



**ORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE "FOREST AND POST-2012 REGIME"**

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Detailed description of the project	Services provided
<p>From July to December 2008, France assumed the Presidency of the Council of the European Union and, as such, coordinated the European positions on the climate negotiations.</p> <p>During this Presidency, the Ministry of Agriculture led the European negotiations on the taking into account of forest carbon sinks in developed countries (LULUCF) and the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions linked to deforestation in developing countries (REDD+).</p> <p>Organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, in collaboration with the GIP Ecofor and the National School of Rural Engineering, Water and Forests (AgroParisTech-ENGREF), the international conference aimed to question the role that the European forest-wood sector can play to mitigate climate and energy crises, in the context of preparing post-Kyoto GHG reduction commitments.</p>	<p>In 2008, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol primarily promoted the role of carbon sinks in forests. Carbon storage in forest products and the substitution of wood for other materials or energy sources were little valued.</p> <p>It was therefore useful to provide negotiators engaged in the post-2012 preparations with as many objective elements as possible to clarify the role of the forest-wood sector in the physical processes of the carbon cycle, the competition between wood and other materials in the energy market.</p> <p>Many plenary sessions and parallel sessions were organized around three main themes: 1/The forest: carbon sinks; 2/Harvested wood products: storage and energy saving; 3/The forest-wood sector: source of renewable energy.</p> <p>The conference brought together nearly 260 representatives from the European forest-wood sector, EU Member States, NGOs and universities and gave rise to various scientific and technical presentations.</p> <p>The experts coordinated the organization of the conference, both on the scientific aspects (calls for scientific contributions, reading and selection of papers and posters, animation of the scientific steering committee) and logistics aspects (management of invitations and accreditations, booking of the conference rooms, accommodations, organization of international transport, organization of three field trips around Nancy, supervision of media coverage).</p>