



EFICEEC - EFISEE News

This is the EFICEEC-EFISEE News, an electronic newsletter devoted to the EFICEEC-EFISEE network. The intent is to provide updated information every third month and call attention to our latest news and

accomplishments. EFICEEC-EFISEE News will be distributed via email as well as posted on the joint [EFICEEC-EFISEE website](#).

EFI 2016 Annual Conference in Vienna

EFI's 2016 Annual Conference will take place in Vienna, Austria on 22–24 September 2016. The event will be organised in cooperation with the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Department of Forest and Soil Sciences and the Austrian Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape.

One part of the Annual Conference is an open seminar: **'Forest-based innovations: a key for Europe's bioeconomy'** which will be held on 23 September. The seminar will focus on the role of innovation in the forest-based sector and implications towards a European bio-economy.

You are cordially invited to register [here](#).



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International Expert Workshop (WS) on C&I in Ottawa, Canada

Stefanie Linser and **Bernhard Wolfslehner** attended the "**International Expert Workshop (WS) on Strengthening Collaboration on Criteria and Indicators to Promote and Demonstrate Sustainable Forest Management**". It took place from 1 – 3 May 2016 in Ottawa, Canada and was organised by the Natural Resources Canada in cooperation with FAO. The WS was attended by about 40 indicator experts from FAO, UNECE, ITTO, UNFF, UNFCCC, UN-DESA, Forest Europe, Montreal Process, FSC and others.

Three days of in-depth discussions with the intention to advance their collaborative efforts, the experts developed and worked out details for the following six priority actions on promoting the use of forest related indicators to guide and track progress towards the goal of sustainable forest management.

- Knowledge exchange for capacity building
- Integrate C&I into decision-making
- Facilitating the reporting progress on global commitments like e.g. SDGs
- A core set of forest related indicators
- Assessment of C&I processes
- Scientific publication on indicator development, progress and impacts.

The agreements reached will help to reduce duplication among initiatives, strengthen collaboration among experts and their organisations, and enhance evidence-based decision-making. They will also lighten the burden of reporting on countries and increase the consistency of authoritative information about forests.

More information is available at:
<http://www.fao.org/forestry/ci/91695/en/> and
<http://www.fao.org/forestry/ci/91809/en/>





StarTree General Assembly meeting in Wales – Wild Forest Products Fair

The StarTree **8th General Assembly** took place in Bangor, North Wales, on **25–27 May 2016**. The agenda of this project's internal meeting was focussed on the final products of the project, which will include various types of publications and outreach activities.

Knowledge Exchange Events (or KEEs for short) have been an integral part of the StarTree General Assemblies. This year, a very special KEE took place in the form of an open **Wild Forest Products Fair in Glynllifon**. The fair included workshops and demonstrations, as well as stalls for exhibitors coming from near and far.

During the day, hundreds of people visited the fair, making it a memorable day for all. The Fair was organised by StarTree and Llais y Goedwig (UK).



Photo by *StarTree*

*More information on the meeting and the project please see project [website](#).

The Social Innovation in Marginalised Rural Areas (SIMRA) - kick-off meeting

Scientists from across Europe and the wider Mediterranean area met at the James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen, to mark the start of a 4-year project addressing some of the most important social challenges faced by rural areas. **The Social Innovation in Marginalised Rural Areas (SIMRA)** project, supported with €5.5m from the European Union's Horizon 2020 Programme, aims to understand and enhance social innovation.



Photo by *the James Hutton Institute*

The team comprises members from 15 countries from across the European Union and the wider Mediterranean area, and associated international networks. A number of other countries, including from North Africa and East Europe, will be involved as contributors to case studies and SIMRA supporters coming from the South and South-Eastern European

Mountain Network, FLEG II, the Carpathian Network S4C, and the UNEP, FAO, IUFRO, ECOFOR, Earth System Governance, and others, including the Ecosystem Services Community Scotland.

The project consortium consists of 10 public bodies (8 universities and two research institutes), eight not-for-profit organisations, five small and medium enterprises, NGOs and networks, and three international organisations.

From the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) / EFICEEC network **Alice Ludvig** was present. BOKU is leading Working Group 6 in the project, which will examine the current political framework conditions to analyse in how far they support SI in rural areas. It will derive implications of project results for policy-making, as well as for practice communities, including social entrepreneurs and will formulate recommendation for different groups of stakeholders.

Other partners in the project from the **EFICEEC network** are: the Institute of Forest Ecology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences (**IFE SAS**) and **CETIP Network** - Centre for Transdisciplinary Study of Institutions, Evolution and Policies (Czech Republic).

More details about SIMRA are available from the [project page on the Cordis website](#) and a homepage soon to be launched.





COST CAPABAL Small Group Meeting, 30-31 May 2016, Göttingen, Germany

CAPABAL Working Group (WG) 3, dealing with Forest/Natural Resource Policy, held a small group meeting at the Georg-August University in Göttingen at the Department for Forest and Nature Conservation Policy. All together five participants from Germany, Slovenia, Serbia, Croatia and Macedonia participated in the meeting. The participants were discussing data collected during STSMs and preliminary evaluation of the results.



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ERASMUS+ CIA2SFM Project proceeding with its activities

The second transnational project meeting of the **ERASMUS+ project “Cooperation for innovative approach in sustainable forest management training” (CIA2SFM)** was held on 30 March 2016 in Ljubljana at the Slovenian Institute for Adult Education. Project partners discussed results of the analysis of good practice and defined further steps related to the development of the curriculum.



In April first intellectual output of the project was finalized: **“The study on good practice in vocational education and training and lifelong learning in Austria, Croatia and Slovenia”**. The study, related brochure and translation of the summary can be found [here](#).

The first **joint staff training event** was held from 9-13 May 2016 in Ljubljana under the organisation of

the Slovenian Institute for Adult Education. All together 21 participants-employees of projects partner organisations from Austria, Croatia and Slovenia were involved. The aim was that participants gained the skills, as future trainers, to implement the innovative programme for vocational education and training (VET) and long life learning (LLL). Participants had opportunity to learn how to recognize the need of the target groups and how to motivate VET and LLL learners to engage themselves in training framed within local communities.



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FINAL CONFERENCE of COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP - Registration open

The FINAL CONFERENCE of the COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP **“Forest ownership changes in Europe: trends, issues and needs for action”** will be held at the **University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna** from 7-8 September 2016.

The conference has the aim to create a space for exchange of knowledge among researchers working

on forest ownership topics in Europe within and outside the COST Action. 46 contributions from within and outside Europe will be presented at the conference.

Register [here](#).

More information about the conference is available [here](#).





Extension service in Serbia

The University of Belgrade, Faculty of Forestry (Chair of Forest Economics and Organisation) is conducting the project “*The organisation and activities of forestry extension service in Serbia: the program of measures to improve the extension services in private forests*”, in the period December 2015 - May 2016. The project was financed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment protection.

The primary objective of the project is to establish a program of measures and to improve the organisation of extension services in private forests in Serbia. The sub-objectives are: to analyse the existing professional and advisory service in private forests in Serbia, and to propose the model of organisation of extension services with the program of measures in private forests in Serbia. Further information about the project can be found [here](#) (only in Serbian).

As a part of project activities, “**Organisation and activities of forest extension service in Serbia**” seminar was held on 9 May, at Borsko jezero in Serbia. Participants (45 in total, from which 11 were lecturers) were representatives of public forest administration, public enterprises for state forest management, public enterprises in nature

conservation, scientific and educational organisations, private forest owners and organisation for technical support (GIZ DKTI program).



Photo by Faculty of Forestry

The main objective of the seminar was to introduce the participants with different experiences of extension in forestry in Southeast European countries, and with the possibilities for the development of different activities including extension services, in private forests in Serbia.

During the seminar experiences in this field in forestry, agriculture, and biomass utilization Southeast European countries were presented. The wide range of participants from different sectors provided fruitful discussion about the presented experiences.

Pest Organisms Threatening Europe (POnte Project)



H2020-SFS-2014-2 - Pest Organisms Threatening Europe (POnte Project) focuses to minimize the risk of introduction/impact of emerging pests threatening EU agriculture and forestry. The targets are:

- 1) *Xylella fastidiosa* and its vectors in olive, grapevine, citrus, stone fruit, ornamentals and landscape trees of high socio-economic importance;
- 2) ‘*Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum*’ and its vectors affecting a number of strategic crops such as potato, tomato and carrot;
- 3) *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* (anomorph. *Chalara fraxinea*) and *Phytophthora* spp. seriously affecting broadleaf and conifer species in forest ecosystems.

Targeted pests, their vectors and the host response will be explored using innovative approaches (NGS,

transcriptomic). Diseases surveillance and epidemiology given by current methods will integrate improved survey protocols and remote sensing. Innovative IPM will include studies of microbiome to develop sustainable solutions in line with the EU plant health legislation.

New knowledge gained with POnte will result in an outcome-based pest prevention and management work plan.

The proposal fosters and promotes a multi-actor approach and transnational research collaborations among 25 partners at the forefront of research in plant protection, agro-engineering and economics. Partners are from the following countries: Italy, France, Spain, United Kingdom, Austria, Finland, The Netherlands, Norway, Costa Rica, Israel, Belgium, Germany, Serbia. Project involves also key industries/SMEs that develop diagnostic kits and services, agrochemical and seed companies, stakeholder groups.

More information about the project find [here](#).





Regional journal: FOREST REVIEW

The Forest Review of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje-Faculty of Forestry in Skopje is one of the oldest and long established journals of the field of forestry-based issues, horticulture and environmental sciences concerning academic and high-educational level in Macedonia and the Balkans.

The first volume started in 1953 in Macedonian language, and in 2013 UKiM FoF Forest Review had a great jubilee; it is firstly established by its original name in Macedonian Latin letters "Sumarski pregled" with abbreviation "Sum. pregled" as written in databases- meaning in English "Forest review".

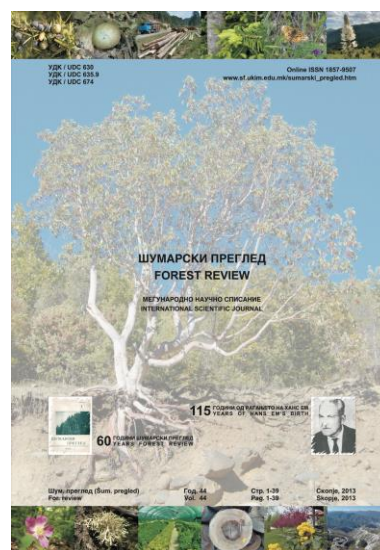
Since 2013, the scientific journal is international and published in English language, with members of the Editorial Board from neighbouring countries and European authorities in forestry and vegetation. The website is registered in the international database in Paris, with ISSN code, both in print and online: http://www.sf.ukim.edu.mk/sumarski_pregled.htm.

The typology of the articles is according to COBISS.

Furthermore, the Editorial Board will undertake actions to make all past print issues of the Journal closer to the scientific audience, and upload them on the Journal's web site.

The Forest Review is a peer-reviewed journal and in 2016 is planned to be published twice a year, due to the shown interest from the authors.

In the background of the Forest Review is a team of academicians and scientists willing to raise this respected journal in upper level bases. Thus, they are committed to take actions to get the IF values in near future.



Open calls

You can follow open calls and funding schemes here:

http://www.efi.int/portal/research/funding_opportunities/european_and_international/

Publications

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