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# The succes story of EFI and the role of Regional offices in the implementation of the EFI Strategy

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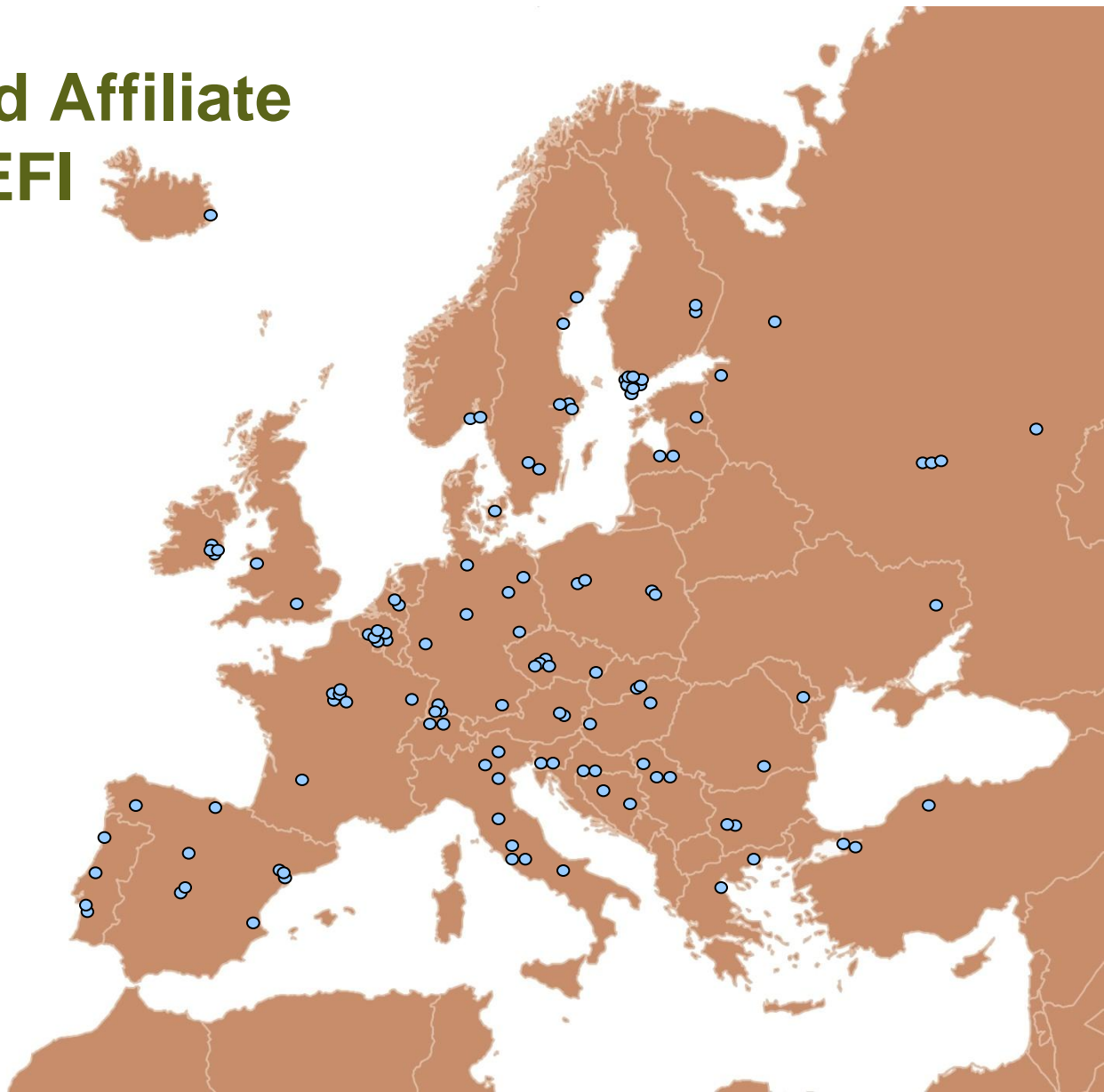
# Associate and Affiliate Members of EFI

EFI has 131 member organisations in 36 countries (May 2012)

Affiliate Members (outside Europe)

- Canada 
- Japan 
- United States   

Active members can benefit more !





## Finnish Association 1993–2005

## International Organisation 2005–

### ● Member Countries 2011

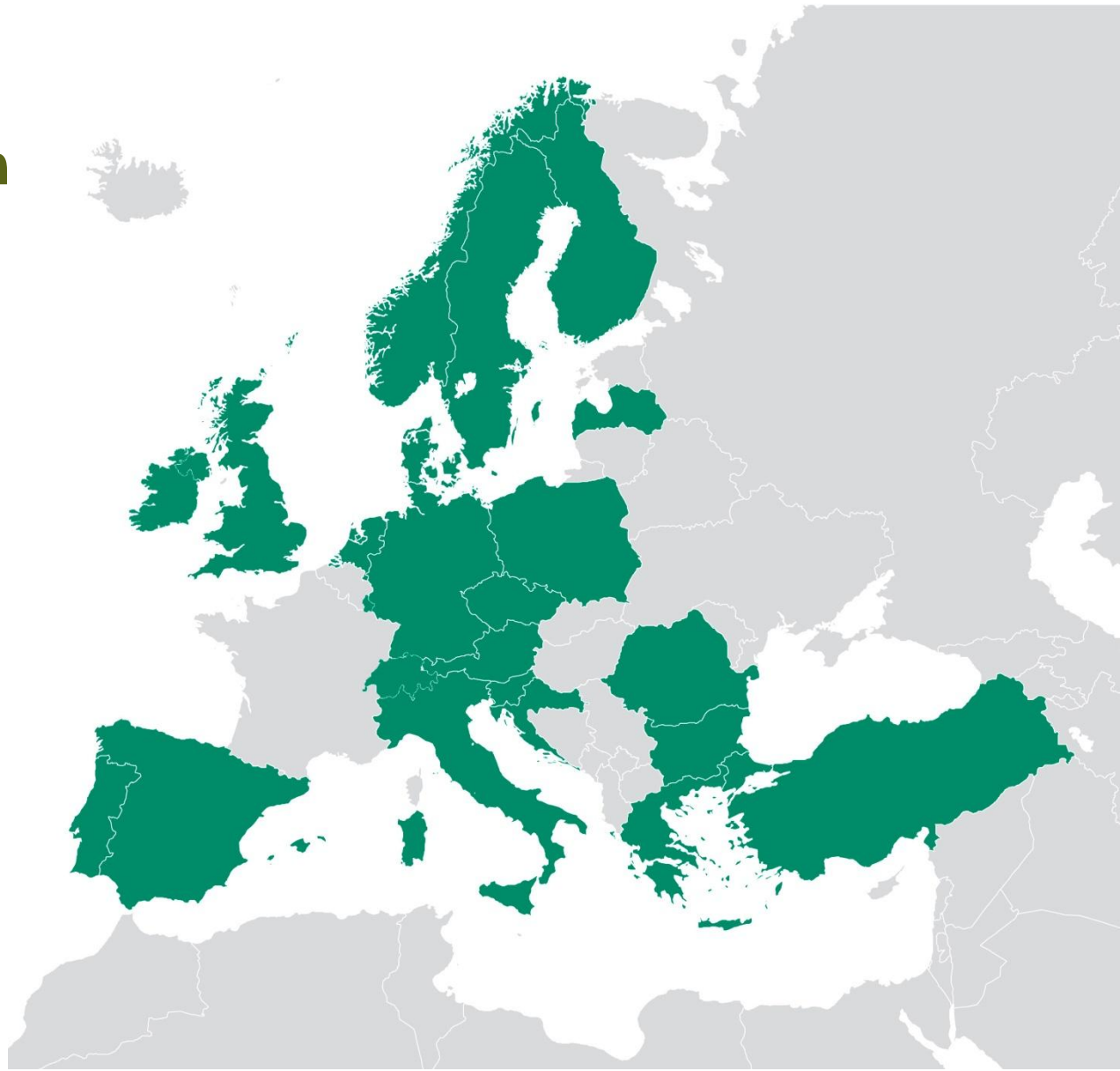
Chaired by:

Finland 2005–2008

Spain 2008–2011

Croatia 2011–2014

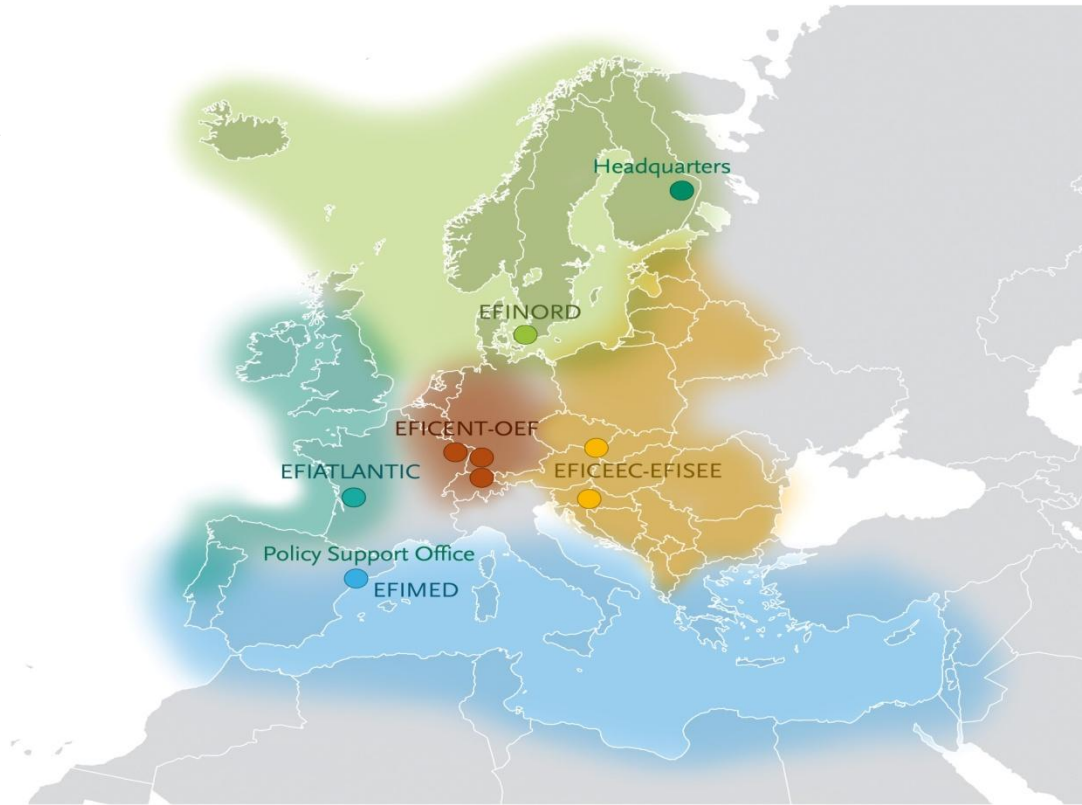
Austria 2014–2017





## Regional Offices 2007–

- Funded by Member Countries or member organisations,
- to strengthen EFI's network,
- activities consistent with the EFI Strategy,
- integral parts of the Institute.





# Regional Offices: Benefits

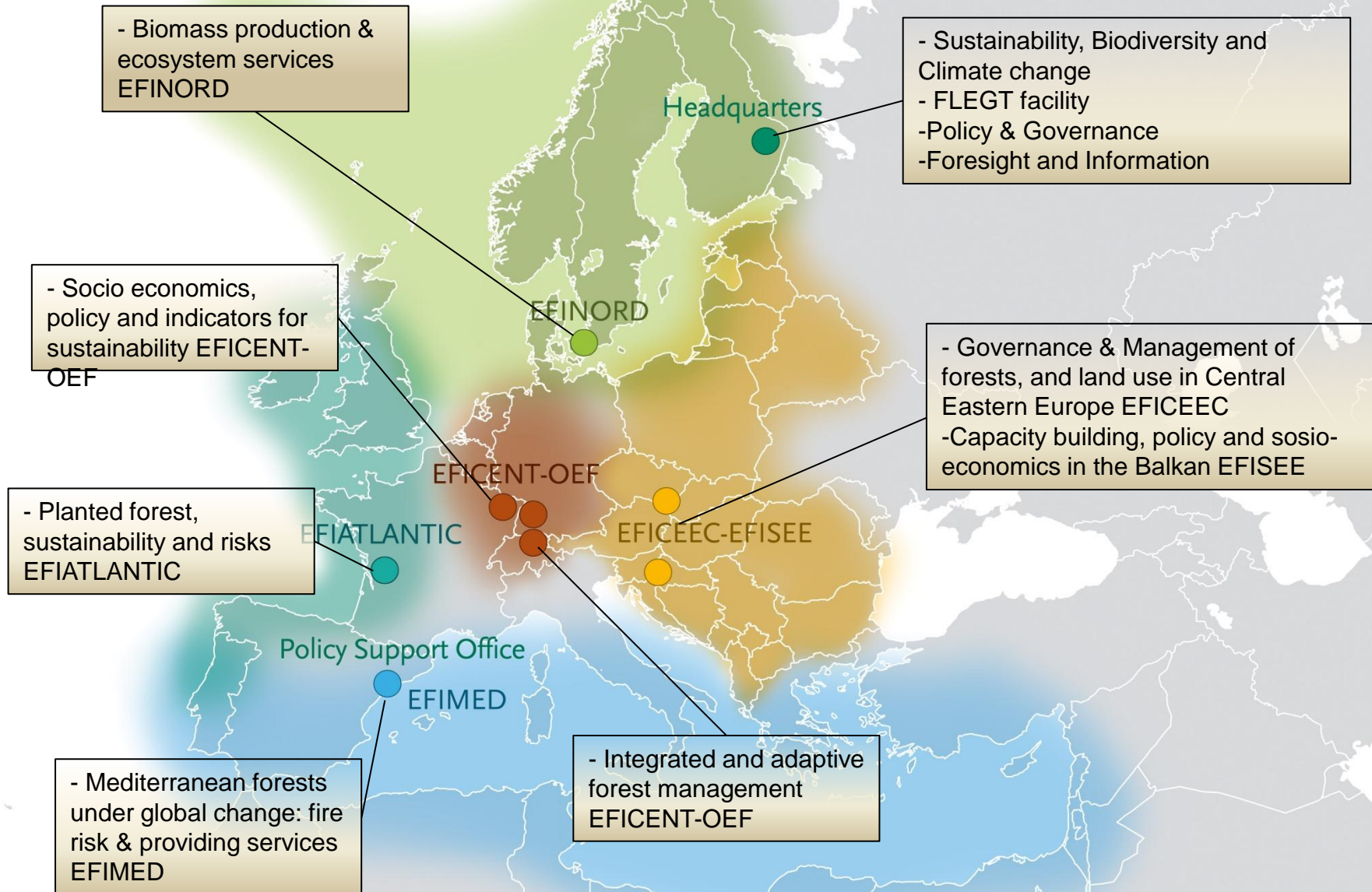
- Regional offices can provide a platform for implementing the goals and principles of the European Research Area in the field of forest research.
- They allow the regions to benefit from EFI's pan-European network and research expertise.
- They help regional experts, institutions and governments to address issues of importance for their regions in a European context.



## Regional Offices: Benefits

- pool financial and other resources for tackling important issues.
- reduce the fragmentation of research structures.
- increase the effectiveness of the participating institutes through co-ordinated collaboration.
- allow EFI to be more visibly present in Europe's regions.

# Research: specialization in Regional Offices





- ⑩ Project Centers 2000-  
New Mountain Forest, Italy
- ⑩ Liaison Office in Brussels to be established  
2012
- ⑩ Project Offices  
Flegt Asia in Kuala Lumpur





# Barcelona office – Host Country Agreement (HCA) signed in July 2011





**ThinkForest:**

**A high-level science-policy forum**

**EFI-EU FLEGT FACILITY**

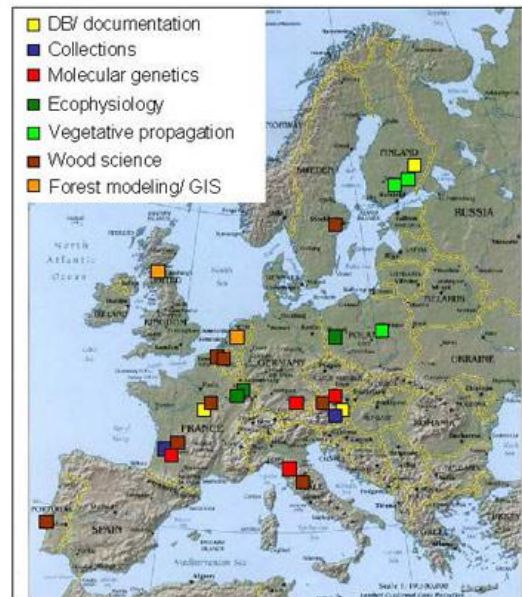
**EFI-EU REDD FACILITY**



# Research infrastructures



Provides access to research facilities across Europe, and improves and links these



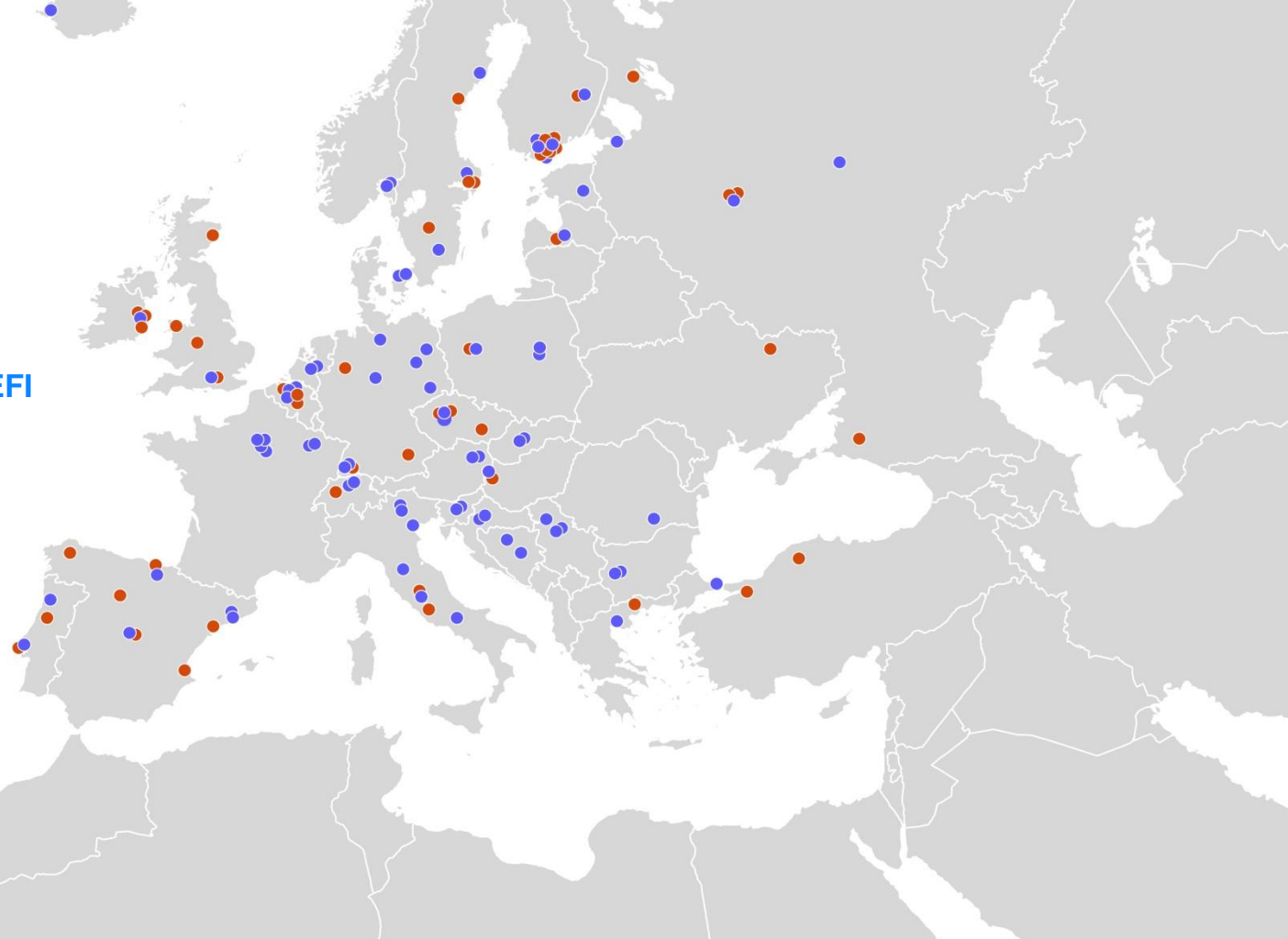
Foresterra:

ERA-NET around Mediterranean forest issues





# Participation of EFI Associate and Affiliate Members in EFI research projects in 2011 and 2012



**Member organisations participating in one or more EFI projects = 76**

**Member organisations NOT involved in EFI projects = 54**

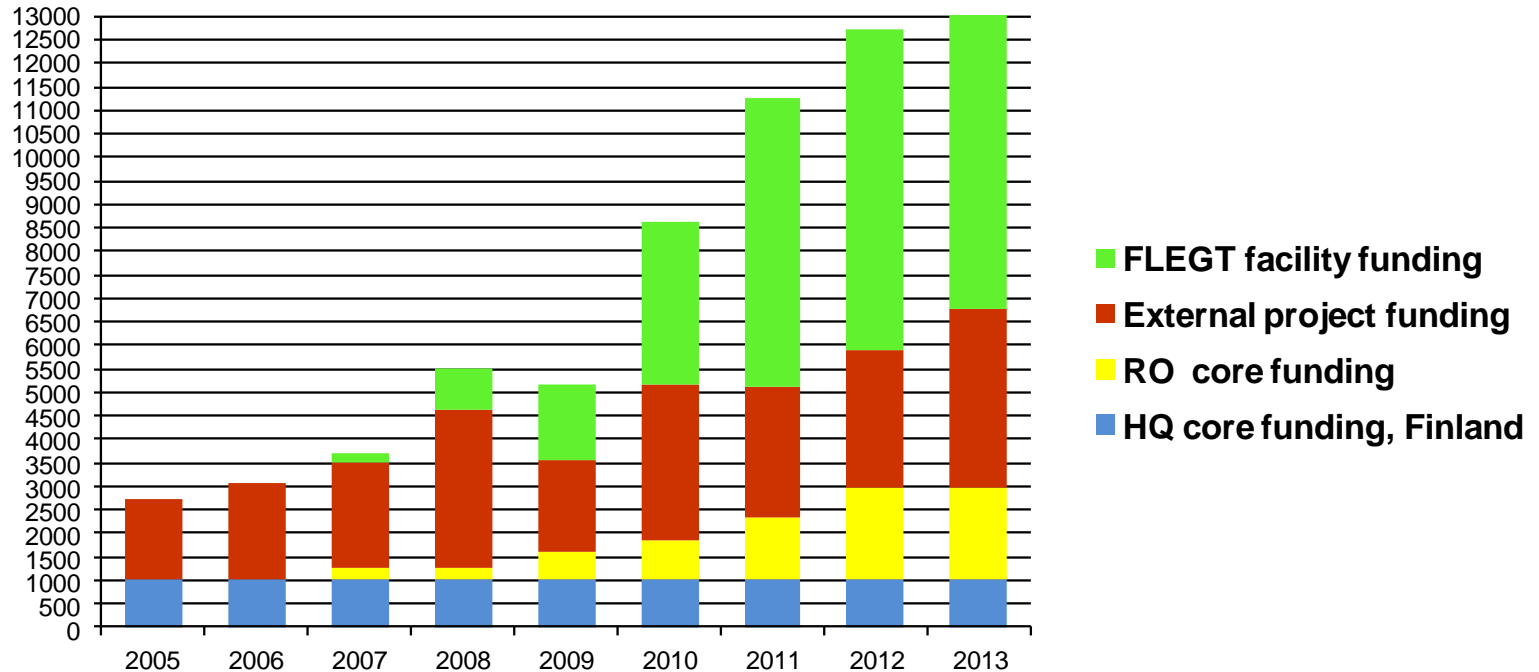
**Top involved**

- Metla: 13 projects**
- SLU: 13**
- CTFC: 10**
- BOKU: 9**
- Alterra: 9**
- Copenh: 8**
- INRA: 8**



# EFI funding in years 2005 – 2013

(actuals 2005 – 2010, estimate 2011 - 2012, in 1000 €)





**Thank you !**