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EFISEE Regional Office Idea and process of establishment



EFISEE RO initiative:

- Positive results of the FOPER project → necessity to institutionalize partnerships
- Improving communication and forest related research on regional scale
- Raising topics of regional importance and strengthening ties on international level



Intensive lobbying at the national administration
for the establishment of the RO for SEE



July 19 2007

Decision of the Government of the Republic of Croatia
on the acceptance of project for the EFISEE RO establishment

MA

MSES

MFA



Decision on the establishment

- Decision of the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the RO co-financing (MA and MSES)



- EFI Annual Conference Orvieto, Italy

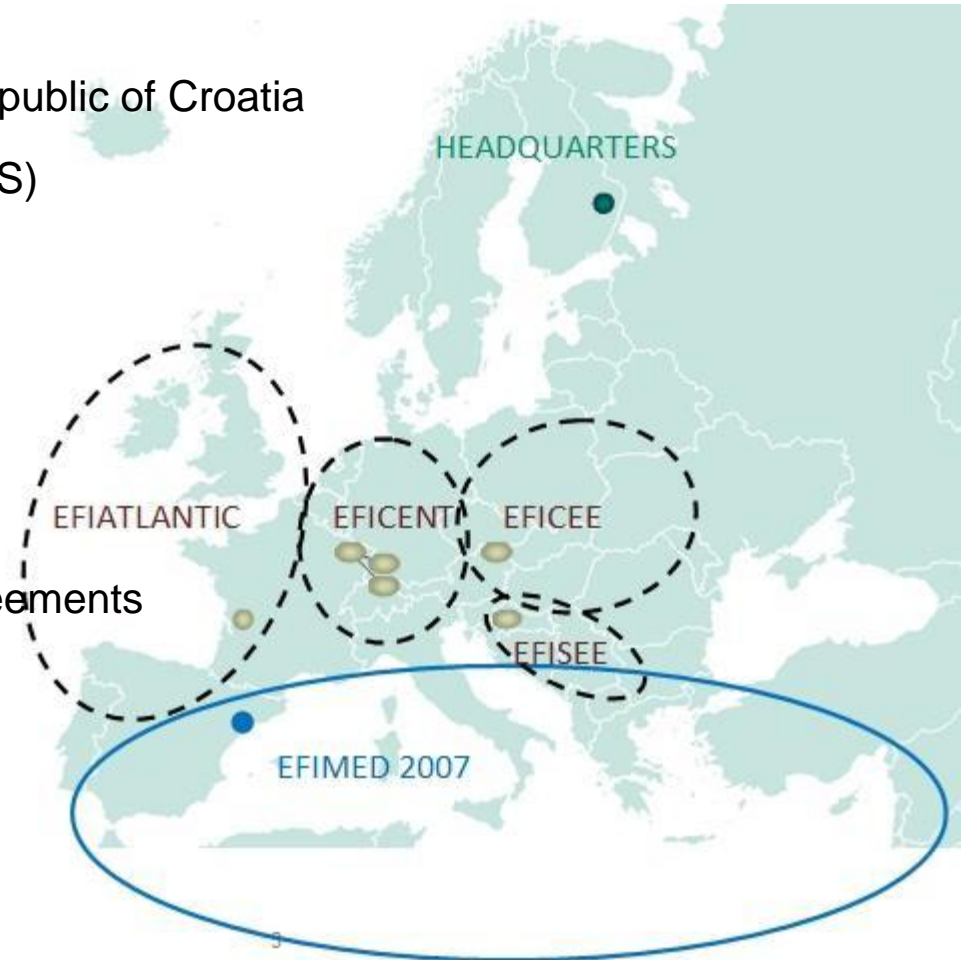
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- Negotiation of funding and in-kind agreements with donors



- Legal establishment...





Unexpected impediments

- Global recession 2008 – 2012 → halt the EFISEE RO initiative
- Administrative and legal obstacles of the establishment
- Uncertainty of the donors' financial support
- Approval by the EFI...



April 10 2010
Establishment EFICEEC

Solution ?

- EFISEE → hosted by **CFRI** → *Division for international scientific cooperation in*



Southeast Europe EFISEE

- Administrative assistance
- Technical expertise
- Strategic support
- Joint projects (National Forestry Programme)



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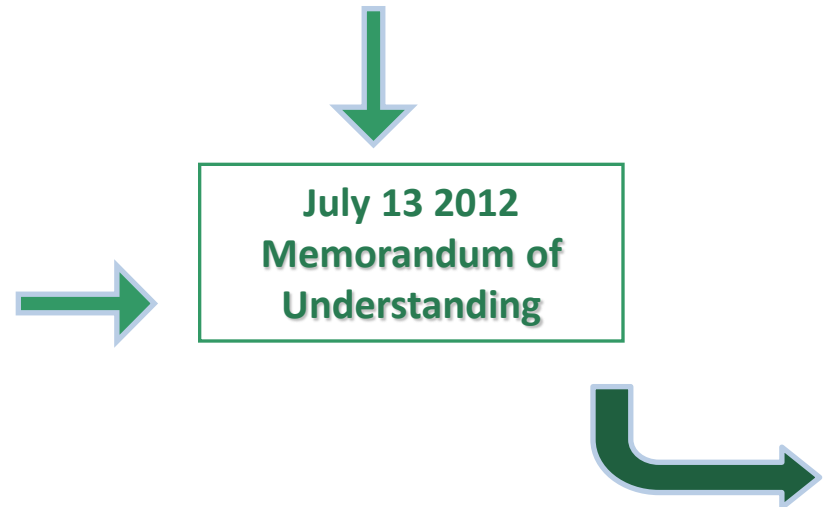
- Established in **February 2012** as a Division of CFRI - EFISEE
- 3 employees at Hq in Varaždin
- Base funding by the Croatian Government up to end 2013 (MSES and MA)

How to integrate RO within EFI structure?

Which long-term financial base-line ?

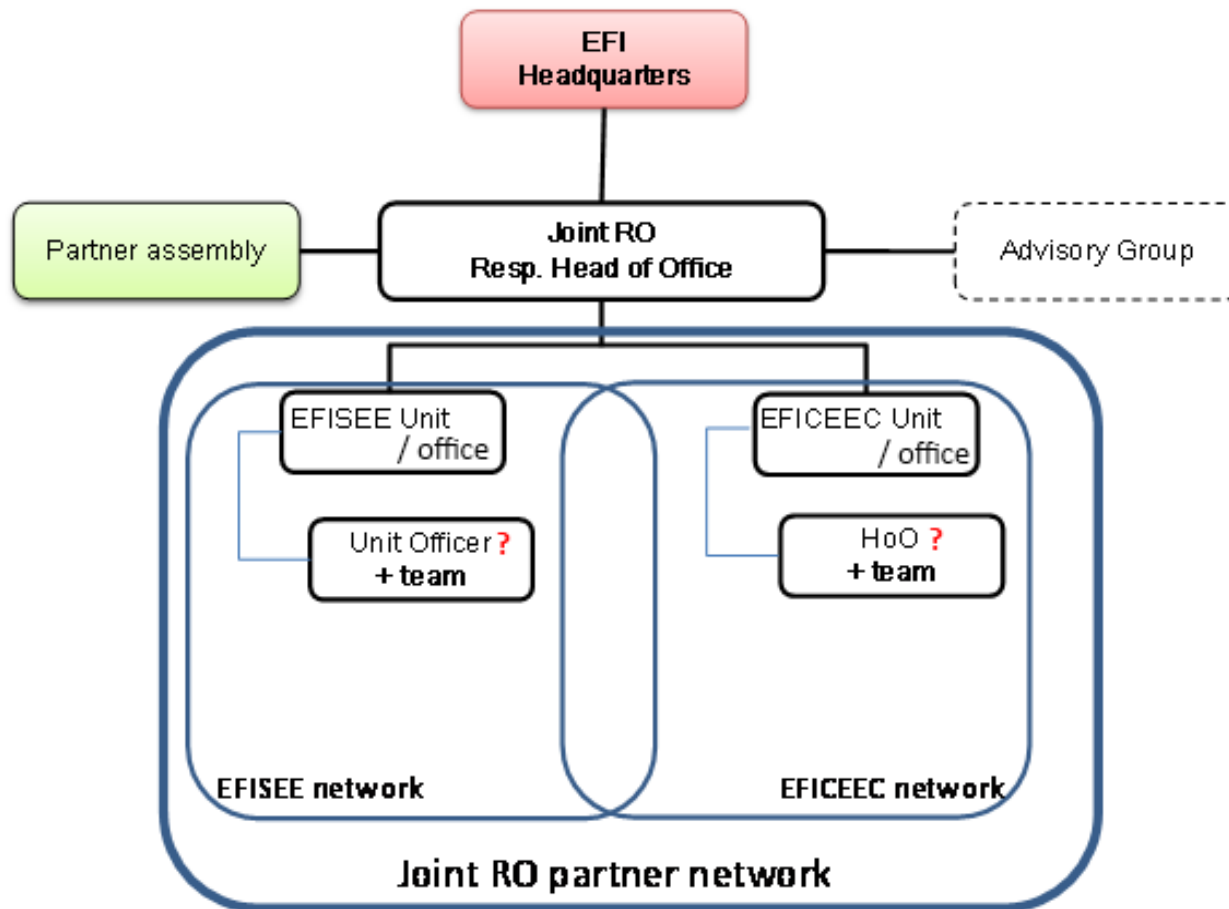
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- Scientifically, financially and strategically integrated within EFI



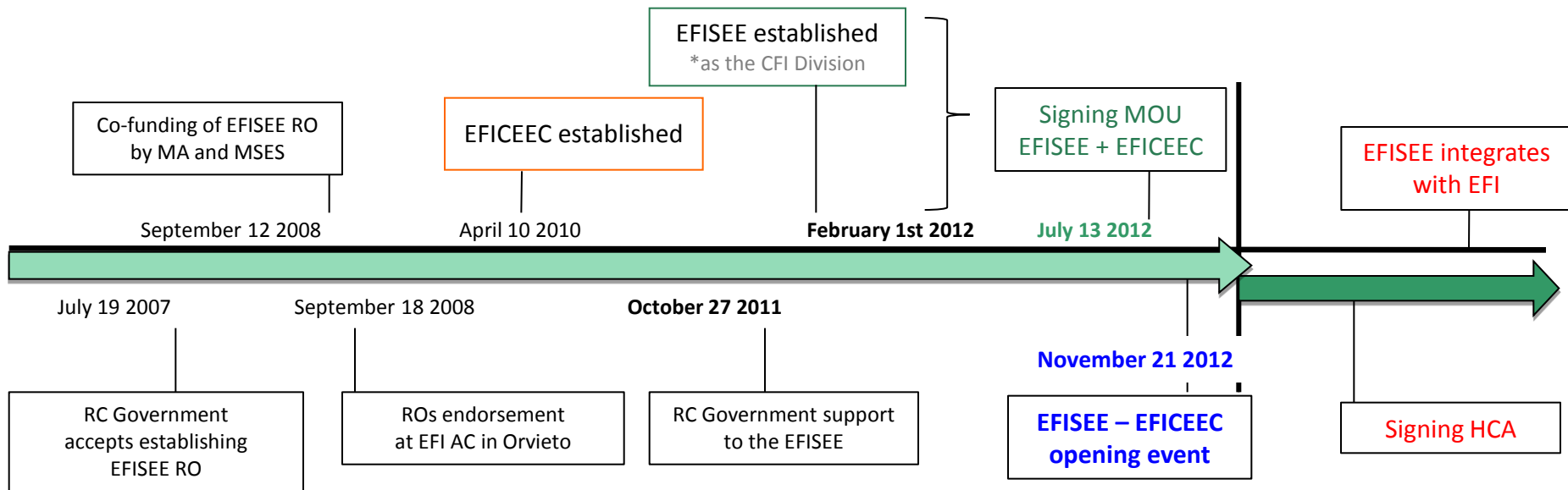


Proposed joint structure





EFISEE timeline:



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CENTRAL-EAST AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPEAN
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