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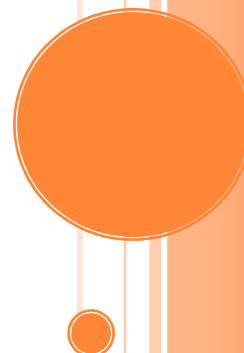
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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 23rd June 2009

Venue: The Business Hotel – Jihlava, Romana Havelky 13, Jihlava

9:00 Joint transport from the hotel Holiday Inn in Prague to the Business Hotel – Jihlava

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

Moderated by: Martin Žižka

OPENING 13:00 – 14:00	<u>Welcome Addresses by:</u>		Martin Žižka Director General for Forestry at the Ministry of Agriculture
	13:05	Vysočina Region	Jiří Běhounek President of the Vysočina Region
	13:15	Ministry of Agriculture	Jiří Novák Deputy Minister
	13:25	Introduction of the Vysočina Region	Zdeněk Kadlec Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Authority
	13:40	Joint Photography	
BLOCK I. 14:00 – 15:00	<u>Introduction of the Czech Forestry</u>		
	14:00	Ministry of Agriculture - information on the Czech forestry - Czech National Forest Programme	Tomáš Krejzar Head of Department of Forest Policy and Economy at the Ministry of Agriculture
	14:20	Forests of the Czech Republic, state enterprise - basic information on the state enterprise - Outcomes from the 10 th Conference of European State Forestry Organisations	Josef Svoboda Adviser of the Director General of the Forests of the Czech Republic, state enterprise
	<u>Communication on forests and forestry</u>		
14:40	Outcomes from the workshop in support of the EU Forest Action Plan “TAKING US OUT OF THE WOOD” - presentation - questions	Colin Morton Forestry Commission of the Great Britain Lada Matoušková Prylová Forest Management Institute	
15:00 – 15:30	COFFEE BREAK		

BLOCK II. 15:30 – 17:00	<u>Communication on forests and forestry - continuation</u>		
	15:30	Preparation of the “Jihlava Declaration of the EU Forest General Directors on the Communication on Forests and Forestry” - presentation of the draft - discussion	Tomáš Krejzar
	<u>Workshop on Strategies for Increased Mobilisation of Wood Resources from Sustainable Sources</u>		
16:40	Outcome and future action after the MCPFE Grenoble workshop on strategies to increase wood mobilisation (16 th – 18 th June 2009, France)	Eric Allain Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (France)	

18:30 Transfer from the Business hotel – Jihlava to the Polná Chateau

19:30 Joint Dinner hosted by the President of the Vysočina Region

Wednesday, 24th June 2009

Venue: The Business Hotel – Jihlava, Romana Havelky 13, Jihlava

Moderated by: Martin Žižka

BLOCK III. 9:30 – 11:00	<u>Economic situation in the forestry and forest based industries</u> <u>“Current developments”</u>		
	9:30	The Impacts of the Financial Crisis on Forest Industry in the UN-ECE Area - presentation - questions	Jukka Tissari Forestry Officer FAO
	10:00	Current economic situation of forestry sector in the Czech Republic - presentation - questions	Luděk Šišák Faculty of Forestry in Prague
	10:30	The Vysočina Region – current situation in the forestry sector - presentation - questions	Petr Bureš Head of Department of Forestry and Water Management and Agriculture at the Regional Authority Jiří Svoboda Forest Cooperative of Communes
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK		

BLOCK IV. 11:30 – 13:30	<u>Economic situation in the forests and forest related sectors</u> <u>“Measures against economic crisis”</u>	
	11:30	Forestry relevant Community Measures against economic crisis Measures against financial and economic crisis in the forest sector - presentations - questions - discussion - exchange of experiences
		Maria Angeles Benitez Salas Director of Directorate H - Sustainability and Quality of Agriculture and Rural Development in DG Agriculture and Rural Development Jan Lojda Ministry of Agriculture
	<u>LBA on forests in Europe</u>	
	13:00	Legally-binding agreement on forests in the pan-European region
		Ingwald Gschwandtl Ministry of, Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (Austria)
13:30 – 15:00	LUNCH	
BLOCK V. 15:00 – 17:00	<u>EU Charter for Wood</u>	
	15:15	Initiative for an EU Charter for Wood
		Matthias Schwörer Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (Germany)
	<u>Communication on forests and forestry</u>	
	16:00	Introduction of the “Jihlava Declaration of the EU Forest General Directors on the Communication on the Forests and Forestry”
	Discussion and adoption of the declaration	Tomáš Krejzar
16:45	AOB	
17:00	Closure of meeting, invitation to the joint evening and to the field trip	

18:30 Transport from the Business hotel – Jihlava to the Roštejn hunting lodge

19:30 Joint dinner hosted by the Deputy Minister

Thursday, 25th June 2009 – Our Field Trip

- Forest management in the Žďárské vrchy hills – spruce management at middle altitudes (Family Kinsky estate)
- Association and forest management of municipal and private forest owners (LDO Přebyslav)
- Visit at the STORA ENSO Ždírec (timber processing)

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. **Opening**

Welcome speeches are delivered by Mr. Jiří Běhounek, President of the Vysočina Region and Mr. Jiří Novák, Deputy Minister for Forestry, followed by the introduction of the Vysočina Region.

2. **Introduction to the Czech Forestry**

The current status and basic facts about the Czech forests and forestry is presented. The Czech National Forestry Programme for the period until 2013 will be introduced.

3. **Communication on Forests and Forestry**

The aim is to provide guidance and contribute to the implementation of several key actions of the EU Forest Action Plan focused on communication on forests and forestry (KA 10: Encourage environmental education and information, KA 17: Encourage the use of wood and other forest products from sustainably managed forests, KA 18: Improve information exchange and communication). As a basis for the discussion, the report of the workshop “Taking us out of the woods”, which took place in the Czech Republic, in the Pardubice Region, 3 – 5 June 2009, is presented as well as the outcomes from the 10th Conference of European State Forestry Organizations, which dealt with the same issue. The directors general are finally invited to discuss and adopt a short declaration of recommended future steps towards an EU communication strategy on forestry.

4. **Economic situation in forestry and forest-based industries**

The agenda item is introduced by the presentations depicting the current economic situation in forestry and forest-based industries, at the European level and in the Czech Republic, affected by the global financial crisis and overall economic recession. The directors general are invited to discuss the current situation and to exchange their experience on the measures taken to alleviate negative impacts of the crisis and to create condition for recovery of the forestry sector (using rural development programmes, state aid or other instruments).

5. **Update on exploring the potential added value of and possible options for a legally-binding agreement on forests in the pan-European region**

Presentation and discussion on the role of the EU

6. **Initiative for an EU Charter for Wood**

Presentation of the non-paper and discussion

7. **Outcome and future action after the MCPFE Grenoble workshop on strategies to increase wood mobilisation**

Outcomes of the Workshop on Strategies for Increased Mobilisation of Wood Resources from Sustainable Sources, which was held in Grenoble (France), from 16th to 18th June 2009, is presented.

8. **Any other business**

PRESENTATIONS

Welcome address and opening remarks

Mr. Jiří Novák, Deputy Minister

Introduction of the Vysočina Region

Zdeněk Kadlec, Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Authority

Information on the Czech Forests and the Czech National Forest Programme

Tomáš Krejzar, Head of Department of Forest Policy and Economy at the Ministry of Agriculture

Forests of the Czech Republic, state enterprise

Josef Svoboda, Adviser of the Director General of the Forests of the Czech Republic, state enterprise

EU Forest Communication Strategy

Forestry Commission of the Great Britain

Strategies for increased wood mobilisation from sustainable sources

Eric Allain, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (France)

The Impacts of the Financial Crisis on Forest Industry in the UN-ECE Area

Forestry Officer - Markets and Trade, Forestry Department, FAO, Rome

Current economic situation of forestry sector in the Czech Republic

Petr Bureš, Head of Department of Forestry and Water Management and Agriculture at the Regional Authority

Jiří Svoboda, Forest Cooperative of Communes

Forestry relevant Community Measures against economic crisis

Maria Angeles Benitez Salas,

Measures against financial and economic crisis in the forest sector

Jan Lojda, Department of Forest Policy and Economy, Ministry of Agriculture

DISCUSSION DOCUMENTS

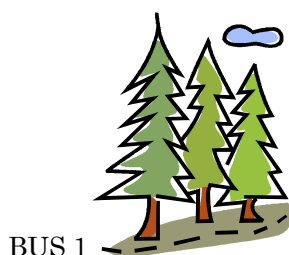
Report from the workshop “TAKING US OUT OF THE WOODS”, Communication on Forests and Forestry, the workshop in Support of the EU Forest Action Plan, Pardubice Region, 3rd to 5th June 2009

Jihlava Declaration of the EU Forest General Directors on Communication of Forests and Forestry (Elements for discussion)

Draft Conclusions and Recommendations (18/06/2009), outcomes from the Workshop on Strategies for Increased Mobilisation of Wood Resources from Sustainable Sources

Initiative for an EU Charter for Wood, a non-paper presented by Germany

OUR FIELD TRIP



8:00	Departure from the hotel	8:00	Departure from the hotel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit at the STORA ENSO Ždírec (timber processing) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest management in the Žďárské vrchy hills – spruce management at middle altitudes (Family Kinsky estate) - Association and forest management of municipal and private forest owners (LDO Příbyslav)
Joint Cofee Break			
11:30	Refreshment hosted by the Forest Cooperative of Communes	11:30	Refreshment hosted by the Forest Cooperative of Communes
12:30	Continuation of the field trip	12:30	Continuation of the field trip
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest management in the Žďárské vrchy hills – spruce management at middle altitudes (Family Kinsky estate) - Association and forest management of municipal and private forest owners (LDO Příbyslav) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit at the STORA ENSO Ždírec (timber processing)
Joint Lunch			
15:30	Lunch in the forest restaurant in Polnička	15:30	Lunch in the forest restaurant in Polnička

FOREST COOPERATIVE OF COMMUNES

The history of Forest Cooperative of Communes with its seat in Přebyslav goes back to 1930. Although its existence was marked by social changes of the last century, it was re-founded in 1995, when 43 founder communes adopted the constitution of the cooperative. They agreed on the association of their possessions into the cooperative under the commercial name Lesní družstvo obcí (Forest Cooperative of Communes). Nowadays, the cooperative manages 5 705 ha of forest land. The cooperative has its seat and headquarters in Přebyslav. It is divided into 3 forest districts - Ransko, Račín, Nové Veselí and the department of forest services.



FAMILY KINSKY ESTATE



The Kinsky family is an old Czech aristocracy one with its roots in 13th century. Its historical property is situated around the town of Žďár nad Sázavou. The property consists of 5 750 ha of forest land, 750 ha of ponds and lakes and 262 ha of agricultural land. The family also owns a castle in Žďár nad Sázavou. This property is managed by the company KINSKY Žďár, a.s. and the Kinsky family is the only stockholder.

STORA ENSO TIMBER ŽDÍREC

Zdirec Sawmill operates as a part of Stora Enso Timber's Central Europe Production Group. It is the largest sawmill in the Czech Republic with an annual sawing capacity of 590.000 m³ and production orientation mainly to European market. The sawmill is located in the centre of the Czech Republic 100 km south-east of Prague and has own railway connection.

All raw material is purchased within the Czech Republic.

There has been a large investment in 16 drying chambers and a KVH (Konstruktionsvollholz) plant during the last two years.



OUR MEETING PLACE

Region Vysočina

- area: 6 796 km², 5th largest region in the Czech Republic, approx. 9% of the overall area of the Czech Republic
- regional capital: Jihlava
- population: 515 098
- 704 town and villages
- density of population: 76 people/km²
- the highest peak of the Vysočina region: Javořice - 837 metres above sea level
- together with the South Moravian region, Vysočina forms a NUTS II administration unit - the basic administrative unit for EU structural funding

The name of the Vysočina Region derives from the name of the Českomoravská vrchovina (Bohemian-Moravian Highlands), a hilly, undulating countryside situated between the two historical lands of the Czech Republic. Vysočina reaches over 800 meters in altitude, in the two distinct mountain ranges of Žďárské vrchy in the north of the region and Jihlavské vrchy in the south-west. The main European water divide, echoing the former frontier between Bohemia and Moravia, divides the region into two parts almost equal in area. Bordering the South-Moravian Region to the east, the South-Bohemian and Middle Bohemian Regions to the west, and sharing a border with the Pardubice Region to the north-east, the region is situated in the very heart of the Czech Republic. The economy of the region's eastern part is influenced by the neighbouring urban centre of Brno, while the north-eastern part is within the sphere of influence of the capital of Prague.

With mean annual temperatures of 5-7 degrees centigrade, Vysočina is one of the colder regions of the Czech Republic. The original virgin forest was transformed by human activity into an undulating cultivated steppe, with low hills and valleys and a wealth of woods and groves. A mass of cultivated forest covers most of the highest areas of the region. The many streams form a number of ponds, which fulfill functions from economic to recreational to landscaping. The lack of large ore deposits has spared Vysočina from devastation due to mining activity.

The history of the region has, to a great extent, been influenced by natural conditions. Medieval colonization, as well as the industrialization of the 19th century, affected the area of what is the present region later than was the case in the Bohemian and Moravian lowlands. Although this situation was to blame for Vysočina's traditional position among the poorer of the country's regions, the region was, on the other hand, spared environmental pollution and the devastation of large areas by developing industry. This is perhaps why Vysočina now ranks among the fastest-developing regions in the Czech Republic.

Vysočina boasts its pristine environment. The natural as well as the transport conditions in the region have attracted mainly businesses that do not pollute the environment. Any new investments

are based on established strict environmental standards. The D1 (E55) motorway can clearly be identified as the most serious air-polluting factor in the region; compared with other regions, soil contamination is negligible in Vysočina. The region may be regarded as an island of health wedged between the three urban centers of Prague, Brno, and Vienna. This is why, among other reasons, the Vysočina Region was the first to become a member of the Association of Healthy Towns and Regions, and acquired the official title "The Healthy Region".

Natural conditions scattered the population of Vysočina into over seven hundred towns and villages, interconnected by a rich web of roads. Small villages near the local centre, which is usually a quiet small town with a population of three to ten thousand, are typical of Vysočina. There are only four towns with population over twenty thousand; Jihlava, the regional capital, has a population of fifty thousand. The increasing standards of living and mobility lead to the expectation that this situation will prove to be an asset. People in Vysočina are able to enjoy the advantages of living in the countryside while being guaranteed an easy access to modern facilities offered by local urban centers. More than half of the region's population are able to reach the regional capital within thirty minutes.

History has provided Vysočina with a number of monuments, three of which, the historical centre of Telč, the Pilgrimage Church of St. John of Nepomuk at Zelená Hora near Žďár nad Sázavou and the Jewish Ghetto together with the St. Prokopus Basilica in Třebíč have been classified as international UNESCO monuments. The landmarks left by history complement the way people have changed the countryside, completing its beauty.

Euroagentur Business Hotel Jihlava



Dear guests,

we are very pleased to welcome you and allow us to present our hotel.



New modern hotel situated in Jihlava city. Due to its equipment and convenient location between two main cities - Prague and Brno, the hotel is recommended for business meetings, conferences, congresses as well as for short and long stays of tourists.

The hotel offers accommodation in 65 rooms, 5 junior suites and 2 suites - all equipped with a satellite TV, direct-dial telephone, mini-bar, high-speed Internet connection and safe-deposit box.

The hotel disposes of a modern conference hall for up to 200 persons with the possibility to be divided into separate lounges suitable for social events, company trainings and family celebrations. The hotel restaurant offers a wide variety of Moravian specialties and international delicacies.

Our outdoor hotel terrace, situated by the river Jihlava, is an ideal place to enjoy a cup of coffee or delicious desert. In order to relax and have a rest our guests can take advantage of a sauna and whirlpool.

The hotel surroundings, such as close Vysočina forests and South Moravian countryside, are ideal for walking and cycling tours. Water sports lovers will enjoy visiting the neighbouring Jihlava Aquapark Water Paradise.

A parking place for 3 buses and 60 cars is situated in front of the hotel.

After a demanding day our guests can relax in the hotel's wellness centre with a sauna and whirlpool.



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... also trees enjoy their stay in the Vysočina Forests ☺

