

## **Destructive storms in European Forests – past and forthcoming impacts**

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### **Workshop – Policies for Forest Storm Damages Mitigation and Restoration**

#### **Aim of the workshop:**

This workshop will report on a project reviewing the impacts of storms on European forest since 1950, sponsored by the EC Directorate General for Environment. Based on this information and projections of future storm occurrence current policy and forest management are investigated for their effectiveness in reducing damage and in helping restoration after storms. During the workshop researchers, policy makers, decision makers and stakeholders from across Europe will share their knowledge and views on whether these current systems are adequate at both national and European level. This will also provide an opportunity to share best practice and experience between countries. The outcomes of the workshop will inform the final report of the project and its recommendations to DG Environment.

**Date:** 01.07.2010

**Location:** Scotland House, Brussels (<http://www.scotlandeuropa.com/>)

**Time:** 9:00 - 17:00

## Draft Agenda

### Start: 9:00

(Scheduled times for presentations include discussion)

Chair: Yves Birot

- Introduction – Workshop and Project Background (Barry Gardiner) (10 minutes)
- A review of storm damage to European forests over the last 60 years and an analysis of trends (Mart-Jan Schelhaas) (20 minutes)
- Different storm consequences – examples of economic, environmental and social impacts of storm damage in European forests (Kristina Blennow) (20 minutes)
- Factors influencing storm damage – a comparative analysis (Jean-Luc Peyron) (20 minutes)

### Coffee break (10:15-10:45)

- EC Green Paper on “On Forest Protection and Information in the EU” (DG ENV Representative) (15 minutes)
- Future damage scenarios in a changing climate and impacts on GHG exchange (Marcus Lindner) (20 minutes)
- Possible policy options for the forest sector in order to reduce the impacts of storm damage (Christophe Orazio) (20 minutes)
- Brainstorming in small groups to identify management, policy and responses that are effective and those that are ineffective in relation to storm damage. (All) (30 minutes)  
*This brainstorming will be used to initiate discussion in the last session of the day*

### Lunch: 12:15 -13:15

- Short presentations on storm impacts from different stakeholder perspectives (13:15 - 14:10) (10 minutes each)
  - Private Forest Sector viewpoint (CEPF)
  - State Forest Sector viewpoint (EUSTAFOR)
  - Community forest viewpoint (Community forestry representative)

- Market disruptions from storms and the consequence for industry (CEPI)
- Insurance company (e.g. Swiss Re, Munich Re)
- Short presentations on national perspectives (14:10 -15:00) (10 minutes each)
  - France (Storm Klaus)
  - Germany (Storm Kyrill)
  - Switzerland (Storm Lothar)
  - Sweden (Storm Gudrun)

**Coffee break: 15:00-15:20**

- Review of morning brainstorming session to initiate discussion (Barry Gardiner/Christophe Orazio) (10 minutes)
- Breakout groups to discuss current management and policy and possible changes and actions (All) (30 minutes)
  - Current forest management
  - Current policy and policy changes
  - Pre-planning and immediate response to storms
  - Long-term strategy for adaptive forest management
- Report back from breakout groups and discussion and agreement on recommendations, proposals and policy gaps (Moderators: Andreas Schuck/Jean-Michel Carnus) (40 minutes)
- Wrap-up (Barry Gardiner) (5-10 Minutes)

**End of workshop: 17:00**