

# Meeting of the Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea

## Main outcomes of the Committee

The third Enlarged Executive Committee meeting was held at the Hotel Porto Bello (Antalya - Turkey) on Tuesday, 13 April 2010 and Thursday, 15 April 2010, on the occasion of the first Mediterranean Forest Week. The meeting was chaired by Mr Spas Todorov, President of the Silva Mediterranea Committee.

The meeting was opened with a statement of Mr Jose Antonio Prado, Director, Forest Assessment, Management and Conservation Division, FAO Forestry Department. Before addressing the main issues of the Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea and the various challenges of this meeting in Antalya in the context of the Union for the Mediterranean, Mr Prado confirmed FAO's active engagement in the first Mediterranean Forest Week.

Mr Spas Todorov and Turkish Authorities (Dr. Ahmet Şenyaz) welcomed the participants and thanked them for their continued support to the Secretariat of Silva Mediterranea. The provisional meeting agenda was adopted and Mr Spas Todorov presented the progress report of activities of Silva Mediterranea since the 20<sup>th</sup> Session in Sofia in 2008.

After this brief presentation, made by Spas Todorov, detailed progress on activities implemented by the different working groups and the secretariat in 2009/2010 was then presented and discussed with the members of the Enlarged Executive Committee.



**Picture 1:**

The Silva Mediterranea's members planting the friendship tree, during the field trip organized by the SAFRI  
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The main outputs of this session of the Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea are:

- Preparation of the first “State of Mediterranean Forests” with several steps to follow during 2010/2012. A first step based on data collected by FAO for the Forest Resources Assessment 2010 and presentation of a first working paper during the conference on “Biodiversity of trees and wooded land in the Mediterranean” to be held in Alexandria, Egypt on 22 - 24 June 2010 and during a side event to be organized during the next session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO) in Rome on 4-8 October 2010. This working paper will also highlight the gaps in available data and propose an institutional process for the preparation of a publication on “The States of Mediterranean Forests” in 2011/2012. Next step will be the preparation of this report on the “State of Mediterranean Forests” in collaboration with several partners active in the Mediterranean;

- Organization with other Mediterranean partners of the second “Mediterranean Forests Week” in Avignon (France) from 5 to 8 April 2011 (including the next meeting of the Enlarged Executive Committee of Silva Mediterranea);

- Organization of several events in Rome during COFO in October 2010 (Information meeting with all Silva Mediterranea mem-

bers, a side event on Mediterranean Forests in collaboration with EFIMED and a photo exhibition on the art of Cork in Sardinia);

- Agreement for integration of Silva Mediterranea activities in the programme of work on Timber and Forestry of UNECE/FAO (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe based in Geneva) with five main items of collaboration during the period 2010/2011:

- \* *Climate Change*: Incorporate findings from Mediterranean region into guidance on climate change related activities conducted by UNECE/FAO,

- \* *State of Mediterranean Forests*: Contribute experience from the “State of European Forests” and FRA,

- \* *Forest Fires*: Contribute findings from Silva Mediterranea Working Group to climate change analysis, outlook studies and forest fire related activities under UNECE/FAO joint timber and forestry programme,

- \* *Wood energy*: exchange of experiences and joint capacity building efforts,

- \* and collaboration with the UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on *Forest Policy* in Eastern Europe and Central Asia,

- Preparation of a “position paper” and a “background paper” (See pp. 337) were prepared, discussed, agreed and adopted by the EEC,

- Adoption of the Work Plan 2010 - 2012 proposed by the coordinator of Working Group 6 on Sustainable Financing Mechanism, Mr Spas Todorov (See Work Plan of WG 6 in Silva Mediterranea Website).

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**<http://www.fao.org/forestry/silvamed/4911/en/>**