

## **STATUTES**

# **Forest-Climate Council**

Stakeholder groups: Forest | Market | Science & Technology | Public

## **1. Affiliation and responsibility**

The Forest-Climate Council is an expert and stakeholder committee of the Ecosystem Value Alliance Foundation (eva foundation).

The panel deals thematically with the 'Minimum requirements for certification of ecosystem services in German forests.'

## **2. Purpose and duration**

The purpose of the German Forest-Climate Council is to intensify the exchange between interest groups (stakeholder groups) from the forest, science & technology, public and market sectors.

The Forest-Climate Council is a temporary body. It can be dissolved once its purpose has been achieved or by resolution of the foundation.

### **3. Members and structure**

The Forest-Climate Council is made up of various stakeholder groups from the fields of forestry and climate protection. There are four stakeholder groups in total:

1. Public: Members of non-governmental organisations (NGOs), parliaments, government and administration
2. Forest: Forest owners, members of forest nurseries, forestry service providers
3. Market: project developers, CO2 traders, CO2 buyers, investors
4. Science and technology: members of universities and other research institutions, other certification standards, auditors

Members of the Forest Climate Council can be natural persons as well as legal entities.

Existing members of the Forest Climate Council and the foundation's Managing Board have the right to propose new members. The assignment of the new member to the respective stakeholder group is also confirmed. New members must be confirmed by the Managing Board and existing members.

The maximum number of members of a stakeholder group is 10 and may not deviate by more than 3 members from the average number of members of all stakeholder groups. The aim is to achieve a balanced dialogue between the various stakeholder groups.

Membership ends:

1. if a member resigns. A resignation can be made immediately and without justification by written notification to the secretariat;
2. by a justified resolution of the foundation. Valid reasons are actions that conflict with the purpose of the body or the foundation;
3. by dissolving the Forest-Climate Council.

### **4. Tasks**

The tasks of the Forest-Climate Council include the following points:

1. Opportunity to participate in Council meetings to promote dialogue between and within the aforementioned stakeholder group(s);
2. Erarbeitung von Empfehlungen für die (Weiter-)Entwicklung der Methoden im Rahmen des Akkreditierungsprozesses;
3. Examination of the suitability of the methods and their compliance with the Forest-Climate Standard;

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4. Development of recommendations for the further development of the Forest-Climate Standard.
5. Election of four members for delegation to the Technical Committee. Each stakeholder group (market, forest, public, science & technology) elects one representative from among its members by simple majority. Voting takes place within the stakeholder group and is organised by the eva foundation.

### 5. Meetings of the Forest-Climate Council

The Forest-Climate Council meets at least once a calendar year. The meetings can take place both digitally and physically. Written invitations to the meetings are sent out at least four weeks in advance. Participation is voluntary. In the event of non-attendance, a representative should be sent who must be named to the coordinators who organise the meeting on behalf of the eva foundation at least one week before the meeting.

### 6. Membership fees, compensation, remuneration

Members of the Forest-Climate Council are exempt from membership fees. Members of the Forest-Climate Council participate on a voluntary basis. Travel and accommodation expenses incurred in connection with membership in the Forest-Climate Council are not reimbursed.

### 7. Code of Conduct

The Ecosystem Value Alliance Foundation (eva foundation) has adopted a Code of Conduct that guides its actions. This code of conduct should also apply to the work of the Forest-Climate Council.

This statute was adopted by a resolution of the foundation's Managing Board.