



How may forest and timber practitioners as well as civil society respond to the climate crisis?

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Envisaged content

The rapidly changing climate threatens the EUSALP’s forests and their valuable ecosystem services for present and especially for future generations. Extreme weather events and severe outbreaks of pests are affecting the growth and stability of forests as well as disrupting the current economic models of forest management and linked value chains and communities. These require forest administrations and consultants to explore alternative management Support Decision System and scenarios to provide new opportunities to forest owners. Tree species composition and adaptive forest management strategies need considerable foresight.

But these forest driven adaptation efforts can compensate for climate disturbances only to a limited extent. Hence, from timber business with its suppliers, and consumers to recreationists and citizens, everyone must adjust to this and adapt to one's own sphere. More than ever, it is vital to initiate a dialogue among them, as a basis for preventing and overcoming diverging interests. Cooperation and communication are urgently needed.

Accordingly, this side event should be an inspiration to set accents against the ever more troubled climate. Thus, the side event targets to collect inputs on the following questions from speakers and attendants:

A. Do Forest Administrations already have in all EUSALP regions sufficient information and methods on forest adaptation to Climate Change? Do adaptation concepts reach – and “touch” - local decision makers (i.e. mayors), stakeholders and civil society, who might wonder whether the forest community is on the right track?



B. Does this information also reach - and “touch” - Forest Owners and other forest actors? And what about the feedback of practitioners to science?

C. Does the information on Climate Change-impact the business model of timber processing industry?

Common questions:

a) If the answers to questions 1-3 show deficits in comparison with a satisfying situation, what are the main reasons and what could be done for fast improvement?

b) Could active cross-sectorial communication and mutual cooperation among the above actors deliver appropriate new answers for adapting EUSALPs' forest to Climate Change?

Expected results and output for the future

Economic, environmental, and social benefits for the territories and people of the EUSALP regions are valorised and sustained. In alignment with the EU policies, the adapted measures also comply with the EU Forestry Strategy.

Agenda

14.00-14.15	Welcome Arnold Schuler , Provincial Councillor for Agriculture, Forestry, Tourism & Civil Protection
	Flavio Ruffini , – EUSALP Presidency, Autonomous Province of Bozen-Bolzano
Challenges in Forest Administration and Governance: How to manage forest adaptation?	
14.20-14.40	Alessandra Stefani , General Director of Mountain Policy, Economy and Forestry - Ministry of Agricultural Food and Forestry Policy & Raoul Romano , Forest-Timber Value Chain Observatory-Council for Agricultural Research and Analysis of Agricultural Economics -CREA: <i>“La nuova Strategia Forestale Nazionale tra adattamento alla e mitigazione della crisi climatica”</i> (“The New National Forest Strategy between adaptation to and mitigation from the Climate Crisis”).
14.40-15.00	Günther Unterthiner , Forestry Department, Autonomous Province of Bozen-Bolzano: <i>„Südtirols Wald unter Druck: welche Herausforderungen stehen an?“</i> („South Tyrol's forest under pressure: what challenges are ahead?“).
15.00-15.10	Discussion
Challenges for forest & timber value chains: How to react appropriately to forecasted changes?	
15.10-15.25	Susanne Brandl , Bavarian State Institute of Forestry: <i>„Waldzukunft zum Anfassen-Klimaanalogien als Kommunikationsmittel“</i> („The Future of Forests in Practice-Climate Analogies as a Communication Tool“).
15.25-15.40	Angelo Marchetti , President of Timber Cluster Assolegno-FederlegnoArredo: <i>“I boschi italiani: un'opportunità da coltivare”</i> (“Italian forests: opportunity to be developed“).
15:40-15:50	Break
15:50-16:05	Andreas Kleinschmit von Lengefeld , Homo Silvestris Europae: <i>„GREEN⁵: lungs + infrastructure + engine + growth + services“</i> - Europe's forest-based circular bioeconomy for a climate positive society.

16.05-16.15	Discussion
How might the dialogue with civil society & its next generation trigger a fruitful collaboration?	
16.15-16.30	Ariane Benedikter , Representative of the civil society and the next generation: “Perspectives of sustainability for the coming years – the roles of forests, tree-planting and the youth”.
16.30-16.50	Discussion & Final Remarks by the panel
16.50-17.00	Wrap up by the moderator, Christian Hoffmann