



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>.

COST FP1201 FACESMAP – First Working Group Meeting, 22-24 April 2013, Sopron (HU)

The first joint MC and WG meeting of COST Action FP1201 will take place from 22-24 April 2013, in Hungary (Sopron). The meeting is intended to establish the work plans in each of three working groups and to focus the future steps of the action. The meeting in Sopron will be a good opportunity for all EFICEEC-EFISEE partners to meet and work together.

At the meeting, a strong interaction with stakeholders will be organized (application of a new “Travellab” approach) which will comprise of discussion with stakeholders on site and in a discussion panel.

For information about the action please visit www.cost.eu/domains_actions/fps/Actions/FP1201 or contact Gerhard Weiss (gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at).

EFICEEC Partner Meeting, 25 April 2013, Sopron (HU)

After the COST meeting we use the opportunity to convene for a day's EFICEEC partner meeting in Sopron on 25 April, 2013. There will be a roundup of ongoing activities, a discussion on the outcomes of the EFICEEC mid-term review, and a planning session for the design of the Regional Office in the coming period.

The further collaboration with EFISEE will be an important item on the agenda. The Core Partner Assembly will finally deliberate immanent discussions points. In particular, a scientific event at the end of 2013 needs to be scheduled and planned.

STARTREE General Assembly meeting in Riga

The next General Assembly meeting of the STAR TREE project will be organised by the Latvian partners in Riga, 07 – 10 May, 2013.

The STAR TREE (Multipurpose trees and non-wood forest products for an innovative forestry in rural areas) project consortium consists of 24 partners from 11 countries and 2 international organisations. In the frame of this project, 14 regional case studies will be studied throughout Europe: North Karelia

(Finland), Latvia (Latvia), Lower Saxony (Germany), Styria (Austria), Osrednjeslovenska (Slovenia), Trentino Alto-Adige (Italy), Suceva (Romania), Bursa (Turkey), Wales (United Kingdom), Catalonia (Spain), Casilla y Leon (Spain), Alentejo (Portugal), Serbia-SEE (Serbia) and Scotland (UK).

The project is coordinated by Robert Mavsar, EFIMED (robert.mavsar@efi.int).

THINKFOREST

On 9th of January 2012 a high-level seminar on *'European Forest Governance: Issues at Stake and the Way Forward'* brought together leading forest policy scientists and policy-makers to discuss challenges and options of and for European forest policy. Interim results of a ThinkForest study were presented and discussed in the European Parliament, Brussels. The systematically assessed knowledge

about the achievements, current status and a number of new and innovative ideas on how to alleviate policy problems, were presented at this event. The resulting ideas were taken up by the team of authors during the finalisation of the ThinkForest study. Currently the proof-reading process is on-going and it is expected to be published in the EFI “What Science Can Tell You” book series by end of May 2013.





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EFISEE OFFICE MOVED TO ZAGREB

The EFISEE Office has moved together with the FOPER office from Varaždin to Zagreb starting from 1st of March 2013. The new address of EFISEE and FOPER offices is **Zajčeva 28, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, tel/fax: + 38512431517**. This new location is much more reachable for the regional and local partners and will allow more efficient collaboration. The office is located in the intermediate vicinity from the Faculty of Forestry Zagreb and from the CFRI's Zagreb office, Division for Forest Management and Forest Economics. We are welcoming all of our partners to visit our new premises and we are looking forward to your visit of our new much nicer and modern office space. The conference room as well as the library is at your disposal if you are in a need of meetings or having a science visit or stay in Zagreb.



NEW STAFF MEMBER @ EFISEE

Since 1st of February, EFISEE office has a new employee, **Ms. Antonija Beuk**. Antonija is a young researcher who holds MSc in Forestry from the Faculty of Forestry, University of Zagreb, and is interested in nature protection, ecology and the relation of forestry to society. Antonija has stepped in on the position as a researcher / administrative assistant previously held by Ms. Saša Danon.



Welcome to EFISEE
Antonija!

NEW PARTNER OF EFISEE

In February this year, EFISEE has broadened its network with one more partner and country member, Slovenia. Biotechnical Faculty, Ljubljana University signed a memorandum of understanding to be one more partner in the EFISEE network, which now makes them nine partners within this broader region. We are hoping for a good and productive collaboration with them as well as sharing experience within European context. We are welcoming them warmly within our regional family!



MOUNTFOR

European Forest Institute (EFI) and the Edmund Mach Foundation (FEM) signed the Memorandum of Understanding that launched the newest EFI Project Centre Preserving and Enhancing the Multifunctionality of Mountain Forests -MOUNTFOR.

MOUNTFOR Consortium will be located in San Michelle all'Adige, Italy and FEM will act as the host organisation.

MOUNTFOR aims to provide scientific basis for sustainable management of mountain forests, initiate expertise platforms, define priorities for research

agendas in order to gather mountain forest catchments resistance and resilience to climate change and to harmonize strategies regarding mountain water resources.

EFICEEC-EFISEE Head Bernhard Wolfslehner will be part of the Scientific Steering Committee of MOUNTFOR to ensure coordination with the EFI network activities on mountain forest issues. More information is available from the Coordinator of the Consortium Mr. Roberto Tognetti Università degli Studi del Molise (tognetti@unimol.it)





IPA Adriatic model forest project in the SEE region

Croatian Forest Research Institute CFRI and its Regional Centre in Istria in December last year launched the IPA Adriatic project “Adriatic model forest (AMF)”, with Conference in Motovun, Croatia. The IPA AMF project aim is to implement the model forest concept in the region of South-East Europe through innovative approach that combines social, cultural and economic aspects of forest management and the needs of local communities from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro and Serbia.



IPA AMF Adriatic model forest project is co-financed through the IPA Adriatic Cross-Border Cooperation Program 2007-2013 by the European Union, as part of the pre-accession assistance for the acceding and non-EU member-countries.



More information:

<http://news.efi.int/newsletter/view/efimed-newsletter-february-2013>

More information on the AMF project:

www.sumins.hr/en/

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8th International Interpretative Policy Analysis conference (IPA)

The **8th International Interpretative Policy Analysis conference (IPA)** takes place in Vienna (AT) from 3-5 July 2013 (see <https://ipa2013.univie.ac.at/home/>). It is organized by the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna together with the Life-Science-Governance Research Platform (LSG), the Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW), the Department of social Studies of Science at the University of Vienna and the Institute of Forest, Environmental, and Natural Resource Policy at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU). The main conference theme is: “*Societies in Conflict: Experts, Publics and Democracy*”.

In this annual meeting a special focus is been given to the intersection of policy analysis with Science and Technology Studies (STS). The program includes besides keynote speeches, a set of round table meetings, authors meet critics sessions, methodology workshops and about 66 topical panels that deal with various issues in relation to the conference topic. Besides so-called “practice seminars” where scientists are supposed to interact with politics are organized. **One of those practice seminars will deal with “European Forest Governance” that has been particularly studied by an international team of forest policy analysts in the wake of a ThinkForest study.**

C & I project

The project “Implementing Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management in Europe” coordinated by Hubert Inhaizer (EFICIENT-OEF) is reaching its next stage. The project aims at gaining insight into the merits of the Pan-European C&I so far and challenges ahead. In a sequence of literature study, expert interviews and national queries, a series of regional workshops is planned to round up a

comprehensive quest for information and interaction on C&I. Workshops will be held in Zagreb (26-27 March 2013), Budapest (23-24 April 2013), and Lisbon (20-21 May 2013). EFICEEC-EFISEE supports both research and organisational activities around this project. More details on the project, info on workshop registration, and on the C&I expert page you find at: <http://www.ci-sfm.org/>.





FP7 Project EUFODOS

The FP7 project EUFODOS was initialized within the SPACE call SPA.2010.1.1-01 - "*Stimulating the Development of Downstream GMES Services*". EUFODOS is focusing on the development of operational downstream services on forest degradation issues (like forest fire, storm, snow

brake, insect infestations). The consortium encompasses partners and end users from 6 EC member states. The project has started on 1st January 2011 and ends with 31st December 2013.

More information: <http://www.eufodos.info/node/16>.

Open calls

Wood Wisdom

The 4th Joint Call for Proposals within the WoodWisdom-Net Research Programme is now open. The aim of the call is to support the transformation of the European F-BI and sustainable forest management, to enable it to increase resource efficiency and develop a totally new products scope, while adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Closing date for pre-proposals is 30/04/2013

The Eurostars Programme

Eurostars Programme is a European Joint Programme dedicated to the R&D performing SMEs, and is co-funded by the European Communities.

EUREKA's Eurostars Programme is open until 4/4/2013

4th CASEE Conference: "Food and Biomass Production - Basis for a Sustainable Rural Development", July 1-3, 2013, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Rural areas in Europe and specifically the Danube region are more and more under pressure. Young people try to leave and gather in cities and their vicinity in the hope of better employment chances. The rural areas urgently need economic chances for development. One of the opportunities could be the implementation of the bio-based economy. The value of biomass is steadily increasing – not only food supply but energy and raw materials for industrial production are needed. In the 4th ICA-CASEE

conference we aim at discussing the potentials and options of biomass and food production in the Danube region, aiming at new concepts and technologies, Agricultural intensification alone cannot be the solution. Preserving soil and water resources and their sustainable use is one of the great challenges when increasing biomass production.

Further information: www.ica-casee.eu and <http://casee.agr.hr/>

Upcoming meetings and conferences

- ThinkForest Seminar: "Climate Change in European Forests - How to Adapt", 25 April 2013, Brussels, Belgium.
- EFI Annual conference - EFI 20 Years Science and Policy Forum - "Our forests in the 21st century – ready for risks and opportunities?", 23-27 September 2013, Nancy, France.
- International Interpretive Policy Analysis Conference, 3-5 July 2013, Vienna, Austria.
- Summer School "Russian Forest Governance – issues at stake and way forward", St. Petersburg Forest Technical University (FTU), 8-12 July, 2013, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- "Sustainability Challenge - Technological advancements and other solutions", Scientific Student Conference of the Euroleague for Life Sciences (ELLS), 15 - 16 November 2013, BOKU Vienna, Austria.

