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WORKSHOP

“The services of the Alpine forests ecosystems as a natural, economic and cultural asset for a regional and European green economy”

A Dialogue promoted by the Italian Presidency 2013-2014 of the Alpine Convention

PIEVE DI CADORE (BL), Italy - 12th SEPTTEMBER 2014 – 9 AM - 2:00 PM

The Italian Ministry for the Environment, in cooperation with the Veneto Region and the Magnifica Comunità di Cadore, organize a public scientific Workshop in the framework of the Italian Presidency 2013-2014 of the Alpine Convention on the topic of *“The services of the Alpine forests ecosystems as a natural, economic and cultural asset for a regional and European green economy”*. The event will take place on 12th September 2014 in Pieve di Cadore (Belluno, Italy), on the premises of the headquarters of the “Magnifica Comunità di Cadore”

The Workshop has the objective to foster a public dialogue between the local, national and international institutions, the academic environment and other relevant stakeholders coming from multiple sectors and on the methods, good practices and existing specific approaches for the valorization of the Alpine forests and of the multiple environmental, economic and social services guaranteed by the multi-functionality performed by mountain forests ecosystems.

The Workshop is organized in the framework of the public institutional and scientific events promoted by the Italian Ministry for the Environment with the Alpine territorial institutions during the Italian Presidency 2013-2014 of the Alpine Convention, the first international treaty dedicated to the protection and sustainable development of a cross-boundary mountain territory which was signed in 1991 by the eight Alpine Countries and by the EU. On initiative of Italy, the Ministers of the Alpine Convention established an international Working Group on the topic of “Mountain Forests” at the XII Alpine Conference (Poschiavo, 6-7 September 2012).

During the **first part of the Workshop**, international, national and local technical experts and institutional representatives will contribute to the works and results of the Working Group “Mountain Forests” of the Alpine Convention in order to **analyse the main recent insights in the territorial, EU, and international policies for the development of the Alpine forest sector**. A specific focus will be dedicated to the existing methodological approaches and concrete practices oriented to the implementation of strategies aimed to the valorization and sustainable management of forest resources and of the multifunctionality of forests’ ecosystem services, to reason about the perspectives for a contribution of the Alpine forest sector in a regional and EU green economy .



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The second part of the Workshop foresees a round table between institutional representatives, academic experts, and other relevant stakeholders on the **goals and governance for the development and valorization of the forest sector multi-functionality in an Alpine green economy**, taking into account the potential support linked with local inter-sectoral strategies for the sustainable integration and management of the forest sector's potential contribution to economic welfare and well-being of the Alpine mountain territories. **The final part of the Workshop will be dedicated to a question time between the participants to the round table and the public.**

AGENDA

9.00am **Institutional welcome and statements**

- P. Angelini - Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea - President of the Permanent Committee, Italian Presidency of the Alpine Convention
- Regional Council - Veneto Region*
- R. Bortolot - President, Magnifica Comunità del Cadore
- F. Da Deppo – President, Alto Bellunese Local Action Group (GAL Alto Bellunese)

E. Calvo (ERSAF Lombardia, Italian Head of Delegation, Working Group Mountain Forests of the Alpine Convention) - *The state of the Alpine forests' functions: first results from the Working Group "Mountain Forests" of the Alpine Convention*

M. Viti (Forestry and Parks Unit – Forest Planning and Research Service - Veneto Region) - *The mountain forest resources of Veneto: features, challenges, opportunities*

L. Secco (University of Padova) - *The mountain ecosystem services in Veneto*

M. Ferrari (University of Trento) - *The role of ecosystem services and of the multiple forest functions in the planning and land-use policies in the Alpine area: a review of policies for an integrated sustainable development*



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R. Koeck (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences - BoKu Vienna) – *The function of forest ecosystems in the regulation of the hydrogeological cycle in the Alpine mountain environment*

11.10am *Coffee break*

DG Environment – European Commission* - *The role of the Alpine forests in the EU forest strategy and the opportunities of the 2014-2020 Financial Framework*

S. Tretter (Bavarian Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestry): *the management of Alpine forests in Germany*

M. Battaglia*(Italian Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry) – *The services of the Alpine forests in the future development of the Italian forest sector*

Platform on “Mountain Agriculture” of the Alpine Convention* – *The role of international cooperation for the promotion of integrated policies for the forestry and farming sectors in the Alps in the context of the promotion of an regional green economy*

Round Table

12.50 pm – 1.45 pm

An inter-sectoral dialogue on the potential of the forest sector in an Alpine green economy

Moderator

- M. Marchetti, Inter-university Consortium for the Environmental and Socio-economic research (CURSA)
- O. Andrich - President, Professional Association of Forestry and Agriculture Graduates of the Province of Belluno
 - M. Berton* - President - Italian Agroforestry Energy Association - AIEL
 - C. Personeni* - President – Italian National Federation of the Mountain Water Catch Basins Consortia - Federbim



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- Trento o Bolzano turismo,
- G. Martini Barzolari - Expert, Platform “Ecological Networks” of the Alpine Convention
- M. Pascolini* - Department of Natural Science - University of Udine

Open Discussion

1.45 pm – 2.00 pm

***invited**

**** An English-Italian interpretig service will be guaranteed by the organizers during the Workshop. A standing lunch will be offered at the end of the event.**



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