



## EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE CENTRAL-EAST AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE - EFICEEC-EFISEE

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### EFICEEC - 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>.

### RoK-FORs Final Conference

RoK-FORs Final Conference **“Green Growth from Forests - Regions providing innovative solutions for the forest-based sector”** took place on 4 December 2012, at the Natural Science Museum in Brussels. Rok-FOR focused on selected European cluster regions to provide innovative solutions for forest-based sectors. One of the clusters was on the Croatian-Serbian border, represented by Croatian Forest Research Institute, Institute for Lowland Forestry and Environment (Novi Sad) and other organisations. In the project, EFICEEC (**Gerhard Weiss** and **Alice Ludvig**) was responsible as part of EFI for the mentoring work. As part of the mentoring work, a workshop was held on 3 December with all partners from the involved regions. Among others, future activities and future projects based on the

gained knowledge and interaction during the project were discussed.

For more information please visit project website: [www.rokfor.eu](http://www.rokfor.eu).



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### EFISEE OFFICE OPENING EVENT

On 21 November 2012, the opening event of the EFISEE Office took place in Hotel Turist, Varaždin, Croatia. This event was intended to provide all of the partnering organisation with an introduction to a new avenue for forestry related research, policy advice, networking, supply of information and advocacy in the South East European region. More than 70 participants, in which many distinguished guests, were part of this significant gathering for the region's development.

In the opening session several presentations were given about the goal of this office and its meaning to the region. As part of EFISEE office there are 8 partnering organisations from 6 countries, and each one of them had the chance to present their organisations involvement and interest within the second session. In the afternoon session presentations were given about the forthcoming European Forest research agenda. In parallel sessions participants were engaged in different preparatory activities of projects to be initialized. With this EFISEE office had its fruitful and already successful working start which builds the path for

future beneficial development.

EFICEEC-EFISEE office expresses its appreciation to all the participants of the opening event and looks forward to a fruitful joint cooperation.

For all further information you are more than welcome to contact Mr. Marko Lovrić, EFISEE office Manager, e-mail: [marko.lovric@efi.int](mailto:marko.lovric@efi.int).



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## COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP kick-off meeting

The 1<sup>st</sup> Management Committee (MC) meeting of the COST Action FP1201 “Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Significance for Management and Policy” (FACESMAP) took place on 15 November 2012, at the premises of COST in Brussels. The meeting was intended to establish internal roles within the action and future work plans. The MC elected Gerhard Weiss (AT) as Chair and Anna Lawrence (UK) as Vice Chair of the Action. As the WG leaders were elected: Gun Lidestav (SE), Erlend Nybakk (NO), and Ulrich Schraml (DE); and as Financial Rapporteurs: Gro Follo (NO) and Laszlo Tamas Jager (HU). The coordinators of STSM become Zuzana Sarvasova (SK) and Tine Premrl (SI). FACESMAP will be a great opportunity for all EFICEEC-EFISEE partners to work on a focused topic and meet regularly.

For updated information about the action please visit [www.cost.eu/domains\\_actions/fps/Actions/FP1201](http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/fps/Actions/FP1201) or contact Gerhard Weiss ([gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at](mailto:gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at)).

## STAR TREE kick-off meeting

The STAR TREE Project Kick-off Meeting was held on 21 and 22 November 2012, in Barcelona. It is the largest European project on non-wood forest products (NWFP). An excursion to a local producer and trader of truffles in Catalonia served as a hands-on example for NWFP and underpinned the marketing potential of innovative and competitive forest products and marketing solutions. Over the next 4 years, the STAR TREE project will be active in 14 case studies to demonstrate the full diversity of European NWFP evidence. Some of the regions are: Latvia (LT), Suceva (RO), Styria (AT), Osrednjeslovenska (SI) and a Serbian region (RS) and possibly neighbouring countries. A number of EFICEEC-EFISEE partners from these countries collaborate in the project.

The Work Packages on “Innovation systems and processes” (WG5) and on “Dissemination” (WG6) are led by EFICEEC-EFISEE (**Gerhard Weiss/Bernhard**

Please note:

**2<sup>nd</sup> MC & 1<sup>st</sup> WG meeting of COST Action FP1201 is planned to take place from 22-24 April 2013, in Hungary (Sopron).**



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**Wolfslehner**). The project is coordinated by EFIMED (Robert Mavsar).



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## New section at EFICEEC-EFISEE website – “Open calls”

At EFICEEC-EFISEE website you can now find new section on “Open Calls”. It will be regularly updated with the information on various open calls (e.g. FP7, Biodiversa, MARIE CURIE Actions, Klimafond, ERA-

Net, KBBE, Eureka).

The newest calls you can already now find on: [http://www.eficeec.efi.int/portal/research/open\\_calls/](http://www.eficeec.efi.int/portal/research/open_calls/).







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## FAO Report on SUCCESS CASES AND GOOD PRACTICES IN FOREST OWNERS' ORGANIZATIONS IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

The report of the study on success cases and good practices in forest owners' organizations (FOOs) in Eastern European countries, done by an EFICEEC partner consortium for FAO is available online at: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/017/ap469e/ap469e00.pdf> The objective of this report is to identify success cases and good practices from FOOs in Eastern European countries, based on a set of criteria, and to analyse common factors for success.

The report describes five FOOs from five Eastern European countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Lithuania and Romania) building on a

comprehensive overview published earlier this year (<http://www.fao.org/docrep/016/me171e/me171e00.pdf>).

One of the follow-up activities of these projects was a workshop organized by FAO and Regional Centre for Forestry and Rural Development (REFORD) in Skopje, Macedonia, on 12-14 November 2012, on the topic "Supporting non-state forestry in South East Europe". **Bernhard Wolfslehner** and **Zuzana Sarvašova** (Zvolen, SK) presented the results of the two studies and potential lessons to be learnt for the Western Balkans.

## EUFORINNO – European Forest Research and Innovation

The project EUFORINNO – European Forest Research and Innovation – is a support action within the FP7 Infrastructures programme.

The project has started in October 2012 with Kick-off Meeting in Ljubljana and will enable the Slovenian Forestry Institute (SFI) to increase the scientific excellence. One of the expected outcomes is the integration of excellence within South-East Europe. SFI is the sole applicant, however other most prominent European entities in their respective fields of research, are of crucial support for the project. Building excellence under EUFORINNO will concentrate on techniques to understand forest functioning, focusing on biodiversity and carbon fluxes, and to quantify the impacts of forest management on biodiversity, carbon storage, and the associated mechanisms that regulate these functions. The project consists of an upgrade of equipment,

methodological and technological expertise and human capacities rising through secondments, seminars, workshops, networking and conferences. A great deal of dissemination is planned for the research entities from countries within South-East Europe to participate in project and benefit from the knowledge of SFI.

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## ThinkForest Seminar in the European Parliament

A ThinkForest Seminar on "European Forest Governance - Issues at Stake and the Way Forward" will be held on 9 January 2013 from 13:00-15:30 (location: European Parliament, Brussels, meeting room P7C05).

The strategic objectives of the present event are three-folded: (i) to present and discuss the European architecture of forest-related policies and mechanisms; (ii) to present and discuss the legal, policy and political challenges for forest policy-making in the EU and Pan-Europe; (iii) to present and

discuss potentially innovative approaches to forest policy in the EU and at the Pan-European level.

Policymakers and scientists will discuss the interim results of a report that is being prepared by a number of renowned forest policy scientists.

Please register to the event at: <http://www.efi.int/portal/2652>. A deadline for registration is Friday, 4 January 2013.

Further information you can find on website: <http://www.thinkforest.efi.int>.





## EFICEEC-EFISEE on the road

Beyond the research outputs, we also put effort in communicating EFICEEC-EFISEE activities to the broader audience. Two examples you can find about: a presentation on forestry issues in Central East Europe given at the EFI Annual Conference 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey (<http://www.efi.int/files/attachments/>

[members/ac\\_2012/bernhard\\_wolfslehner\\_ac\\_2012.pdf](http://www.efi.int/files/attachments/publications/efi_news_2_12_final.pdf)), and an article in EFI News on collaboration in the Carpathians ([http://www.efi.int/files/attachments/publications/efi\\_news\\_2\\_12\\_final.pdf](http://www.efi.int/files/attachments/publications/efi_news_2_12_final.pdf), p. 21).

## Upcoming meetings and conferences

- IV International Conference: Strategies on Forest Fire Prevention in the Southern European Forests, 7-9 January 2013; Bordeaux, France.
- COST-FTP Young Researchers Forum 2013, 11 - 14 March 2013, Barcelona, Spain.
- FORSYS 2013 – International conference on Decision support systems for Sustainable Forest Management, 24-26 April, 2013, Umeå, Sweden.

- IV. International Scientific Conference “Forest and Wood Technology and the Environment”, 26-30 May 2013, Brno, CZ.
- Conference: Primeval Beech Forests: Reference Systems for the Management and Conservation of Biodiversity, Forest Resources and Ecosystem Services, 02-09 June, 2013; Lviv, Ukraine.

**Season's Greetings and Best wishes  
for a successful year 2013 !!!**

**The EFICEEC-EFISEE TEAM**

