



EFICEEC News

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

news and accomplishments. EFICEEC News will be distributed via email as well as posted at the EFICEEC website:

<http://www.eficeec.efi.int>

Appointment of Ms Maria Geitzenauer

Ms. Maria Geitzenauer started as a PhD student at the EFICEEC on SEP 1, 2010. She conducts research in a project “Beech forests for the future”. Before joining the EFICEEC team,

Mrs. Geitzenauer has worked in development cooperation and training projects in Africa.

The 2nd EFICEEC Partner Meeting in Yundola, Bulgaria

The 2nd EFICEEC partner meeting took place in Yundola, Bulgaria, hosted by the University of Forestry, Sofia. More than 20 participants negotiated on strategy, communication, and dissemination issues in the EFICEEC network, and contributed to the scientific seminar. A foresight exercise was conducted to identify major topics and trends for the coming 10 years in the CEE region.

The outcome of both activities will be documented in official meeting proceedings, a format that will be continued for upcoming EFICEEC meetings. Beyond, a follow-up on the coppice project centre under the umbrella of EFICEEC was framed, and the cooperation formalised between University of Forestry, Sofia and BOKU University, Vienna with EFICEEC in a facilitating role.



EFICEEC Foresight 2020 – Developing a vision for the Central-East European Region

During the EFICEEC partner meeting in Yundola, in December 2010, all EFICEEC core partners were engaged in a foresight event aimed at developing a vision paper for the regional office. The purpose of the “EFICEEC Foresight 2020” was to investigate the role that forests and the forest-based sector will play in the

Central-East European region, especially with regards to the new needs and demand for research and the drivers behind these developments towards the upcoming 10 years. The vision paper will include national and regional visions of research priorities and trends expected until 2020.





EFICEEC Project Spotlight: VOLANTE

VOLANTE, a 4 ½ years FP7-ENV-2010 project, was kicked-off in Wageningen on DEC 6-8, 2010. The projects deals with Visions of Land Use Transitions in Europe, and involves EFI HQ, EFICEEC, and EFIMED as part of the consortium. The EFICEEC team will implement trade-off analysis on the provision of ecosystem services across Europe, and tackle the implications of forest ownership on land use in CEE.

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Conference on New Economic Mechanisms at FAO

The scientific conference forum “Emerging Economic Mechanism: Implications for Forest-Related Policies and Sector Governance” was held parallel to the COFO-World Forestry Week at FAO, Rome, OCT 4-7, 2010. The presentations were generally of high quality and gave a good overview and concrete insights to conceptual approaches and practical experiences with various

economic mechanisms such as payments for environmental services (PES) around the globe. A certain focus was on international mechanisms such as REDD or FLEGT. All contributions are included in the pre-conference proceedings and selected papers will be published in the German Journal of Forest Science.

START-RUBIZ: Starting new enterprise in rural context

The aim of this ERASMUS IP course is to provide students the possibility to develop their abilities and skills in preparing of business plan in rural environment. The IP course is designed for bachelor and master students in forestry, wood sciences and technology, agricultural, environmental sciences and related

disciplines, and will be held at the Savonia University in Iisalmi, Finland MAR 27 – APR 10, 2011.

For further information visit: www.start-rubiz.sk

INNO NATOUR: Innovation in Nature Based Tourism Services

INNO NATOUR, an intensive ERASMUS IP course, is designed for undergraduate and postgraduate students in the field of business, tourism, and environmental sciences and related disciplines. The course will bring together students from six European countries: Finland, Italy, Austria, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania. The

intensive course will be held at the Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Romania MAY 16 – 27, 2011.

For more information visit: www.innonatour.usv.ro



On behalf of the whole EFICEEC team, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Prosperous Year 2011!

