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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Workshop on “Opportunities for forest smallholders in Balkan countries for participating in timber markets”**

On the 16-17 May 2017 in the Hotel Mondial in Tirana, Albania, will be organised Regional Workshop on “Opportunities for forest smallholders in Balkan countries for participating in timber markets”.

The workshop is organised by the Regional Centre for Forestry and Rural Development (REFORD) with contribution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (FAO REU), Connecting Natural Values & People Foundation (CNVP) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

During the workshop we will have the opportunity to see the results of the Survey that was implemented in seven Balkan countries by the REFORD network members on the topic of forest certification. In addition to that, we have invited representatives from Balkan countries to provide their view on the aspects of forest certification, current trends, developments and obstacles on the Balkans and wider region.

Throughout the workshop we would like to provide a ground for discussions to achieve more understanding among forest stakeholders on the Balkans about forest certification in relation to sustainable forest management, with specific focus on small scale forest holders.