



EFICEEC - EFISEE News

EFICEEC-EFISEE News is 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](#).

FACESMAP COST Action – 5th MC&WG meeting & Workshop with CEPF

The Croatian Forest Research Institute, the EFISEE office and the Faculty of Forestry/University of Zagreb organised the FACESMAP COST Action meeting from 8–10 June 2015 in Zagreb (Croatia).

On the first meeting day, the participants of the training school in Umeå had the opportunity to present their work in a poster session. The rest of the meeting day was dedicated to sub-groups and task-groups work.

In the frame of the “Travellab” activities, a field trip and a regional stakeholder workshop (“carousel”) was organised on the second day. In the field trip close to Varaždin, the participants learnt about private forestry and the challenging process of restitution during the transition time and afterwards.

FACESMAP participants and CEPF members as the audience to foster joint learning and exchange.



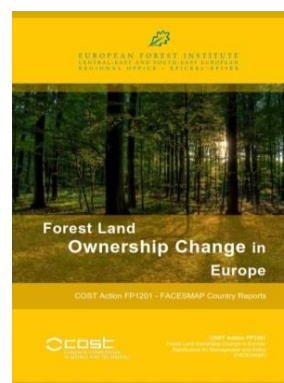
Photo: Ivana Zivojinovic

As a part of the work within the COST Action FACESMAP, country reports were produced, focusing on forest ownership changes in the Action’s participating countries. The **COUNTRY REPORTS** are now available online at the **Action’s website**. Please find them [here](#). The Joint Volume of all country reports will follow soon.



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As part of the meeting, a **joint workshop with the Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF)** was organised on 10 June. The aim of the workshop was to discuss the preliminary results of the COST Action FACESMAP with relevant stakeholders from policy and practice (representatives of the national private forest associations, as well as representatives of forestry authorities) across Europe, e.g. from Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, Estonia and other European regions. The lively discussion was attended by the



3rd call for short term scientific missions (STSM) within the COST Action FACESMAP is open! Deadline for the applications is 1 September 2015. More information on the application process find [here](#).

More information on the Action can be found at the [FACESMAP webpage](#), or contact Action Chair [Dr Gerhard Weiss](#).



FACESMAP COST Action Training School 2015

The **Cost Action FP1201 FACESMAP Training School on Qualitative and Mixed Research Methods** was organised from 4–8 May 2015 in Umeå, Sweden. The training school served also as an official PhD course at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). FACESMAP granted participation for 12 trainees, and 4 additional PhD students took part in the school. Participants were from 10 different countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Serbia, Italy, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Romania, and Poland).

This course provided trainees with skills on how to conduct qualitative research in forest resource management relevant to the transformation of forest land ownership in Europe and its significance for management and policy. The course covered a variety of qualitative methods for data collection, analysis by manual and software use, and interpretation in a cross-country comparison context. Particular focus was given to research interviews, focus groups, innovative methods

supporting researchers learning from stakeholder's interaction (e.g., the COST Action "Travellab"), construction of typologies, research ethics and how to reflect critically on research and sources used.

The participants found the TS very valuable for their work. Many thanks to Gun Lidestav, the local organiser from SLU!



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The 6th StarTree General Assembly meeting in Joensuu

The **6th StarTree General Assembly (GA) meeting** was held from 11 – 13 May in Joensuu, Finland.

Apart from the regular work in a StarTree GA, the field trip and Knowledge Exchange Event, brought the partners to Lehmo birch plantation, Heinävaara forest, Parppeinpirtti for the market place and the Hermanni winery, before winding up with a very pleasant sauna and dinner at Vainoniemi Villa, hosted by the Regional Council of North Karelia.

In the following period, the project will focus on dissemination activities, including scientific publications and a broad range of StarTree dissemination products. Brainstorming sessions among Consortium members over the course of the 6th GA meeting generated many ideas and

questions to be followed up in the next months. More information on this meeting and the StarTree project please find [here](#).



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EFICEEC-EFISEE Head of Office elected for S4C Scientific Steering committee

Bernhard Wolfslehner, EFICEEC-EFISEE Head of Office, has been elected as a member of the S4C Scientific Steering Committee during the meeting on 26 May 2015 in Nitra, Slovakia. S4C – Science for

the Carpathians – connects scientists in Central Europe, defines research priorities for the region and enhances international collaboration with partners from outside the Carpathians. More information [here](#).





COST TN 1401 CAPABAL training school in Ljubljana

From 26–29 May 2015, the **second COST Targeted Network (TN) 1401 CAPABAL Training School** was held at the Biotechnical faculty in Ljubljana. The session called **“Research design: A focus on DELPHI method and Social Network Analysis”** was focused on the newest research design with emphasis on research methods in social science. The participants had an opportunity to listen to Prof Dr Davide Pettenella and Dr Riccardo Da Re (University of Padua), Dr Marko Lovrić (European Forest Institute) and Prof Dr Margaret Shannon (SUNNY Buffalo Law School and University of Freiburg). The COST Action CAPABAL approved all together 18 grants for young researchers and PhD students, who were introduced into the theoretical part on research design, preparation of research synopsis and Delphi method, etc., but also with a practical application of social network analysis program package - UCINET.

2nd call for STSM applications within the COST TN 1401 CAPABAL is open! The deadline for the second call is July 8 2015. Further information on the Action is available [here](#).

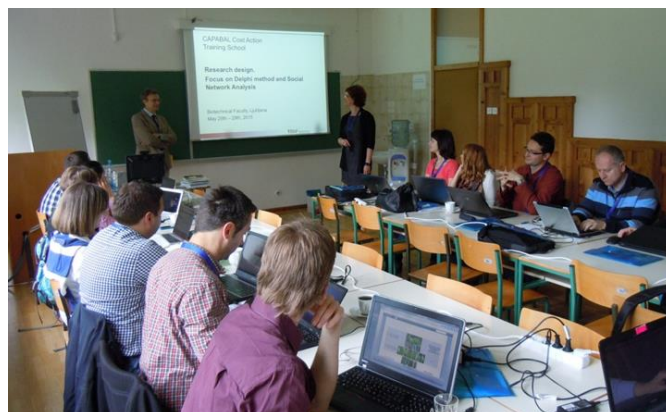


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Presentation on the role of green infrastructure in climate change adaptation

Silvija Krajer Ostoić was invited to give a presentation on the role of green infrastructure in the adaptation to climate change at the workshop organised in Zagreb, on 18 May 2015, within the frame of the project CROADAPT2 ('Croatia on the way to its climate adaptation strategy'). The goal of the project is to provide inputs for Croatian Strategy on Climate Change Adaptation. The project

coordinator of the Regional Environmental Center (REC) Croatia acting on behalf of the Croatian Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection invited stakeholders and professionals from the city of Zagreb, Zagreb County and Sisačko-Moslavačka County to give presentations and inputs for the strategy that is expected to be issued by 2017.

United Nations Forum on Forests continues

The **11th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)** took place in New York, UN Headquarter from 4–15 May 2015. Its main objectives were two-folded: on the one side delegates aimed at developing a ministerial declaration to be adopted by the ministers during the high level segment and on the other side they wanted to develop and adopt a resolution that describes the future objectives, functions and working modalities of the international arrangement on forests (IAF).

Delegates finally agreed that UNFF meetings will be held again annually, dedicating alternate years especially at implementation activities to improve knowledge sharing and also develop best practices. It was also decided to develop a strategic plan for the

period 2017–2030. In this regards the mission and visions for the future shall be developed, roles of actors are to be identified, and finally a review framework and a communication strategy shall be devised.

The UNFF Secretariat has provided a more elaborated outcome fact sheet that is accessible at <http://www.un.org/esa/forests/news/2015/06/unff11-fact-sheet/index.html>.

While the strategic plan will be developed during 2016, the next official UNFF Session will be held in 2017.





Regional Journal presentation: Lesnícky časopis – Forestry Journal

Lesnícky časopis – Forestry Journal has been published by the Forest Research Institute in Zvolen, a professional body continuing in nearly 120-year-old tradition of forestry research on the territory of Slovakia. Currently, the Journal is published quarterly by the National Forest Centre – Forest Research Institute in Zvolen (Slovakia) and the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague (the Czech Republic).

The Journal focuses on forestry issues relevant for Europe, primarily for Central European regions. The journal's Editorial Board contains experts from five countries and ten professional and academic institutions.

The Journal publishes new scientific knowledge generated by basic and applied research in forestry but also in related fields. Scientific and professional papers on forest ecology, management planning, protection, monitoring, economics, silviculture, game management and forest use in landscape management are welcome.

The Journal continuously invites new papers presenting original research.

Additionally to the printed version, the Journal is also published through the electronic publisher MetaPress, and the journal's website managed and evaluated by De Gruyter Open.

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Upcoming meetings and conferences

- ARANGE Conference “Mountain Forest Management in a Changing World”, 7–9 July 2015, Smokovce, High Tatra Mountains, Slovakia
- EUFORINNO conference “EUropean FOrest Research and INNOvation Area”, 31 August – 4 September 2015, Rogla, Slovenia
- XIV FAO World Forestry Congress, 7–11 September 2015. Durban, South Africa
- The X International Conference “Man-City-Nature” - Integrated development of cities and regions: local and regional perspective, 12–13 October 2015, Toruń, Poland
- EFI 2015 Annual Conference and the Seminar “Forest policy research from theory to practice”, 30 September – 2 October 2015, Saint-Petersburg, Russia

