

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>.

FACESMAP Solsona meeting & Forthcoming meeting in Helsinki

The 2nd joint Management Committee (MC) and Working Group (WG) meeting of COST Action FP1201 (FACESMAP) took place in Solsona (Spain) from 16-18 October 2013, hosted by the Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia (CTFC).

At this meeting around 95 Action participants from 26 countries gathered together to work on the topic of forest land ownership changes. We were happy to welcome also partners of EFICEEC-EFISEE among other participants.

The meeting was dedicated to working on country report structure and a background paper as well as the formation of sub-groups and task-groups. At the meeting, interaction with local stakeholders was organized using a "Travellab" approach. This comprised focused discussions with local stakeholders in the field and workshops with stakeholders in afternoon sessions.



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For more information on the FACESMAP Action please visit: <http://facesmap.boku.ac.at/>

Next MC&WG meeting will take place in Helsinki (Finland) from 14-16 May 2014.

FACESMAP European stakeholder workshop

Within COST Action FP1201 (FACESMAP), a European stakeholder workshop was organized on 11 December 2013 in Rovaniemi (Finland), as a side event of the European Forest Week (Metsä2013). Among the 31 participants, the following organisations were represented: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), The Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF), European State Forest Association (EUSTAFOR), Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations & General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives (Copa Cogeca), European Network of Forest

Enterpreneurs (ENFE), The Forest-based Sector Technology Platform (FTP), The Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI), Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and The Global Partnership for Nature and People (BirdLife). The workshop, "Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Policy and Practice Issues", examined which trends of changing forest ownership are perceived by present stakeholders and different understandings of the phenomenon of "new forest owners". It became clear that the main concern of the stakeholders is providing the market with wood.

European Forest Week 2013, Rovaniemi

The European Forest Week 2013 took place in Rovaniemi from 9–13 December, and was a lively gathering of more than 400 people interested in forests and forestry. Aside from the main body of FAO/UNECE meetings, many side events were scheduled. EFI used the opportunity to present the outcomes of the C&I project in a joint session with Forest Europe and METLA, and to organize a ThinkForest event on forest governance in Russia.

Read more: ThinkForest report from the Russia event: <http://www.thinkforest.efi.int/portal/news/?bid=1448> and C&I session: <http://www.ci-sfm.org/news/46/24/European-Forest-Week-in-Finland.html>.





STARTREE Lisbon meeting & Forthcoming meeting in Styria, Austria

The 3rd StarTree General Assembly (GA) took place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 28–30 October 2013. The meeting was hosted by the Instituto Superior de Agronomia (ISA), and attended by 48 participants.

A state-of-the-art report will be produced by the middle of next year, representing the compiled knowledge and information acquired through StarTree's data collection process in 14 European regions. A field trip was organized in Coruche county, which is described as the world capital of cork, with 50% of the county covered by cork oak. Partners had the opportunity to learn about the non-wood forest products (NWFP) of Alentejo, the StarTree case

study region (CSR) in Portugal. They visited stone pine and cork oak stands and Europe's largest cork mill "Amorim".

The next GA meeting will take place from 1-4 April 2014 in Neuberg an der Mürz; a little village in the midst of the Austrian federal province Styria, another StarTree CSR. The meeting will be hosted by the EFICEEC/BOKU team.

StarTree is financed through the 7th Framework Programme of the EU Commission. For more information on STARTREE see www.star-tree.eu.

C&I report and brochure

The last newsletter reported on the successful Pan-European Forum on Implementing Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management in Vienna. Now the **final C&I report has been published!** It summarizes the analysis of the existing C&I and provides recommendations for the revision of the set to address the future needs of forest reporting and assessment.

Download the report at <http://www.ci-sfm.org/report.html> and find out more from short synthesis brochures in five languages at <http://www.ci-sfm.org/Library/CI-SFM-documents.html>

FOPER Final Conference

The last FOPER II (Forest Policy Economics Education and Research) Research Conference and Steering Committee took place in Zagreb, Croatia on 18–19 November 2013, at Hotel "Tomislavov dom" in Nature Park Medvednica. The event included a Research Conference, FOPER Collaborative Regional Research Teams' (CRRTs) presentations of regional and national projects as well as presentations and posters from some of the FOPER's MSc or PhD research projects. This was followed by a FOPER alumni reception and gala dinner. On the second day there was an open discussion on the

FOPER Project Report and Evaluation Report together with the FOPER Steering Committee. The same day a plenary discussion on the EFICEEC-EFISEE office work plans and future directions was held, where ideas for cooperation opportunities within the existing network were presented. At the end of the event the coordinator of the project Professor Margaret Shannon gave her reflections on lessons learned, successes, and how such programmes could be improved in the future.

For more about FOPER please read: <http://foper.org/>.

BOKU Talent Award

Mrs Ivana Zivojinovic (born Guduric) has been awarded a BOKU Talent Award for her master's thesis "The perception of decision-makers to climate change adaptation in urban and peri-urban forests of Belgrade".

The award is granted by the "Jubiläumsfonds der Stadt Wien für die Universität für Bodenkultur Wien (BOKU)" ("Jubilee Fund of the City of Vienna for the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences"), which represents an acknowledgment of Vienna city on the occasion of the 140th anniversary of the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU). Awards were given to outstanding scientific dissertations and master's theses from all subject areas of BOKU. More information [here](#).



HORIZON 2020 1st call launched

The 1st call of Horizon 2020 was launched on 11 December 2013. Horizon 2020 is the new **EU funding programme for research and innovation** running from 2014 to 2020 with a €70 billion budget, and consists of three pillars: Excellent Science, Industrial Leadership and Societal Challenges. Find out more at: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>.

Let's stay in contact on potential modes of collaboration!

FACESMAP STSM visit at EFICEEC/BOKU

Mr Vladimir Stojanovski from Macedonia was selected to complete a three-month Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) at BOKU University within the FACESMAP COST Action (FP1201). Mr Stojanovski contributed to the Action objectives through work on the country report structure, and advancing his PhD work which focuses on "Forest-related start-ups and innovation in forestry in Macedonia".



European Erasmus Intensive Programme (IP) "Sustain Active", Prague, 2014

The aim of the IP "**Sustain Active: Innovative solutions on the utilization of the natural resources in context of green economy**" is to help students develop their abilities and skills in developing innovation scenarios for natural resources utilisation. The IP course is designed for bachelor and master's students in forestry, wood sciences, agricultural, environmental sciences and related disciplines. Course will be held at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, from 11-23 May 2014. More details and the application find at IP website: www.sustainactive.eu or contact Dr Gerhard Weiss and MSc Ivana Zivojinovic at eficeec@efi.int.

Upcoming meetings and conferences

- International Conference on Economic Evaluation of Forest Management Sustainability, 29-30 May 2014, Kaunas, Lithuania (<http://www.mi.lt/intconf>)
- 17th International Conference: European Forum on Urban Forestry (EFUF), 3 - 7 June 2014, Lausanne, Switzerland (<http://www.efuf2014.org/>).



**Season's Greetings and
Best wishes
for a successful 2014 !!!**

The EFICEEC-EFISEE TEAM