

NFP'S IN THE WORK OF THE MCPFE

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Abstract

The MCPFE has been working on a pan-European approach to nfps in Europe during the last two years. European countries consider nfps to be an important tool to promote sustainable forest management and to contribute to overall sustainable development.

Participation, inter-sectoral and holistic approach, iterative process with long-term commitment as well as capacity building were identified as elements and principles of particular relevance for nfp processes in Europe. In addition, a number of other elements and principles were considered as relevant. The common view of MCPFE participants on the meanings and dimensions of each of these elements and principles of nfps in Europe was laid down in a draft MCPFE paper.

As a next step a preparatory group will be convened to further deepen the common approach of the MCPFE to nfps in Europe. In addition, a recommendation on how to address nfps with a view to the 4th Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, 28-30 April 2003 should be given.