



Central conference on the forest-based sector

MODERNIZATION OF FORESTRY IN BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA

21.-22. 03. 2024. hotel Adria Ski Kupres

21.03. - OBILJEŽAVANJE SVJETSKOG DANA ŠUMA U BOSNI I HERCEGOVINI GLOBALNI UTJECAJ NA CIJENE I TRŽIŠTE

20.03.2024. (Wednesday)

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

14.00 – Joint meeting of directors of forestry companies in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Adria Ski hotel)

21.03.2024. (Thursday)

11.00 – 11.30 PRESS CONFERENCE (on the occasion of March 21 - International Forest Day) (Location in front of Adria Ski hotel)

Active participation:

- EUSTAFOR, European Association of State Forests, Brussels – Piotr Borkowski, executive director
- EOS, European Sawmill Association / CEI BOIS, European Wood Working Industry Association, Brussels – Paul Brannen, director of public relations affairs
- Faculty of Forestry, University of Sarajevo – Prof. Ph.D. Ahmet Lojo, dean
- UŠIT, Association of Forestry Engineers and Technicians FBiH, Sarajevo – Vahidin Lušija, president
- Department for forestry and hunting grounds of Montenegro, Podgorica
- Croatian Forests Ltd, Zagreb – Ante Taraš, manager of Split Forestry Unit
- Herzeg Bosnia Forests Ltd, Kupres – Nikola Perković, director
- Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of HBC, Livno - Božo Perić, minister
- Herzeg-Bosnia County, Livno - Ph.D. Ivan Vukadin, prime minister

11.00 – 12.00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS (welcome drink)

11.45 – 11.55 OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION / Host - Independent Union of Forestry, Wood and Paper Processing of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hotel lobby)

- Introduction to the exhibition / Lejla Čatić, president of the Independent Union of Forestry, Wood and Paper Processing BiH
- Opening / Jozo Ćosić, President of the Assembly of Herzeg Bosnia County

12.00 – 12.30 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE / WELCOME SPEECHES

ORGANIZER: SGD Herzeg Bosnia Forest Ltd, Kupres – Nikola Perković, director 3'

CO-ORGANIZER: USIT, Association of Forestry Engineers and Technicians FBiH, Sarajevo - Vahidin Lušija, president 2'

HOST: Municipality of Kupres - Zdravko Mioč, mayor 2'

GUEST: Forestry and Wood Industry Group at P/G Chamber FBiH, Sarajevo – Vildan Hajić, president 2' (tbc)

GUEST: Crobiom, Croatian Biomass Association, Zagreb –

Jozo Jović, president 2' (tbc)

GUEST: Faculty of Forestry, University of Sarajevo -

Prof. Ph.D. Ahmet Lojo, dean 2'

GUEST: Croatian Forests Ltd, Zagreb – Mario Stilinović, manager of UPS Gospić 2'

GUEST: EUSTAFOR – European Association of State Forests, Brussels – Piotr Borkowski, executive director 3'

OPENING / PATRON: Herzeg-Bosnia County, Livno -

Ph.D. Ivan Vukadin, prime minister 5'

12.45 – 13.45 THEMATIC BLOCK I – Current problems of the wood industry and forestry in Bosnia and Herzegovina

PANEL DISCUSSION I: **Legal regulations in the field of forestry in BiH** 20'

Participating: Ph.D. Ivan Vukadin (Herzeg Bosnia County), Prof. Ph.D. Ahmet Lojo (Faculty of Forestry, University of Sarajevo),

Vahidin Lušija (USIT - Association of Forestry Engineers and Technicians FBiH), Ante Begić (Forests of Western Herzegovina Posušje)

BRIEF CONVERSATION: **The effects of the ban on the export of pellets and raw materials from Bosnia and Herzegovina -**

Samir Omerović, Forests of Sarajevo 5'

MINI PANEL: **Are there signs of a serious market slowdown? –**

Ivan Krstanović (Wood Cluster Herzegovina), Mirsad Jašarević (Chamber of Commerce FBiH), Igor Andrić (Chamber of Commerce RS) 10'

PANEL DISCUSSION II: **Commercial trends on the wood raw material market and the impact on the liquidity of buyers** 20'

Participants: Vildan Hajić (Group of Forestry and Wood Industry PK FBiH),

Ilija Musić (Herzeg Bosnia Forests), Hrvoje Vampovac (Tvin Virovitica),

Blanka Kobaš (Pearl Group, France)

13.45 – 14.45 THEMATIC BLOCK II – European practices in forestry, CO₂, climate change and the impact of the EUDR

BRIEF CONVERSATION: **EUDR - positions of European sector associations and proposals for the postponement of implementation** - Paul Brannen, CEI BOIS European Association of the Wood Working Industry 10'

PRESENTATION: **Specific experiences in trading with CO₂ quotas** -

Jaan Sepping (Ecobase Project) 10'

PANEL DISCUSSION III: **Impact of climate change on forests - future availability of wood raw material and carbon credits trade (eng)** 20'

Participants: Piotr Borkowski (EUSTAFOR, European Association of State Forests), Paul Brannen (CEI BOIS, European Association of the Wood Working Industry), Nikola Perković (Herceg Bosnia Forests), Prof. Ph.D. Dragan Čomić (University of Banja Luka), Jaan Sepping (Ecobase Project)

PANEL DISCUSSION IV: **Preparation of forestry and wood industry projects within the EU program** 20'

Participants: Azer Jamaković (USIT – Association of Forestry Engineers and Technicians FBiH), Zoran Šunjić (Croatian Forests, USP Split),

Vitomir Tepavčević (Central Bosnian Forests),

Ivana Mišković (Government Office, Herzeg Bosnia County)

14.45 – 16.00 LUNCH

16.00 – 17.20 THEMATIC BLOCK III – In step with the times / modernization, heritage and education

PRESENTATION: **The process of establishing the first marteloscope in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Stožer Kupres marteloscope -**

Ph.D. Bruno Marić, Faculty of Forestry, University of Sarajevo 10'

BRIEF CONVERSATION: **Cross-section of forestry in the Balkans through a Slovenian perspective** - Franc Ferlin (videocall) 5'

PANEL DISCUSSION V: **Digitization of forestry - is there an alternative?** 20'

Participants: Haris Koljić (Forests of Una -Sana), Ivan Petrović (Herzeg Bosnia Forests), Ph.D. Jelena Knežević (Faculty of Forestry, University of Sarajevo), Ante Begić (Forests of West Herzegovina, Posušje), Ermin Kerić (USIT)

PRESENTATION: **Necessity of applying modern technologies for works in forestry** - Jasmin M d.o.o., Žepče 10'

BRIEF CONVERSATION: **Digitization in the wood drying process -**

Miljan Nikolić, Nigos d.o.o. Niš 5'

PANEL DISCUSSION VI:

Removing mines from forests - challenges and dynamics 20'

Participants: Enis Horozović (BHMAK-Center for demining in Bosnia and Herzegovina), Mario Stilinović (Croatian Forests, USP Gospić), Marijan Lozančić (Herzeg Bosnia Forests), Azra Muharemović (Independent union of forestry, wood and paper processing of BiH)

PANEL DISCUSSION VII: **Motivating and educating sectoral workers** 20'

Participating: Prof. Ph.D. Muhamed Bajrić (Faculty of Forestry, University of Sarajevo), Ernest Brajković (Wood Cluster Herzegovina), Prof. Ph.D. Krešimir Greger (Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology Zagreb), Biljana Crnogorac Žarković (Department for forestry and hunting grounds of Montenegro), Nikola Srdić (High School Glamoč)

17.20 – 18.00 THEMATIC BLOCK IV –

Biomass and energy potential of the sector

PRESENTATION: **Analysis of forestry policy instruments for the mobilization of forest biomass for energy production in FBiH** – Prof. Ph.D. Mersudin Alibegović, Faculty of Forestry, University of Sarajevo 10'

PANEL DISCUSSION VIII: **How it lobbies and how much the biomass sector influences on state energy policies?** 20'

Participating: Prof. Ph.D. Mersudin Alibegović (Faculty of Forestry, University of Sarajevo), Božo Šparelić (Benkovac Power Plant/ Geen Group Czech Republic), Velibor Stanić (Republic of Srpska Forests), Emir Pajić (BHPAL)

14.45 – 14.55 BREAK / Signing of the annual cooperation agreement between Herzeg Bosnia Forests Ltd and Croatian Forests Ltd

18.50 – 18.50 THEMATIC BLOCK V – On the edge of the profession / forestry and rural development

BRIEF CONVERSATION: **How did we establish the Association for Forests of Bosnia and Herzegovina?** – Lejla Kusturica, Atelier for social changes 5'

PANEL DISCUSSION: **How to reconcile the interests of forestry, the local community and the non-governmental sector?** 20'

Participating: Božo Perić (Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry HBC), Ante Taraš (Croatian Forests, USP Split), Lejla Kusturica (Forest Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina), Tomislav Mioč (Herceg Bosnia Forests), Nikola Periša (TB Livno)

18.50 – 19.00 RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

19.00 – End of the program

19.30 – DINNER, LIVE MUSIC

22.03. (Friday)

08.30 – 11.00 STUDY VISIT (FOREST AT “THE DOORS OF KUPRES”)

11.00 – return to the hotel

12.00 – departure