



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>

Annual meeting

Krtiny Castle, close to Brno, Czech Republic, was to host the EFICEEC network for the Annual Meeting 2011. EFICEEC is now one year old, an opportunity to look back on an eventful year. Some 64 participants followed the invitation to contribute to discussing coming challenges for EFICEEC. In addition, Ilpo Tikkanen, Head of EFI Programme Policy and Governance, gave a brief information about coming changes in EFI concerning strategies and EU facilities (e.g., FLEGT, REDD).

After the plenary session complimented by three external speakers, Prof. Marek from Mendel University, Prof. Parente from University of Udine, and Prof. Hector from University of Zurich, the rest of the day was dedicated to foresight and exchange on common visions (see below).

The very intense and constructive first day was followed by the partner meeting for the coming two days. The focus was on upcoming joint activities in key EFICEEC research areas such as forest ownership in CEE, mountain forests, coppice forest, and climate change adaptation.

EFICEEC meetings should not only become notorious for working, but also as opportunities for networking and exchange. In this respect, an excursion through some of Moravia's forests served as perfect asset to leave the meeting rooms for at least some hours, completed by a campfire in one of the training forests.

We thank all participants for their dedication and active participation and give a big hug to our local organisers from Mendel University in Brno!



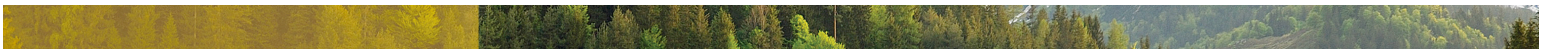
Picture: EFICEEC excursion

EFICEEC Foresight – Creating a Vision for 2020

During its first 2011 Annual Meeting in Brno, Czech Republic, EFICEEC conducted a foresight session with its core partners and invited guests. The aim of the EFICEEC foresight session – creating a vision for 2020 – will be to develop a vision paper that include national and regional visions of

strategic research priorities and trends for the whole Central-East European region and EFICEEC for the upcoming 10 years.

Input from the foresight session will be utilized to write up a draft vision paper in the upcoming





weeks. All partners and participants from the session will be invited to contribute to the draft vision that will be circulated. More information on this process will shortly be available on the EFICEEC website.

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EFICEEC project spotlight: Wood in Carbon Efficient Construction, €CO₂ (2010-2013)

The research project €CO₂ is financed under the ERA-net Programme WoodWisdomNet, with partners from Finland, Sweden, Germany and Austria. The project objectives are to create a holistic understanding of carbon efficiency in the full life-cycle of a building, to define the technical potential and obstacles for the use of wood in carbon efficient construction, and to develop practical solutions for calculating and optimising the carbon footprint of different wood construction systems. EFICEEC's main mission in the project is the dissemination to relevant stakeholders with a specific reference to EU and national level policy and standardisation processes. On the basis of an innovation system analysis, a dissemination strategy and tools are developed for the project.

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The situation of young researchers in CEE

Nine young researchers from six countries participated in the workshop on the situation of young forestry researchers in the CEE region. The aim of the workshop was to derive actions in order to support young researchers in their study and carrier development, to be included in the EFICEEC vision for the sector.

On the basis of a SWOT-analysis of the current situation of young researchers in the forestry sector, the emerging topics were clustered into four

prominent themes: i) the importance of international cooperation and mobility, ii) the factors for the students' motivation and interest in forest-related research, iii) the expertise and research facilities of their home institutions, as well as iv) the role of new forest-based products and services. For each theme, the participants defined appropriate actions, which can either be dealt with by themselves, by policies, by the institutions or by EFICEEC.

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- Joensuu Forestry Networking Week 2011: Forests and Energy, Joensuu, Finland, 22-27 MAY 2011
- Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

- to the Carpathian Convention (COP3), Bratislava, Slovak Republic, MAY 25 - 27,
- EFI Annual Conference, Uppsala, Sweden, SEP 28 -30, 2011

