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**[Dialogue on governance to develop sustainable forest landscapes  
for production of wood for energy and the bioeconomy](#)**

Program, Wednesday, 13 October 2021, 14.00-18.00 Eastern European Summer Time (EEST)

**Verification of compliance with sustainability requirements for forest management and bioenergy**

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14.00-14.05	Inge Stupak	Welcome and workshop session opening
14.05-14.13	Algis Gaižutis (Moderator), Chairman of Forest Owners Association of Lithuania	Introduction
14.15-14.28	Liviu Nichiforel, Forest Faculty Member, Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Romania	Forest ownership structures in Europe and implications for uptake of forest and biomass certification systems.
14.30-14.43	Roman Polyachenko, Assurance Manager, Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP)	Sustainability requirements of the RED II and incorporation into SBP certification scheme.
14.45-14.58	Mikhel Jugaste, Head of Quality and Certification Systems, AS Graanul Invest, Estonia	Managing and demonstrating sustainability as a wood pellet producer in the Baltics.
14.58-15.08		Break
15.10-15.23	Gerimantas Gaigalas, Forestry Director for Europe and Russia, Preferred by Nature	Auditing experiences from biomass and forest certification in the Baltic countries – solutions and challenges.
15.25-15.38	Mārcis Saklaurs, Latvian Forest Owners' cooperative "Mežsaimnieks"	Sustainable private forestry in Latvia.
15.40-15.53	Aidas Pivoriūnas, Project and Stakeholder Engagement Manager in Baltic States at Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), forest management consultant.	Development of FSC system among smallholders in the Baltic countries.
15.55-16.08	Puneet Dwivedi, Associate Professor, University of Georgia, USA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources	Family Forest landowners in the Southern United States and their Participation in Sustainable Biomass Markets
16.10-16.23	Rolf Hogan, Senior Sustainability Expert	Defining sustainable forest residues - reflections on multi-stakeholder discussions to develop requirements for sustainability certification.
16.23-16.33		Break
<b>Panel discussion with speakers and additional contributors</b>		
16.33-16.38	Introduction by moderator, Algis Gaižutis, Chairman of Forest Owners Association of Lithuania	
16.39-16.44	Andris Vanags, Gren, Latvia Country Manager.	Future Energized Today.
16.45-16.50	Sune Balle-Hansen, Biomass Sustainability Lead, HOFOR A/S	Wood chips and pellet buyer perspectives on sustainability documentation for energy production outside the Baltic states.
16.51-16.56	Aiga Grasmene, Managing Director, Latvian Forest Owners' Association	Biomass from private forest owners in Latvia.
16.57-17.55	Discussion and round-off	
17.55-18.00	Announcement of the next session	Where and when can forest bioenergy help to save carbon emissions, and how to calculate or model this?

**Goal:** The goal of this workshop is to engage stakeholders and bring them together to discuss the benefits and challenges to governing sustainability within a forest management context, with particular emphasis on forest bioenergy. This includes the calculation and modeling of forest carbon and climate change impacts. Geographic focus will be on boreal and temperate forests in Northern and Eastern Europe, and North America.

**Intended audience:** A cross-section of forest sector and society involved with and concerned about the governance and documentation of sustainable forest bioenergy and bioeconomy supply chains, for example, forest landowners, wood pellet companies, wood chip producers, traders, private, state and federal foresters, forest industry, bioenergy utilities, state conservation organizations, public and private providers of relevant data for verification, academia, NGOs, staff of forestry certification systems and certification bodies, consultants, policy makers, and the general public.

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