



Forest Europe and FoRISK

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Forest Europe: Bonn 2024



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FOREST EUROPE - Keeping Sustainable Forest Management Fit for the Future

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We, as representatives of the Signatories of FOREST EUROPE, at the Ninth Ministerial Conference of FOREST EUROPE, held in Bonn/Germany on 1-2 October 2024,

1. ACKNOWLEDGING that FOREST EUROPE has played the leading role in defining sustainable forest management, with a long history of promoting this dynamic concept across Europe,
2. RECALLING FOREST EUROPE resolutions, declarations, decisions and particularly the Bratislava Ministerial Declaration of 2021,
3. REAFFIRMING the definition and principle of sustainable forest management as laid down in the FOREST EUROPE Helsinki Resolution 1,
4. UNDERLINING that the dynamic concept of sustainable forest management has



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2. RECALLING and BUILDING on FOREST EUROPE resolutions, declarations and decisions, specifically Strasbourg Resolution 4, Helsinki Resolution 4, Vienna Resolution 5, Madrid Ministerial Resolution 2 and the Bratislava Ministerial Resolution with relevance to climate change, biodiversity loss and forest resilience,

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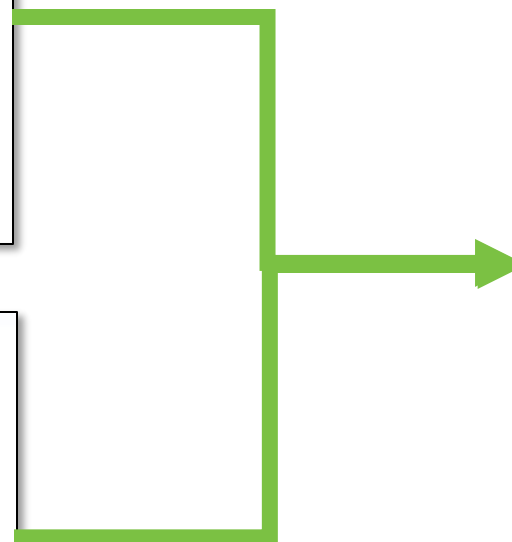
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Work Programme
2025–2026

Liaison Unit Sweden



Liasion Unit Sweden: Forest Europe Plan

Work Programme 2025-2026

Overall status and plan, ongoing activities

Brainstorming session, workstreams

- WS 1 SFM Criterias and indicators
 - WS 2 Keeping Forest Europe fit for the future
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State of Europe ´s forests (SoEF)

Status and plan

Discussions about chapters Conclusions for policy makers

Draft Stockholm Declaration and/or Decision

Workshop

Forest Risk Facility (FoRISK): foundation

Reliable knowledge hub

Network connecting national
and international actors

Fosters cooperation on risks
based on science



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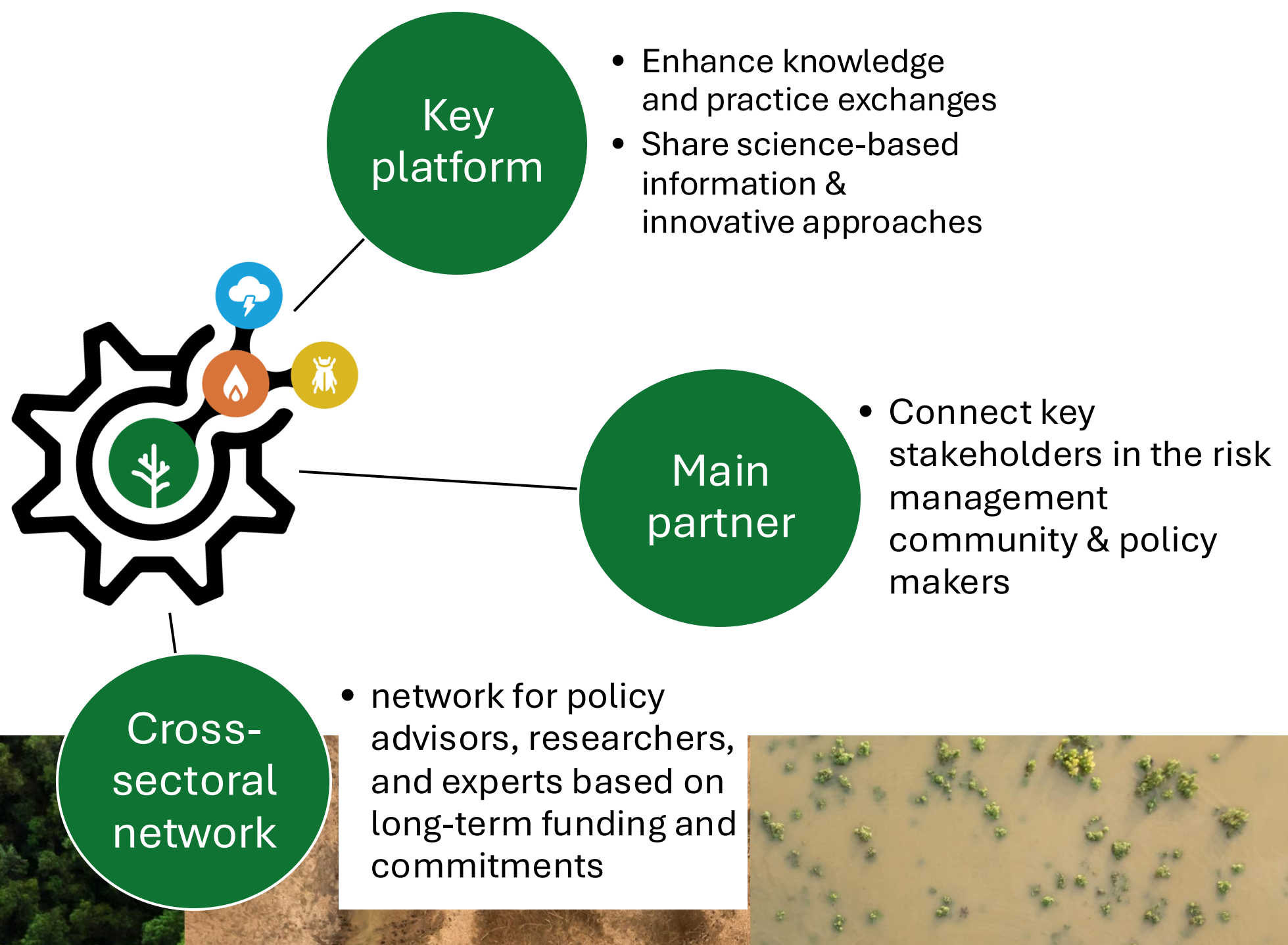
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3. EXPRESSING CONCERN about negative impacts on European forests, and their services, arising from biotic and abiotic disturbances as well as combined effects, which are increasing in frequency, intensity and scale, and NOTING the urgency of immediate action to maintain and improve the health and vitality of forests, including their genetic resources, and ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of biodiversity to provide the multiple ecosystem services of forests for present and future generations,
4. RECOGNIZING the need to maintain and increase the resilience of forests and the forest sector while UNDERLINING that resilience depends upon the forests' health and adaptive capacity, thereby reducing vulnerability to a range of stresses, reflecting the functional integrity of the forest ecosystem and UNDERLINING the essential role sustainable forest management plays to maintain and enhance resilience,
5. NOTING that climate change adaptation of European forests requires engaging in forest vulnerability assessments, disaster risk prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery and rehabilitation in accordance with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction,
6. ACKNOWLEDGING that adapting forests to climate change and restoring damaged forests requires large quantities of appropriate and high-quality forest reproductive material and an increasing level of cooperation among European countries, without prejudice to the benefits and applicability of appropriate natural regeneration,

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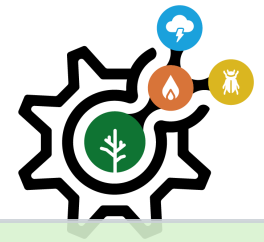
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Aims



Working Modalities – core elements



Steering Committee

- Strategic directions
- WP development

FoRISK NFPs

- Represent FE signatories
- Propose relevant topics for WP

FoRISK Experts

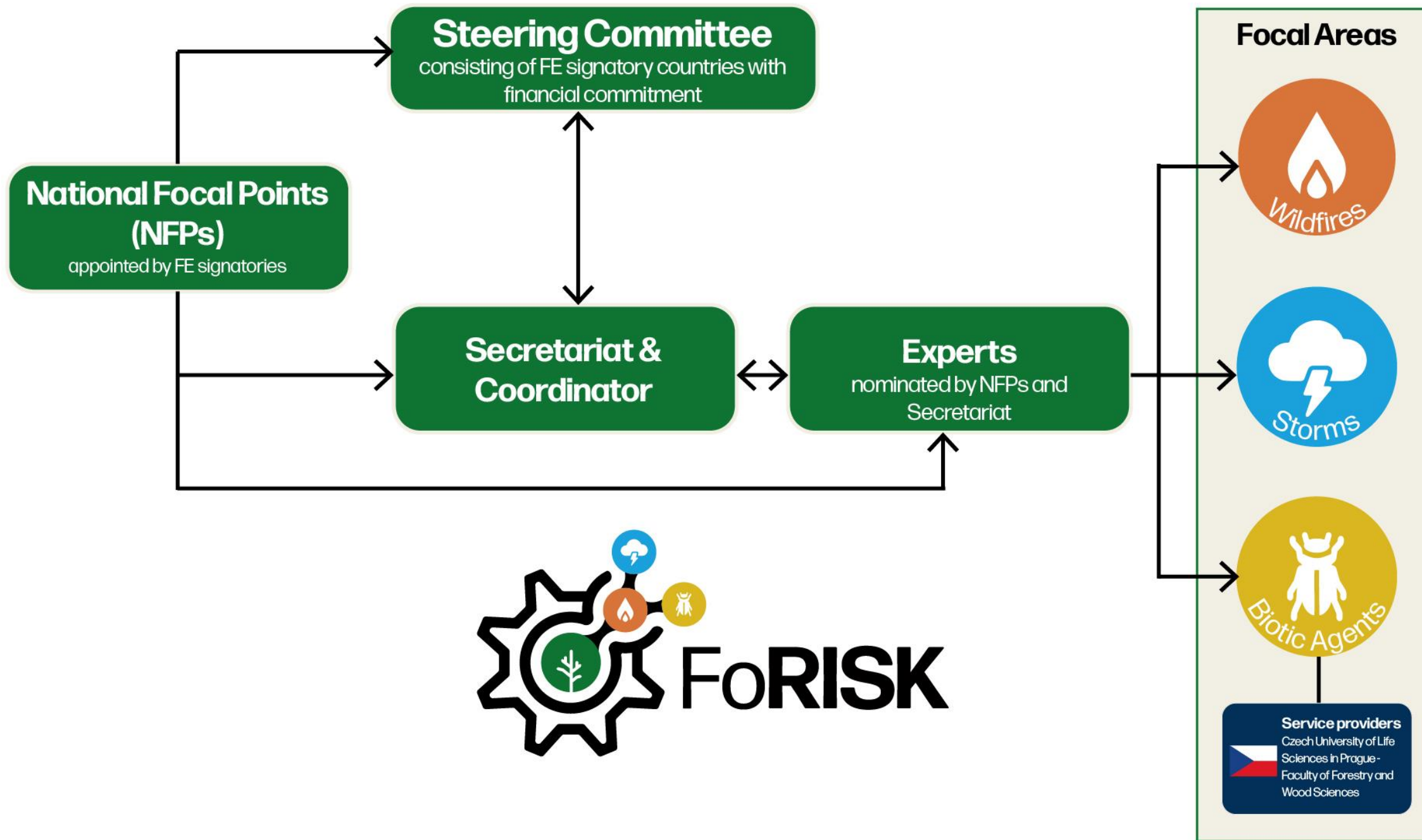
- Support the implementation of WP
- Showcase good practices

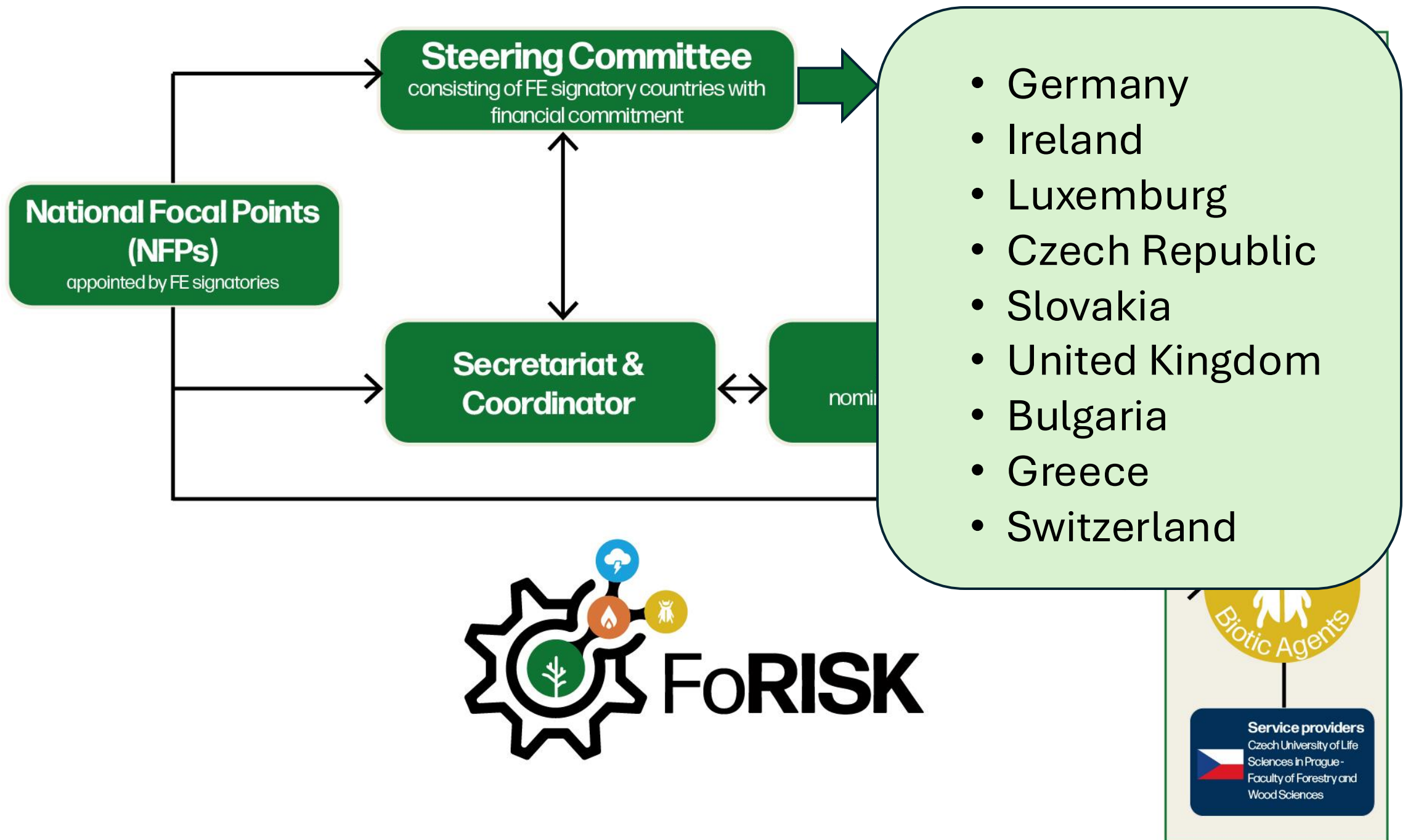
Secretariat & Coordinator

- Cord. guide the Secretariat and liaise among FoRISK bodies
- Develop WP with SC and engage the NFPs

ELM

- Secretariat reports budget progress to ELM
- Mutual exchange on achievements and progress with the Secret.





FoRISK actions



FoRISK governance
model
(to be developed)

Disaster risk
management
cycle

Wildfire (e.g.
training
support)

Biotic
agents

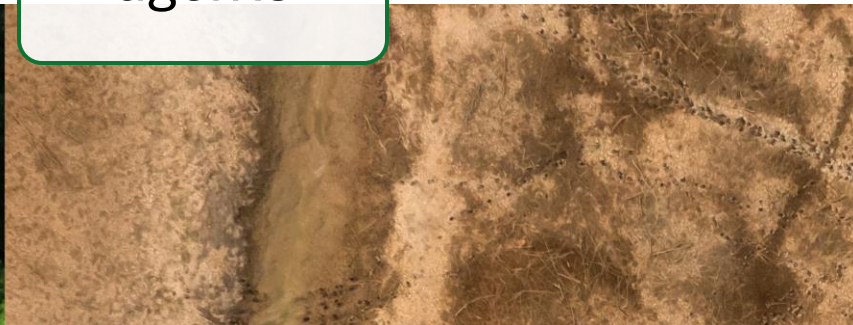
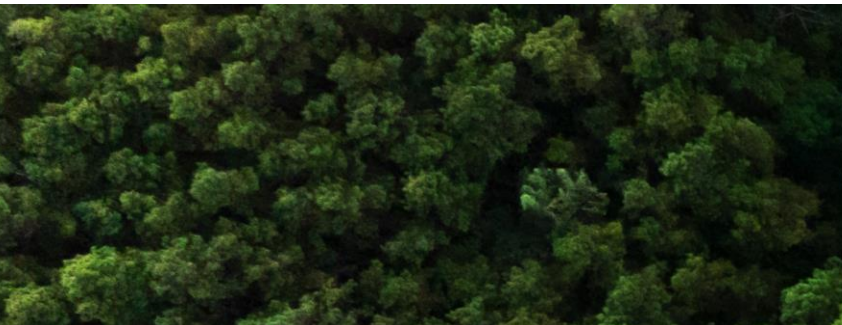
Rapid
Response: Ad
hoc support

IE:
windstorm
case

Communication
and promotion

Event
engagement

Website and
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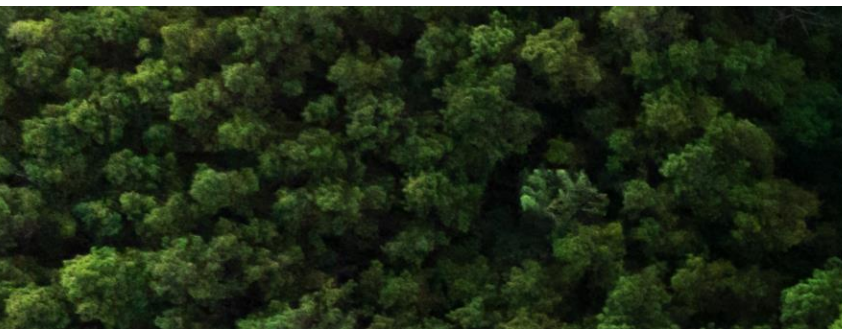
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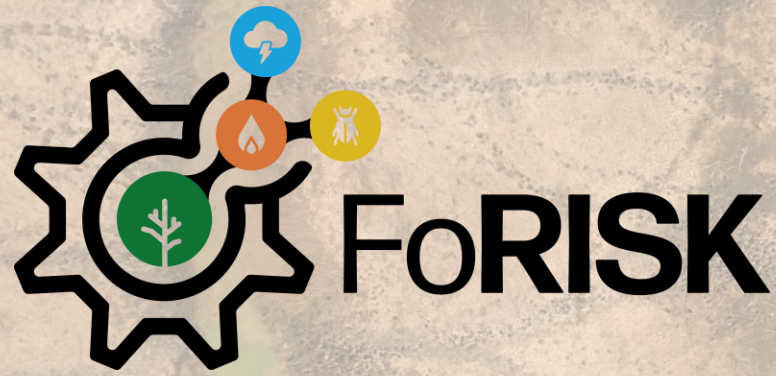
We are connecting experts and policy makers in pan-Europe to foster cooperation in disaster risk management. Through innovative approaches, and practice-oriented solutions, we contribute to strengthening the resilience and adaptive capacity of forests and forest-dependent communities.

For general inquiries, please contact us through secretariat@forisk.org



Launch on 28.04.2025





Thanks for your attention

