



Capacity Building Experience - Workshop

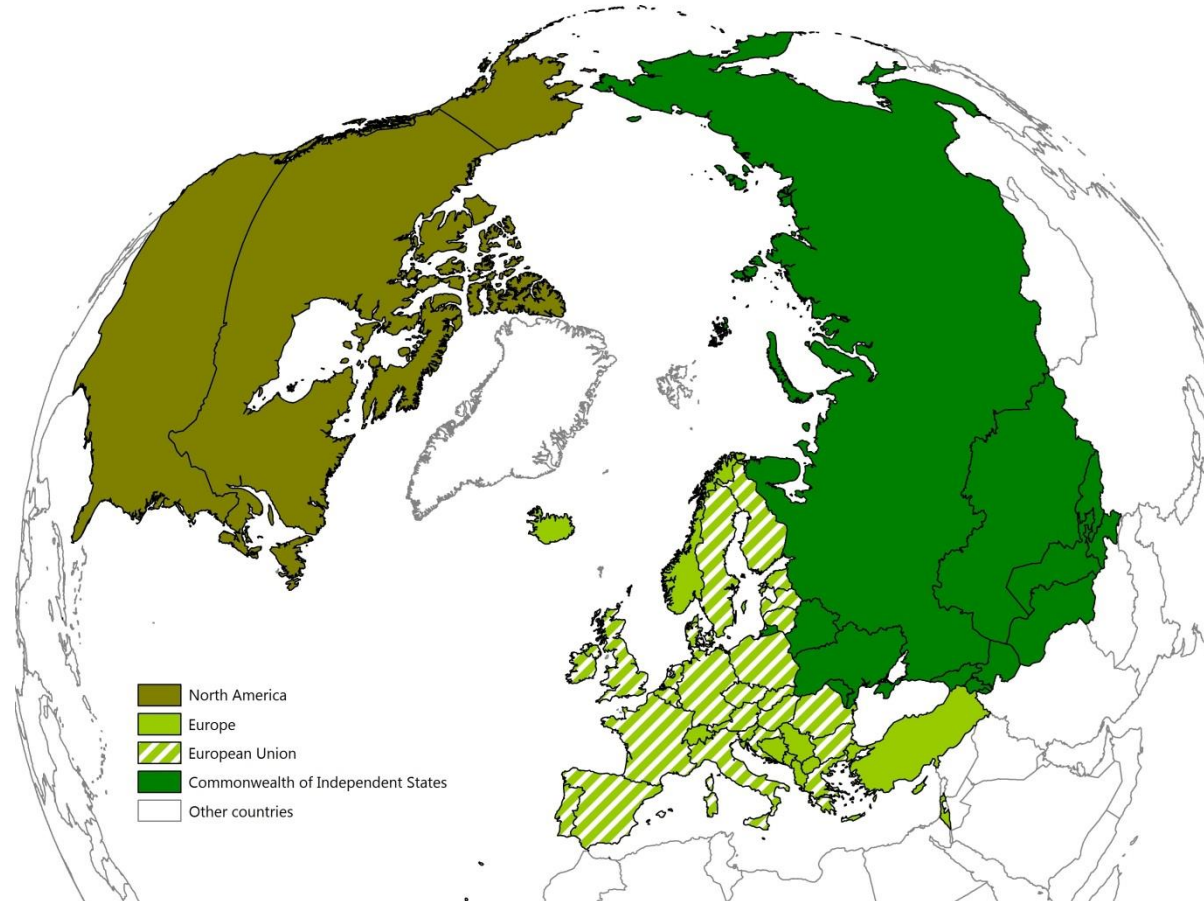
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Who we are





What we do in Energy Statistics

Joint Wood Energy Enquiry – we have carried out the 4th round of this biannual questionnaire (2013 data) and are currently processing the information. We seek to use available information (prefilling) and expand it by wood source to make it relevant for the forest sector. We try to explain the forest sector to the energy sector and the energy sector to the forest sector.

We also try to build capacity in the sector by conducting workshops (More Heat, Less Wood – October 2015), distributing information (chapter on wood energy in Forest Products Annual Market Review), improve networks within the country and increase the visibility of wood energy. There is a UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Wood Energy bringing together experts in the field.



Workshop Objectives

- Paris, Ministry of Agriculture premises, 11-13 June 2012. Website is <http://www.unece.org/forests/jwee-workshop-2012.html#/>
- Objectives
 - Increase knowledge of the methodology of the questionnaire and understanding of the importance of strengthening the quality of national wood energy data.
 - Receive feedback from correspondents to improve and develop the JWEE
 - Strengthen regional networks of national and international counterparts from statistical offices and ministries responsible for energy policy and forest policy.
- Method:
 - Knowledge transfer among correspondents
 - Interactive sessions

Participants

- Identification and selection of participants:
 - Consult other organisations: IEA, Eurostat, Energy Community, national experts
 - Participants from national statistics offices, forest agencies, ministries responsible for forestry or energy
- 23 countries were represented from “major” forest countries such as Russia, Sweden, Finland but also from Balkans, Baltics and Ukraine
- Funding (travel + *per diem*) only for participants from specific countries (those that reply poorly or not at all to the JWEE)
- Provided with JWEE spreadsheet and manual



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Structure

• Day 1

- Questionnaire structure, history and objectives
- Country Experiences – tour de table
- Case Studies by country (successful and not successful)



• Day 2

- Parallel Sessions (a.m.):
 - JWEE Development: Secretariat + experienced correspondents
 - JWEE Tutorial: Secretariat + less experienced/new correspondents
- Mini-groups (p.m.) pairing experienced with less experienced correspondents to review problems and propose solutions + Secretariat facilitation





Conclusions of JWEE Capacity Building Workshop (I) - Meeting Structure



- Mix experienced countries with less-experienced
- Do at least two small-group exercises in collaboration during meeting
 - Stronger / weaker together
 - Peers (by structure of sector, geography or experience)
- Practical exercise - focus on something concrete, e.g. questionnaire or manual
- Social events and time to discuss informally important
- High on participant interaction and chance for them to express their difficulties in an open way – helped that topic was being developed



Conclusions of JWEE Capacity Building Workshop (II) - Participant and other considerations



- Choose right participant
- For us, key is bringing energy and forest sector together
- Russian language availability
- Timing critical – just before or just after providing questionnaire
- Good local partner, in this case french Ministries of Agriculture and Energy
- Collaborate with other organizations
- Participant travel cost coverage necessary



Implementation of conclusions

- Maintain contact (issued list of follow up actions, breaking down country and secretariat responsibility)
- Create Team of Specialist
- Encourage exchanges
- Expand network and partnerships
- Timing of next workshop – when issuing questionnaire or just before
- We were too late to organize for 2013 round (ideally would have done Winter 2014/2015 with questionnaire release) – target now 2015 round for Winter 2016/2017
- Needs adequate funding for targeted participant travel
- Consult through our bodies

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“Thank you for providing the contact details for our IEA national correspondent. We have certainly had some fruitful discussions. Your questions, and our subsequent discussions with our IEA national correspondent have led us to closely re-examine all the data. It has opened a real can of worms and we have identified several issues with the data that need to be resolved. We are working diligently on it ...

National Correspondent,
JWEE, Sept 2015