



## 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>.

## EFI Annual Conference, 23–27 September, Nancy, France

EFI celebrated its **20th anniversary** in Nancy, France, **23–27 September, 2013**. Following the EFI Board and the Scientific Advisory Board meetings, the Annual Conference made a positive decision on the continuation of EFICEEC, recommending further collaboration with EFISEE. The Scientific Seminar focused on risk in forestry, preparing for the activities of the upcoming EFI Risk Facility. As always, meeting and greeting so many partners and familiar faces added value to this yearly convention.

See: <http://www.efi.int/portal/efi20years/ac2013/>



EFI Annual Conference 2013 group photo by ©INRA/Ch. Maitre

## C&I Forum, 8–9 October, Vienna, Austria

More than 70 participants gathered at BOKU University Vienna, 8–9 October, 2013 to discuss the merits and future development of the **Pan-European Criteria & Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management**. The meeting constituted the last exchange with C&I experts before the finalization of an evaluation project, led by EFICIENT and with major contribution of EFICEEC, by end of the year. 10 years after the adoption of the revised C&I set at the 3rd Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, a critical review and recommendations for revision of the C&I set were debated.

The results of the project shall be taken up by the Forest Europe process. See: C&I project website [ci-sfm.org](http://ci-sfm.org).



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## What Science Can Tell Us 2 – European Governance study and ThinkForest policy brief out now

The European Governance study, initiated by the ThinkForest platform and funded by the German Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, has been published in the EFI “What Science Can Tell Us” series. In addition, a ThinkForest Policy Brief has been prepared.

In 2012–2013, an international group of researchers systematically assessed forest governance in the European Union and in Europe at large.

Besides describing main policy achievements, the study also uncovers five challenges. In response to this governance approaches applied elsewhere are critically

reviewed. Finally the study identifies systematically multiple solution paths and three future action scenarios Both publications are available for download at <http://www.thinkforest.efi.int/portal/news/?bid=1332> .





## Forest Policy and Innovation database

The Forest Innovation Database being developed by EFICEEC is actively collecting interesting cases of innovations, affecting the forest-based sector in Europe.

The Database is a growing collection of information related to innovations in the forest-based sectors, of relevance to European practitioners, researchers and forestry students. Cases are real life examples across a broad range of forestry related enterprises mostly within Europe, but also a few from outside of Europe that maybe be of interest to database users like yourself. Individual cases will have varied levels of content and detail available.

The Database is a free, online resource for anyone who wants to explore European Forest Policy and Innovation. To gain access and to start using the Database you will have to create an account. You can start searching both the forest policy database and the forest innovation database at:

<http://policydatabase.boku.ac.at/>

Please visit the Database, try it and give us feedback ([eficeec@efi.int](mailto:eficeec@efi.int))!

## 2nd week of EFI Winter Summer School, 30 September–5 October, Austria

Over 25 students and teachers gathered at Schloss Pichl, Austria for the **2nd week of EFI Winter and Summer School** (EFI WSS). Participants represented 14 countries ranging from Belarus and Ukraine to the Azores, from Egypt and Greece to Lithuania.

The group started with a field trip to a local farm and sites assigned as protection forests. During the visit, students had the opportunity to learn about multiple-use and values of forest resources. Discussion with various stakeholders provided insights into decision making processes, conflicts and negotiations related to the forest management.

In the following days, invited speakers gave inputs in the morning sessions, while in the afternoon students continued group works on their topics of interest, and

discussed in world cafés with invited stakeholders from the region.

The outcome of the two weeks of EFI WSS will be presented as student posters and papers on their topics of interests.



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## FACESMAP Training School on “Stakeholder interaction”, 13–15 October, Spain

At the 1st Joint Meeting of FACESMAP in Sopron, Hungary, participants were introduced to the idea of ‘Travellab’. Travellab is a new approach for stakeholder interaction employed in the COST Action FACESMAP. It refers to the joint learning processes arising from facilitated stakeholder interactions both during Working Group meetings, and particularly during field visits.

In Solsona, a Training School on “Stakeholder interaction” was organized to draw on this experience and to develop skills, competences and understanding on stakeholder interaction.

We were happy to welcome also partners of EFICEEC-EFISEE among other participants.

**European Stakeholder workshop** in frame of FACESMAP will be organized as a part of European Forest Week in Rovaniemi (Finland), on **11 December**. Workshop will be organized as side event on “Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Policy and Practice Issues”.

We hope that representatives from many governments and interest groups will take part in this event. Please distribute this information to all interested parties, especially to national ministries and organisations. More information you can find at: [http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/meetings/20131209/Parallel\\_and\\_Side\\_Event\\_7\\_October.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/meetings/20131209/Parallel_and_Side_Event_7_October.pdf) (page 4), <http://www.unece.org/forests/metsa2013.html>, or contact Dr Gerhard Weiss ([Gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at](mailto:Gerhard.weiss@boku.ac.at)).



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## Publication – FAO “Climate Change Guidelines for Forest Managers”

“Climate Change Guidelines for Forest Managers” has been published by FAO. The report results from a series of experts meetings and case study applications and summarises forest management aspects of climate change on a generic level. EFI was represented by Bernhard Wolfslehner.

Find out more at:

<http://www.fao.org/docrep/018/i3383e/i3383e.pdf>



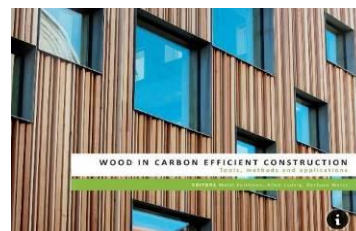
## ECO2 publication: Wood in Carbon Efficient Construction

Matti Kuittinen (Aalto University, Finland), Alice Ludvig and Gerhard Weiss (both EFICEEC/BOKU Vienna) are editors of a new book “Wood in Carbon Efficient Construction: tools, methods and applications”.

The book presents the results from the Wood Wisdom Net-Project “ECO2” ([www.eco2wood.com](http://www.eco2wood.com)). It deals with measuring the carbon efficiency of wooden buildings under consideration of their full life cycle.

The book can be downloaded from:

[http://issuu.com/eco2book/docs/eco2\\_book](http://issuu.com/eco2book/docs/eco2_book).



## Results of the FP 7 EUFODOS Project

For the effective identification of various forest damage and for an operational derivation of forest parameters, GMES Down Stream services were developed within the three-year-project EUFODOS (2011–2013).

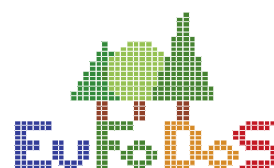
EUFODOS focuses on the development of services for the survey of forest damage and the investigation of forest parameters to be used for economic assessments or targeted management of protective forests. These services comprise, for instance, a rush service on storm damage assessment, a more detailed non-rush service damage assessment, an insect damage assessment or a change detection assessment.

As an outcome of the EUFODOS results, it is envisaged to install a Pan-European Forest Monitoring Service as a regular mapping service in order to provide

information on damage in forests for all European member states using a uniform approach. This can be considered as complementary to the planned EFI European Forest Risk Facility (FRISK).

Additional information: [www.eufodos.info](http://www.eufodos.info)

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## Upcoming meetings and conferences

• Metsä2013 Joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission, 9–13 December 2013, Rovaniemi, Finland.

• International conference “Non-Wood Forest Products, Health and Well-being”, 12–13 November 2013, Hotel Korpilampi, Espoo, Finland.

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