

**Dear CEF Members,**

The mandate of the Hungarian Presidency has come to an end. It was a real honor to chair the CEF. Thank you again for all the support I have received from you.

I believe that CEF has closed a successful year. As you know from previous reports, we - among others - attended a regular meeting of Forest Europe, contacting representatives of the FAO and the European Commission. We had an online discussion with the representatives of the Commission in the last week. In addition, we organized a very successful CEF meeting in Budapest.

All this complicated with the well-known COVID-19 pandemic, when personal encounters were limited.

We wish similar success and fruitful work to our Italian colleagues and to Mr Enrico Brugnoli, who will take over the presidency from 1 July.

Yours faithfully:

**Dr. János Halmágyi**  
President of CEF