



EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE

# European Forest institute in South-East Europe

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*FOPER* Capacity Building – Creating Opportunities and Changing Forest Governance Discourse

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## *FOPER*

- *FOPER* project gathers 9 Partner institutions from 5 countries
- *FOPER* represents recognized network of Forest Governance Policy and Economic experts in South East European region



# *FOPER* activities

- Education
- Research
- Training
- Support
- Networking
- Innovation



# FOPER Research

## SPI component of FOPER I

- Conflicts reserch
  - The reserach implemented in 5 counries on forestry related conflicts
- PRIFORT – Research into the Organization of Private Forest Owners' Interest Associations in the Western Balkan Region



## •7 Research Regional Research Proposals

- GOVOR** - The adaptation of national forest policy systems in South-East European countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Serbia) to new modes of international forest governance
- PAGOV** - Governance assessment in the management of protected areas in the South-East European region
- HUNTING** - Hunter's attitudes, motivation and behavior related to participation in hunting in South-East Europe
- NTFP** - Entrepreneurship, markets and marketing of NTFPs in SEE region
- WESSPROFOR** - Opportunities for Wood Energy Production from Small Scale Forests in SEE region
- FORCITY**- Citizens and urban forest governance in South-East Europe: Case studies in selected cities



# *FOPER* Research

- 6 Collaborative Regional Research Teams
  - In average 15 researchers from partner countries working in each CRRT
- CRRT Structure
  - International Advisors
  - Regional Researchers
  - *FOPER* PhD Students
  - *FOPER* MSc Students



# *FOPER* MSc Program

- 31 International Teachers
- 10 Regional Teachers
- Over 20 Teacher Trainees
- 44 Non academic Teachers
- 21 MSC Students from 5 countries
- Full international accreditation awarded in 2012



# *FOPER* Training

- Professional training
- Researchers and teachers training





# *FOPER* Internship, academic visit and implementation capacity support

- Internships supported in national and international organizations
- Academic visit supported
- Supported positions for additional *FOPER* implementation capacity



# FOPER Graduate College

- Ongoing Doctoral Thesis Proposal
- *FOPER* Scholarships
- *FOPER* Mobility Grants – for students to visit and stay at Universities of their choice for a period of minimum 6 months



## Other important facts

- Improved gender issue within *FOPER*
- Support to “Mothers in Science”



# Impact of *FOPER*