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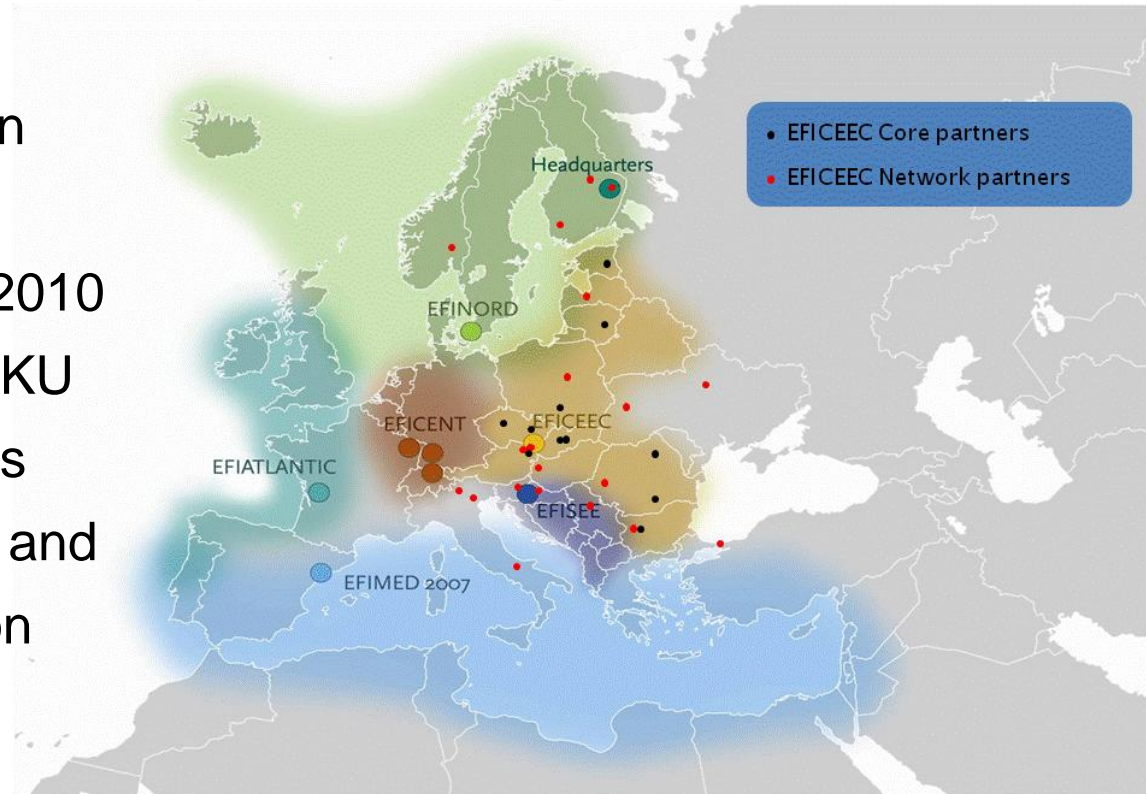
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# **EFI Regional Offices – some experiences from EFICEEC**



# EFI Regional Office for Central-Eastern European Countries (EFICEEC)

- following EFI decentralisation strategy into the regions
- EFICEEC launched in April 2010
- Head Office in Vienna at BOKU
- 30 partners from 17 countries
- aims at stimulating research and collaboration in the CEE region



## EFICEEC Core Partners



## EFICEEC Funding



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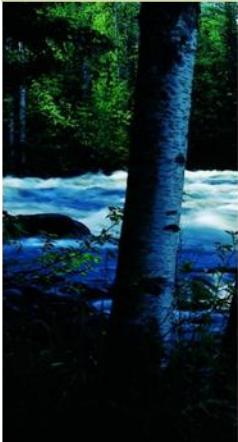
# EFICEEC and EFI Strategy 2025

**Work Area 1:  
Forest sector policy  
and economics**

**Work Area 2:  
Land use change**

**Work Area 3:  
Forest ecosystem  
management**

**Networking**



**Research**



**Information**



**Advocacy**



**Policy Advice**



**Capacity building**





# EFICEEC – a Hub for Integrated Research

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<b>SOCIETY</b>	<b>LANDSCAPE</b>	<b>ECOSYSTEM</b>
stakeholder interests	watersheds	regeneration
law enforcement	ecotones	adaptation
ecosystem services & values	cross-sectoral impacts	bio-energy
beneficiaries & financing	carbon balances	climate change
ownership & properties		tree species
		biodiversity
		multi-functionality
<b>INTEGRATED FOREST RESEARCH</b>		





# Challenges in EFICEEC

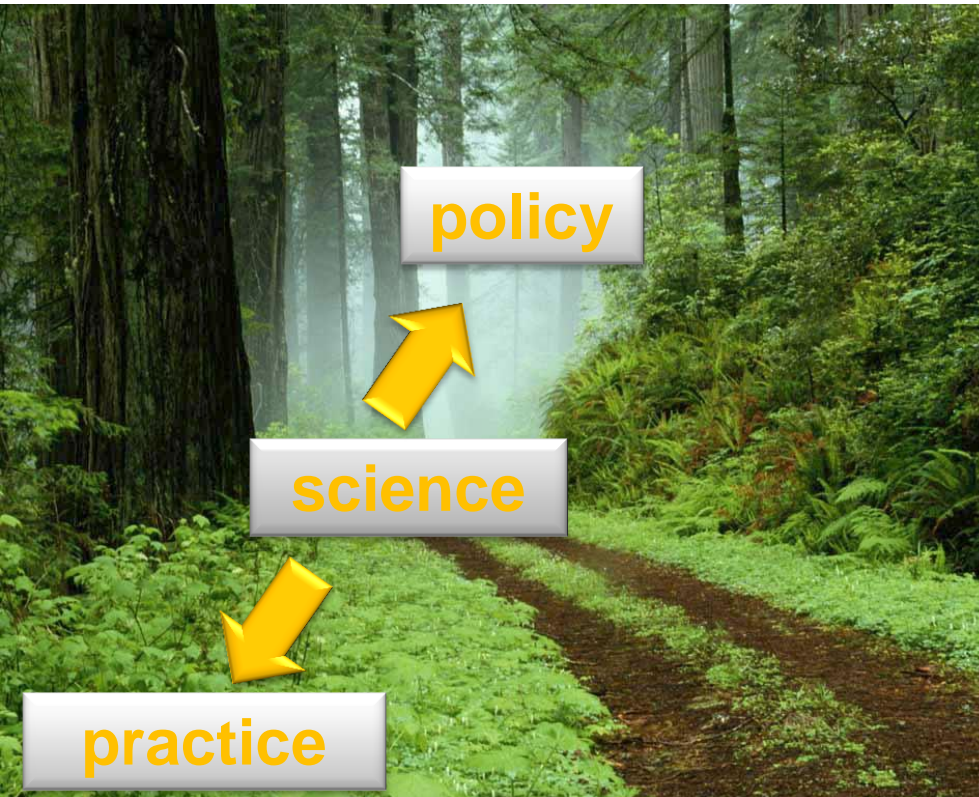
- Establishing phase
  - Set up office team with limited volatile resources
  - Find role within the changing EFI framework
  - Clarify relations to donors and partners
- Management of a large international network
  - Establish stable modes of communication
  - Refresh commitment from partners and make contributions operational
  - Satisfy heterogeneous needs and expectations (internal/external)
- Follow-up research agenda







# Roles developed



- EFICEEC - a facilitator
  - Science-policy transfer
  - providing communication channels
  - High-level lobbying
- EFICEEC - a gate to the region
  - Institutions
  - Researchers
  - Data and information
- EFICEEC – a network
  - Mutual benefits
  - Responsibility





## A test phase: EFICEEC and EFISEE

- Lot of lessons learned in EFICEEC: financing, scientific and strategic
- experiences in research cooperation, EFI administration and management
- comparable changes and novel developments of the forest-based sector and research
- Extensive, partly overlapping networks
- overlapping research focal points and a good tradition of cooperation





## Tasks & challenges for implementation

- Get work plan executed in short time
- Establish efficient mode of management  
EFICEEC-EFISEE
- Use COST-Action FACESMAP for networking
- International project funding coming to the SEE region: at least 1 project in 2013 aspired
- harmonise EFISEE and FOPER activities
- Clear vision / plan / work programme for the next period 2014-









**Thank you!**

