EU

18.00 *Closing session – Conclusions*

- Mr Seppo KALLIO, In-coming EESC Vice-President (Group III – Various interests), Rapporteur on the role of forests and the forest-based sector in meeting the EU's climate commitments

- Mr Poul Skytte CHRISTOFFERSEN, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner FISCHER BOEL, European Commission

18.30 *End of the conference*

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Opening of an exhibition on forests

18.35 *Opening words* Mr Risto PÄIVINEN, Director of the European Forest Institute (EFI)

Reception