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Title:

Implication of Sustainable Development Goals for future of forest landscapes in the Carpathian Region

Workshop description:

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from 2015 represent a global effort to identify critical areas essential to steer the society to long-term human well-being within the limits of global ecosystems. Although widely accepted as a blueprint for long-term sustainable development, implementation of the SDGs has been slow, and several time-bound targets are likely to be missed. Improved integration among the SDGs and their targets is therefore increasingly considered essential to the 2030 Agenda.

The aim of the workshop is to discuss the most pressing ***challenges related to forest-relevant SDGs*** and their potential impacts on future forest landscapes in the Carpathian region. The workshop will be organized as a full-day forum with a structured discussion. The special focus will be on the assessment of direct and indirect drivers of change in biodiversity and ecosystem services important to human wellbeing in the Carpathian region. Direct drivers include human activities that modify ecosystem interactions and environmental factors; they are organized into five groups – climate change, land use change, invasive alien species, natural resource extraction and pollution. Indirect drivers are underlying causes of direct drivers, and are usually grouped into economic, institutional, demographic, cultural and technological drivers.

During the first half of the workshop, participants will give speed talks on specific driver(s) of change in biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Carpathian region. During the second half of the workshop, a structured discussion will focus on synergies and trade-offs in implementing SDGs considering status and trends of direct and indirect drivers of change, and major knowledge gaps and information requirements for forest landscape stakeholders in the Carpathians in implementing SDGs. The session will deliver a summary on how Forum Carpaticum might support policy makers, business and industry, and civil society groups to address forest-related SDGs.

Minimum and maximum number of supposed participants: 8 - 20

Duration: 6 hours