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EFICEEC and EFISEE News

This is the EFICEEC-EFISEE News, an electronic newsletter devoted to the EFICEEC-EFISEE network. The intent is to provide update information every third month and call attention to our latest news and

accomplishments. EFICEEC-EFISEE News will be distributed via email as well as posted on the joint EFICEEC-EFISEE website: <http://www.eficeec.efi.int>.

EFISEE establishment

On July 13, Risto Päivinen, Director of the European Forest Institute (EFI) signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Dijana Vuletić, Director of Croatian Forest Research Institute (CFRI) which leads toward the establishment of the EFI South-East European Office, EFISEE, in Varaždin, Croatia. For the first period of two years 2012–2013, EFISEE will work in cooperation with the EFI Central-East European Regional Office, EFICEEC. Its focus will be on strengthening the research activities with its partnering organisations in SEE countries and beyond.

The Croatian Forest Research Institute is hosting the EFISEE office and is contributing with the secondment of three staff members.

The general activities of EFICEEC-EFISEE are led by Bernhard Wolfslehner, the Head of EFICEEC office.

The opening event of the EFISEE office will take place on November 21, in Varaždin, Croatia.



Staff member at EFISEE

Marko Lovrić - Office manager

Mr Marko Lovrić is from Croatia and is currently working as Office Manager at the EFISEE office in Varaždin. Mr. Lovrić has graduated as forestry engineer at the Faculty of Forestry Zagreb. He is also a Master of Sciences in Forest Policy and Economics which he achieved at the FOPER I master program. He started his working experience as an FSC auditor and after that he was employed as an assistant at the Faculty of Forestry, University of Zagreb, at the Department of Forest Engineering, where his work was with focus on forest policy issues.

Mr Lovrić is currently a PhD candidate at the Albert Ludwig University, Faculty of Forest and

Environmental Sciences in Freiburg, Germany at the department for Forest and Environmental Policy.



Nataša Lovrić - Researcher

Mrs Nataša Lovrić is from Macedonia, and is currently living and working in Croatia. She is a researcher at the EFISEE office in Varaždin. Mrs Lovrić is graduated forest engineer and has Master of Sciences in Economics and Management in Forestry. Her previous working experience is mostly gained as

a junior researcher within several EFI projects like, PRIFORT, FOPER I and FOPER II.

Mrs Nataša Lovrić is currently a PhD candidate at the Albert Ludwig University; Faculty of Forest and Environmental Sciences in Freiburg, Germany at the department for Landscape management and is in her





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final year of studies. She is a member of the Graduate School “Environment, Society and Global Change” (ESGC) Research Group – Environmental Governance.



Saša Danon - *Administrative officer/ researcher*

Mrs Saša Danon obtained diploma degree of forestry engineer from Forestry Faculty of Zagreb University

and master degree from Erasmus Mundus Master program SUTROFOR (*Sustainable Tropical Forestry*), with master these subject regarding possibilities for payments for environmental services and carbon market projects in bamboo forests of Vietnam.

Her interests are sustainable forest management, climate change mitigation mechanism (especially REDD+), PES (Payments for Ecosystem Services) and illegal logging combat mechanism.



COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP starting

The COST Action FP1201 “**Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Significance for Management And Policy (FACESMAP)**“ will start with the 1st Management Committee meeting on 15 November in Brussels. The meeting is a closed session for the MC.

The Action will involve a large number of participants from all European regions. It was initiated by EFICEEC (Gerhard Weiss) and it will give a great opportunity for all EFICEEC-EFISEE partners to meet regularly. The planned Working Groups relate to

social sciences (WG1 on forest owner types and WG3 on policy) as well as economics and natural sciences (WG2 on forest management approaches).

Partners who are interested, first of all, need to contact the national COST coordinators to approve the MoU and to nominate the MC members. Later, the WG members are nominated through the MC members. A few but not all Eastern/South Eastern European countries have approved the MoU. For updated information, see http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/fps/Actions/FP1201?parties.

EU FP7 project STAR TREE starting

An EFI-led consortium was successful with the project proposal **STAR TREE “Multipurpose trees and non-wood forest products a challenge and opportunity”**. The objective of the STAR TREE project is to provide better understanding, knowledge, guidance and tools to support stakeholders (e.g., forest owners, resource managers, enterprises, decision makers, other public and private entities) in optimising the management of multi-purpose trees and developing innovative approaches for increasing the marketability and profitability of NWFP for a more competitive rural economy.

The 4-year project is led by Robert Mavsar (EFIMED), a work package on innovation is led by Gerhard Weiss, the dissemination WP by Bernhard Wolfslehner (EFICEEC). The partners come from all European regions and it was possible to involve Eastern Europe partners and case studies: Besides of Latvia (SILAVA) and Romania (Univ. Suceava) also a Western Balkan/Serbian case study will be undertaken. The project starts in November with a Kick-off Meeting in Barcelona.





FAO Report on REVIEW OF FOREST OWNER ORGANISATIONS IN SELECTED EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

The report of the study on forest owners' organizations in selected Eastern European countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Slovakia), done by an EFICEEC partner consortium for FAO was published in the Forestry Policy and Institutions **Working Paper Series - Nr. 30**. The study analyzed the development of forest owner organizations in six Eastern European countries. The report can be downloaded from the FAO document repository at: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/me171e/me171e00.pdf>.

In the wake of this study, a FAO workshop on supporting non-state forestry in South East Europe will be conducted in Skopje, Macedonia, 12–14 November. EFICEEC was invited to present the study

there and will be represented by Bernhard Wolfslehner and Zuzana Sarvasova (NFC Zvolen).



ThinkForest – Policy study & presentation in the European Parliament: European Forest Governance: issues at stake and the way forward

An international team of renowned authors are currently preparing a study on European governance. Three core authors meetings have taken place so far in order to systematically assess knowledge on the status of European governance, its challenges ahead and provide for innovative solutions. The latest was organised in September at the TU München, Germany. The group of authors (including an increasing number of additional experts) is currently preparing the latest draft report that will be reviewed and finalised in January.

Against this background the high-level discussion and information-sharing forum on the future of forests in Europe – ThinkForest (<http://www.thinkforest.efi.int>), led by Mr. Göran Persson and coordinated by the European Forest Institute is organizing an open seminar on **European Forest Governance: Issues**

at Stake and the Way Forward in the European Parliament in Brussels on 9 January 2013 where interim results are presented and discussed with policy-makers and interested parties.



EFI WSS „Making Values Work“ 2013 France-Austria open for application

EFI organizes for the second time a two weeks doctoral school (**Winter-Summer-School**) in social sciences and economics with the specific focus on “sustaining multiple values in managed forests“. The WSS II will take place at two different forest management situations – industrial forests in the Aquitaine region around Bordeaux, France, and Alpine forests in Austria. Students will explore these two forest management types based on different

cultural histories, socio-economic characteristics and environmental conditions. The first week will be from 17 to 22 March 2013, second in September 2013 in Austria.

For more information contact Gerhard Weiss (EFICEEC) or Andreas Schuck (EFICENT). Announcement and application forms will shortly be available at the EFI website (events).





RoK-FOR final conference “Green Growth from Forests – Regions providing innovative solutions for the forest-based sector”

Come and learn about regional research-driven clusters and their forest-based sector activities to unlock the potential of a green growth in the **RoK-FOR final conference** to be held in the Natural Science Museum, Brussels on December 4th. The RoK-FOR project (2010–2013) is financed from EU FP7 Regions of Knowledge programme, and it connects forestry sector with three Lead Market areas: Renewable Energy, Bio-based products and Sustainable Construction. Gerhard Weiss and Alice Ludvig are involved in the project for EFICEEC.

Rok-FOR focuses on selected European cross-border regions to provide innovative solutions for forest-based sectors. The Final Conference will present the project results and share the knowledge gained across Europe.

The conference will come timely to contribute to the discussion about future forest policies in the EU as well as to provide concrete examples of forest-based sector solutions and the regional challenges when striving towards the Europe 2020 targets for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. There will be an active dialogue over the four themes: clusters for innovation; future perspectives for the forest-based products; sustainable forest management fighting climate change, and potentials and challenges of green growth.

For further information and for registrations, please see the conference website at http://www.rokfor.eu/in_english/news_and_events/final_conference/.

Mendel University works together with EFICEEC to involve young scientists in research

The goal of the project is to involve young scientists of the Mendel University in Brno in research activities of EFICEEC. The research will focus on the effect of coppicing on structure, spatial distribution and diversity of forests in central and south-eastern Europe. It aims to assess the impact of the abandonment of coppicing in the last century on forest diversity and also will try to answer a question

whether coppice restoration may help to increase biomass production and, at the same time, protect populations of endangered species in the future under climate change.

For further information please contact Radim Matula, Ph.D (xmatula@node.mendelu.cz).

Upcoming meetings and conferences

- EFISEE office opening event of the EFICEEC-EFISEE Regional office, November 21, 2012, at 10 am, Hotel Turist, Varaždin, Croatia
- FOREST EUROPE International Workshop on Governance and Forest Law Enforcement, 20–21 November 2012, Budapest, Hungary
- FORSYS 2013 – International conference on Decision support systems for Sustainable Forest Management, 24–26 April, 2013, Umeå, Sweden
- World Forests Summit, 5–6 March, 2013; Stockholm, Sweden
- Third International Congress on Planted Forests, 16–21 May 2013; Estoril, Portugal
- Primeval Beech Forests: Reference Systems for the Management and Conservation of Biodiversity, Forest Resources and Ecosystem Services, 2–9 June, 2013; Lviv, Ukraine.

