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Please find attached a proposal for a joint event with SCF 2015. The Mediterranean Forest Week (MFW, <http://med.forestweek.org/>) is a bi-annual event gathering during 5 days around 300 people to discuss forest-related issues in the EU-MENA area. Last edition was in Tlemcen, Algeria in 2013 and the next one will be in Barcelona in March 2015, in the Sant Pau International Forestry Hub. The Mediterranean Forest Week has been conceived as a common regional platform for cooperation on Mediterranean forests, aiming at improving the dialogue between the Mediterranean forest research community, policy-makers and the relevant stakeholders as well as at communicating to the international community and the society at large the relevance and challenges affecting Mediterranean forests.

Each MFW is thematically focused and in 2015 it will be on the role of forests in the overall bioeconomy "Improving livelihoods: the role of the Mediterranean forest value chains in a green economy". 2 specific sessions will be on financing instruments and policies for forests, and a high-level session will gather all Forest DGs of the MED countries. In parallel, the EU expert-group on forest fires will have their own meeting in the course of the week.

We think there is a great potential of cross-fertilization and synergies with the SCF meeting and hope you can consider positively our proposal.