

“FCN–Sub Group Forest-related environmental education”

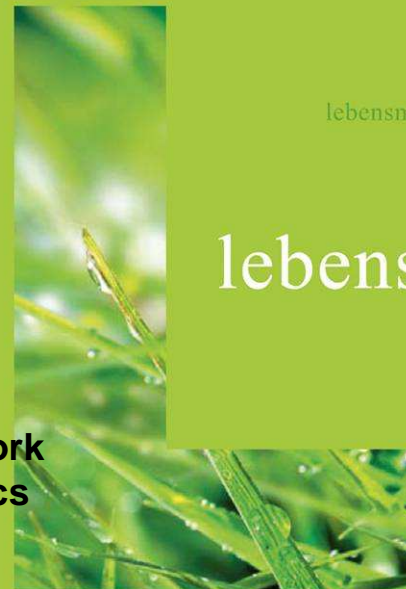


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Update on Sub Group activities, accomplishments and future plans!

16th International Meeting of the FAO-ECE Forest Communicators Network – Lyss / Switzerland, September 28 – 30, 2009

Th. Baschny – Vienna



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**UN-ECE/FAO
Forest Communicators Network
Sub Group Forest Pedagogics**



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During the last meeting in Bilbao/Spain May 13 – 15, 2008 a **“Sub Group on Forest Pedagogics”** was established with the task:

- ❖ to compile best practice examples on forest related environmental education
- ❖ to elaborate common principles and quality standards
- ❖ to develop a European Forest Pedagogics concept

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Activities ⁽¹⁾:

- ❖ **Meeting Munich** 11th to 12th September, 2008
- ❖ **Working document (final version)** for a common European Framework on Forest pedagogics (as a basis for further cooperation's) and the **next steps** for developing it further; definition, principles, objectives and implementation for FP-Network
- ❖ Support of the **European Forest Week 2008**

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Activities (2):

- ❖ **Questionnaire** – FP in the European states
Development – European-wide survey!
Collection of different concepts or strategies!
- ❖ Establishment of an Internet-contact- and Information's-platform (**web-site**)
www.forestpedagogics.eu
- ❖ Organisation of an annual international FP Congress: **4th FP Congress Lyss**, October, 1-2 2009 (Foundation Silviva) – 2010 Finland

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Activities (3):

- ❖ **111th meeting of the Standing Forestry Committee (SFC) October, 8 2009 – Brussels**

Agenda: (Item 6)

Environmental education and information campaigns – experience exchange between MS and first discussion on the need for the SFC opinion on environmental education and information campaigns.

Mr. Colin Morton and Mr. Thomas Baschny will take part!

- ❖ **“Jihlava Declaration” (CZ - June 2009)**

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Meeting Munich 11th to 12th September, 2008

Participants: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland;

Cooperating states: Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom, Portugal, Croatia, Poland, France;

Result:

- ❖ **Working document** (final version)
- ❖ **Questionnaire**
- ❖ Internet-contact- and Information's-platform
(**web-site**)

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Working document (final version)

❖ **Denomination, definition:**

Forest pedagogics (FP) is qualified Forest-related environmental education (FREE)

❖ **Principles and Objectives of FP/FREE**

(Educational goals; Social and economical goals;
Environmental/Forest related objectives)

❖ **National implementation and European dimension**

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Forest Related Environmental activities have been existing at national level in several European countries for the period of **some months** up to the **duration of 30 years**.

At the moment the following 16 states are cooperating:

Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungarian, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

We need more!

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Support of the **European Forest Week 2008** -
October 20 – 24, 2009 / Location: whole Europe

Organised field trips during this EFW (half day)
with children's provided by well educated foresters
and ground owners + prepared messages EFW!

Report to Mr. Baschny – gift: Swiss army knife
with Logo EFW (A; CZ; SK; D; H; Slo.; Lux.)

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Questionnaire – FP in the European states

Development – European-wide survey!

Collection of different concepts or strategies!

- sended out by **Mr. Eve Charles** (Timber Section UNECE/FAO–Geneva); 08/2009
- deadline September 15, 2009
- Result: open - answer only from SK, CZ, A, Lux. and UK

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Internet-contact- and Information's-platform

www.forestpedagogics.eu

- **About us**
- **Data & Facts** (14 doc. f. download)
- **Newsletter "Forestpedagogics live"**
(four seasons – more than 1.500 e-mail adr.)
Newsletter, Highlights, News (18 doc.)
- **Archives** (58 doc. for download)

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- ❖ **4th FP Congress Lyss**, October, 1-2 2009 (together with Foundation Silviva)
 - more than 80 participants
 - 14 countries

- ❖ **5th FP Congress 2010** Finland together with the Finish forest association

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Next Standing Forestry Committee Meeting

October, 8 2009 – Brussels

Agenda: (Item 6)

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Mr. Colin Morton and Mr. Thomas Baschny will take part and will inform!

next steps



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- ❖ conceptual framework of FP (**Working doc**)
- ❖ compile best practices examples of countries (**Questionnaire**)
- ❖ coordinate and organise the next **International FP-Congress** (2010 Finland)
- ❖ conception and organisation of **International FP projects** or campaigns (October 2009 SK/A/H)
- ❖ enforcement of the Networks duties by **periodical meetings or working groups**
- ❖ **SFC – Meeting**, Oct 2009, Brussels
- ❖ **report** to Mr. Gschwandtl (FCN)

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- + **there is a need of Forest Pedagogics in Europe!**
- + **FP is growing up**
- **Frame conditions are sometimes bad**
(travelling costs; time for working; etc.)
- **Financial support** (Web-site, etc.)
- **We need more countries**
- **At the moment some things are running on voluntary work**
(Web-site; Newsletter FP live)



Thank you for your attention!