



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>

EFICEEC-EFISEE Annual meeting postponed till February 2015!

Dear EFICEEC-EFISEE partners, due to unseen circumstances we have to postpone the next EFICEEC-EFISEE Annual Meeting in Vienna to the second week (9-13) of February 2015. We hope this does not cause any inconvenience and we will share more information briefly.

EFI 2014 Annual Conference in Bilbao

The EFI Annual Conference (AC) 2014 in Bilbao, Spain approved the Austrian application to host the **AC 2016 in Vienna**. It will be jointly organized by BOKU and BfW (Austrian Research Centre for Forests).

The 21st Annual Conference was held in **Bilbao, the European Forest City 2014**, and the recent developments within EFI were discussed in a new interactive modus. In addition, a seminar on the future of bioeconomy in Europe was held in a panel set-up.

More information about conference find [here](#).



Annual Conference 2014 group photo
(photo by Inigo Sierra Gomez)

EFICEEC young scientist presented PhD at the EFI Annual Conference 2014

The Young Scientists Session "Building the future" was introduced as a new programme point at the EFI Annual Conference. The aim is to connect young European forest scientists with their peers and senior scientists. Young researchers were invited to present their recent work. The winning candidates had been selected according to scientific innovation, policy relevance and interdisciplinary nature of their work. From the EFICEECnetwork, **Zuzana Dobsinska** from the **Technical University in Zvolen** was selected and granted financial support. The topic of her presentation was "[Coordination by hierarchy and networks in policies relevant for the forestry sector: actors, relations, processes addressing cross-sectoral relations in forest policy](#)".



Winning candidates, Zuzana Dobsinska in the middle (photo by Maria Jalavisto, EFI)





COST Action FACESMAP meeting in Freiburg

The 4th Working Group (WG) meeting with Travellab of COST Action FP1201 (FACESMAP) took place in Freiburg, Germany from 15-17 September 2014, hosted by the University of Freiburg, Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources.

Around 60 participants from 29 countries gathered 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 mainly dedicated to the work of the sub-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. Visit to the Black Forest (Schwarzwald) was organised on the first day of the meeting.



Travellab (photo by Ivana Zivojinovic, EFICEEC)

The **next meeting** will take place on **8-10 June 2015 in Zagreb, Croatia**. The next training school on "Qualitative methods" will take place in spring 2015 in Umeå, Sweden (dates to be announced), and also many sub-group and task-group meetings will be organised in 2015.

For more information, visit the FACESMAP Action [website](#).

Summary of C&I development in Europe

Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management are attracting increasing attention these days. There are several processes ongoing: (i) a working group on indicators by the European Commission following the new Forest Strategy, (ii) further work on the Pan-European indicators in the context of Forest Europe, and (iii) a global project on SFM indicators run by FAO.

Following and integrating the experiences and results of the EFI C&I project (<http://www.ci-sfm.org/>), EFICEEC experts have been invited to all these activities. First outputs are expected for 2015, we keep you updated!

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COST Targeted Network CAPABAL kicked off

The kick-off of the new **COST Action CAPABAL TN1401** took place in Zagreb on 2nd October 2014. CAPABAL (**Capacity Building in Forest Policy and Governance in Western Balkan Region**) is a targeted network aiming at capacity building in forest policy and governance in the Western Balkan region. The Croatian Forest Research Institute will act as a grant holder and Dr. Dijana Vuletić, Director of the Institute, is appointed as a Chair of the Action. Bernhard Wolfslehner (EFICEEC Head of office) and Silvija Krajter Ostoić (EFISEE office Coordinator) are appointed as dissemination task force.

So far 12 countries accepted the Memorandum of Understanding (Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia). However, we are still interested in additional partners to join. Further information is available [here](#).



CAPABAL kick-off meeting participants (photo by Silvija Krajter Ostoić, EFISEE)





EFICEEC-EFISEE @ IUFRO World Congress 2014

The XXIV IUFRO World Congress will be held from 5-11 October 2014 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. From the EFICEEC-EFISEE team, Helga Pülzl and Ivana Zivojinovic are participating. In total, there are five presentations with contributions of the team, and for sure many more of our partners.

Helga Pülzl and **Karl Hognl**: “**Rethinking forest governance in Europe: beyond multi-budgeting**” at the session: A-31 Forest policy science: from rational choice to discourse, from local level forest owners to a global learning architecture, Room: 150 B, Saturday 11 October, 8-10:30.

Helga Pülzl: “**Same-same, but different - bioeconomy and forests**” at the side event on the special issue of the Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research on bio-based economy, Thursday 9 October, 19-21.

Manfred Lexer, **Bernhard Wolfslehner** et al: “**Current and future provision of Ecosystem Services in European mountain forests**” at the session B-01: The Future of Ecosystem Services from forests, Room: 150 D, Saturday 11 October, 8-10:30.

Publications

Pretzsch, H., Biber, P., Schütze, G., Uhl, E., & Rötzer, T. (2014): Forest stand growth dynamics in Central Europe have accelerated since 1870. *Nature Communications*, 5 (4967). doi:10.1038/ncomms5967

Pulzl, H; Kleinschmit, D; Arts, B (2014): Bioeconomy - an emerging meta-discourse affecting forest discourses? *SCAND J FOREST RES.* 2014; 29(4): 386-393.

Upcoming meetings and conferences

- ThinkForest event “Forests and the bioeconomy: future steps”, 13 November 2014, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
- 72nd session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry, 18-21 November 2014, Kazan, Russia
- International Conference "Natural Resources, Green Technology and Sustainable Development", Zagreb, 26-28 November 2014
- Young Leadership Programme on the Russian Forest Sector, 15-19 December 2014, Joensuu, Finland
- International Online Conference “Economics of Climate Change Mitigation Options in the Forestry Sector”, 6-27 February 2015

