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Policy Forum “Untapping the potential of non-wood forest products for Europe's green economy”

16th - 17th March 2021

Online event

Structure of the agenda

DAY 1: 16/03/2021	11.00-13.30 CET	SESSION I: Setting the scene - disclosing the potential of non-wood forest products.
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DAY 2: 17/03/2021	11.00-13.15 CET	SESSION III: Competitive and equitable NWFP value chains.
	15.00-17.30 CET	SESSION IV: Call for action.

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Tuesday 16 March  11.00-13.30 CET

SESSION I: Setting the scene - disclosing the potential of non-wood forest products

High-level opening: Welcome & introductory statements

- o Marc Palahí, Director, European Forest Institute (EFI)
- o Ewald Rametsteiner, Deputy Director, Forestry Division, Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- o Joao Pedro Matos Fernandes, Minister of the Environment and Climate Action, Portugal

A call for action to leverage non-wood forest products' potential

- o Inazio Martinez de Arano, Head of EFI Mediterranean Facility (EFIMED)

Presenting the Manifesto on NWFP

- o Sven Walter, Senior Forestry Officer and Team Leader, Forest Products and Statistics, FAO

Keynote – From Local to Global: The Enduring Power and Promise of Forest Goods

- o Patricia Shanley, People and Plants International

Perspectives from the value chains: the richness and diversity of NWFP

- o Joao Rui Ferreira, APCOR (cork)
- o Jean-Charles Savignac, Président d'honneur du Groupement européen Truffe et Trufficulture et de la Fédération française des trufficulteurs (truffles)
- o Mariana Jorge Ferreira, Luresa Resinas SL / Grupo RB (resin)
- o Jesús Quintá, EUROCASTANEA (chestnut)
- o Hamed Daly Hassen, Ministry of Agriculture of Tunisia (aromatic and medicinal plants)

Open debate and conclusions of session I

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SESSION II: Sustainable sourcing and secure supply of NWFP

Introduction to the session

Keynote - Sustainable Sourcing of Non-timber Forest Products: Why? What will it take?

- o James Chamberlain, USDA Forest Service and IUFRO task force on non-timber forest products

Success cases for ensuring the supply of wild and semi wild forest products

- **Guaranteeing the supply of cork and the multifunctionality of *Quercus* forests**
 - o Antonio Paula Soares, Chairman of the European Commission Civil Dialogue Group on “Forestry and member of the board of Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF)
- **Information systems on prices and producers of NWFP in Portugal (cork, resin & pine nuts)**
 - o Cristina Pereira Santos, Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas (ICNF)
- **Inventory and management of wild mushrooms from EMI – examples of best practices**
 - o Fernando Martínez, European Mushroom Institute
- **Voluntary standards and certification supporting sustainable and beneficial trade in wild NWFPs**
 - o Anastasiya Timoshyna, TRAFFIC and IUCN Species Survival Commission - Medicinal Plant Specialist Group

Wrap-up on the needed policy actions for long term conservation and supply of NWFP

- o Alvaro Picardo, Junta de Castilla y Leon

The potential contribution of the upcoming EU policies to the development of NWFP

- o Mauro Poinelli, DG-AGRI, European Commission

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SESSION III: Competitive and equitable NWFP value chains

Introduction to the session

Keynote - Competitive and equitable NWFP value chains, challenges and opportunities

- o Davide Pettenella, University of Padua, Italy

Success cases for fostering transparency, competitiveness and equitability of NWFP value chains:

- **The tax reform on "wild growing non-wood products" in Italy: lesson learnt and new opportunities for the forest sector**
 - o Enrico Vidale, TeSAF Department University of Padua
- **Labour and fiscal policies supporting resin holdings in Spain**
 - o Guillermo Fernández, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of Spain
- **Ecotourism in wild mushroom sector in Greece**
 - o Vassilis Katsoupas, Kanela & Garyfallo, Vitsa Zagori, Greece
- **National Programmes for NWFPs in Turkey**
 - o İsmail Belen, Foundation of the People CARing for FUTURE (CARFU) and Ministry of Agriculture and Forests of Turkey

Key action on transparency and visibility of NWFPs

- o Giulia Muir, FAO

Wrap up on the policy actions needed to secure successful NWFP value chains

- o Sara Maltoni, FoReSTAS (Regional Forest Agency for Land and the Environment of Sardinia, Italy)

The EC's view on raw material provisioning of European Green Industries

- o Maila Puolamaa, DG-GROW, European Commission

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SESSION IV: Call for action

Introduction to the session

The White Paper “Non-Wood Forest Products for people, nature and the green economy. Policy priorities for Europe. A white paper based on lessons learned from across the Mediterranean”

- o Inazio Martinez de Arano, Head of the European Forest Institute Mediterranean facility (EFIMED)

Panel discussion and debate: views from National, European and international institutions

- o Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director of the Natural Capital Directorate DG ENV, European Commission
- o Alessandra Stefani, General Director of the Forest Department, Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- o Piotr Borkowsky, Executive Director of the European State Forest Association (EUSTAFOR)
- o Lyubov Polyakova, European Forestry Commission (EFC)/FAO for Europe

Bridging on future initiatives

- o Chadi Mohanna, Director of Rural Development and Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture of Lebanon, and Chair of Silva Mediterranea

Supporting the Manifesto on Wild and semi wild Products

- o Sven Walter, Senior Forestry Officer and Team Leader, Forest Products and Statistics, FAO

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