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# CefCo – Certification of Forestry Contractors

Workshop on contractors certification

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## **Background and Objectives**

This workshop was organized by SMF, the Swedish Contractors Association to present and discuss the actual processes towards contractor certification in Europe which are carried out in the frame of the CeFCo-project. Due to a time constraints, it was impossible for the project partners FSC and NepCon to attend the workshop, so that the attendants were mainly representatives of forestry contractors associations.

The workshop was timed after one year project duration of CeFCo when speakers from three of the participating countries, Sweden, Portugal and Denmark were able to describe their actual achievements in the project.

## **Content**

Hans Winsa from Sveaskog, the Swedish state owned forest enterprise, prepared the scene for the workshop with a presentation on forestry and forest production in Sweden, the importance of sustainable management, and the specific forestry conditions in the region where the workshop was held (annex 1).

SMF presented the recently developed certification system SMF Certifiering AB, which is based on the Swedish PEFC standard which already provides sets of criteria for contractors. SMF Certifiering AB was at the time of this workshop in the testing phase and planned to be launched in summer 2010. Presentation is attached as annex 2.

Alongside the development process of SMF Certifiering, SMF is working in a working party with Nepcon and FSC Sweden on the integration of the Swedish certification approach in the CeFCo project. Mats Agren who presents SMF in this group presented the cornerstones which were elaborated recently. Agren highlighted that a contractor standard shall be accepted by both PEFC and FSC (see annex 3).

Pedro Serra Ramos (ANEFA Portugal) and Bjarne Kallehauge (DFS Denmark) explained to the participants the actual development in their countries. Both described that they were in the middle of defining the contractors standards based on the respective national FSC standards.

Ramos outlined the processes how they co-operated with FSC and Nepcon. He further highlighted that the initiative to embark on the CeFCo process to develop a certificate for his membership had been just at the right time where contractors in Portugal strive for promoting good practice and competent services in their country.

Simo Jaakkola finalized the presentation session with an outline of the ENFE research and development strategy, where forestry contractor certification is forming the actual goal of a series of projects towards enterprise development in forest operations.

## Results

The presentations and the subsequent discussion firstly showed that the processes towards certification are very different in European countries. While the general objective for all is to get instruments to proof good practice and to facilitate marketing services in certified forests, the starting point and the trajectories are very specific in every country.

Swedish entrepreneurs can already build on an elaborated PEFC standard for forest operations, whereas in Portugal standards need to be extracted from the national FSC standard. In Denmark the Smartlogging certificate forms the baseline for development.

Generally, the participants agreed that the certification processes are important steps towards enterprise development in forest operations. There was an unanimous consensus that certification needs to be designed in a way that they meet the requirements of both major certification systems FSC and PEFC.

Annex 1: Forestry in Sweden and Norbotten (separate electronic file)

Annex 2: Presentation of SMF Certifiering (separate electronic file)

Annex 3: Svensk Entreprenörstandard (separate electronic file)

Annex 4: ENFE R&D Strategy (separate electronic file)

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