



## EFICEEC - EFISEE News

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This is the EFICEEC-EFISEE News, an electronic newsletter devoted to the EFICEEC-EFISEE network. The intent is to provide update 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 Network Fund projects

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**The future of a forest-based bioeconomy in Central-Eastern and South-Eastern Europe (FORSCEE)** is a new EFI Network Fund project, coordinated by University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna, Austria (B. Wolfslehner).

FORSCEE strives to activate the potential of the Central-Eastern and South-Eastern European region to develop towards a forest-based bioeconomy. There is a central notion that this region is lagging behind in the development of bioeconomy strategies, and there is still a deficit in the connectivity of the research community. FORSCEE aims to stipulate a high-level policy support activity for forest-based bioeconomy, and engage the research network in the region to work in a proven EFI context.

The project involves 10 EFI member organisations from Austria, Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, and Finland.

**Perceiving the Forest-based Sector in the Bioeconomy (PerForm)**, is a new EFI Network Fund project coordinated by Albert-Ludwigs University of Freiburg, Germany (D. Kleinschmit).

The aim of *PerForm* is to better understand regional disparities of national bioeconomy policies and the perceptions of a forest-based bioeconomy. It explores the diversity of perceptions and acceptance of a forest-based bioeconomy in Europe in order to foster participation of different forest stakeholders and the broader public through an informed and open dialogue. It will analyze perceptions of various stakeholder

groups across Europe (Germany, Austria, Slovakia, France, Italy, Sweden, Finland) and Russia.

The main outcomes of this cooperation network are an online information platform and an open access e-learning course that aims to inform forest stakeholders, policy makers, students and the interested public about the forest-based bioeconomy in the different regions of Europe and Russia. BOKU is leading task 1 (mapping and comparing as to how are forests are integrated into bioeconomy policies). Students will be given opportunities to do their MA thesis within the project.

**Engaging owners of small private forests in active management (ENGAGING)** is a new EFI network fund project coordinated by the Austrian Forest Research Center (BFW) (R. Jandl).

The efforts of engaging owners of small forests are nationally and internationally only partially coordinated and only partially successful. ENGAGING intends to identify the more and the less successful attempts, analyze the reasons for success or failure, and derive recommendations for regionally relevant campaigns for the engagement of small scale forest owners in forest management. Kick-off meeting of the project will be held 8–9 May 2018.

The project involves EFI member organisations across Europe including Czech Republic, Slovakia, Croatia.

\*More details about these three and other EFI network funded projects, as well as short videos about them can be found [here](#).

## 9<sup>th</sup> CASEE Conference 2018 in Bucharest, Romania

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The ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe (CASEE) and the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in Bucharest invite participants to the 9<sup>th</sup> CASEE conference from June 6 to 9 2018 in Bucharest,

Romania. The topic of this year's conference will be "Research based education at life science universities in the Danube region towards a sustainable future".

Further information [here](#).





## Todora Rogelja's visit to EFICEEC

Todora Rogelja, a 2<sup>nd</sup> year PhD student from the University of Padova, Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture, and Forestry is working on the topic of governance capacities of public actors for supporting forest-based social innovation. In 2017 she won the EFI Short Scientific Grant and spent October 2017 at the EFICEEC office in Vienna. During her visit, she started to work with Dr Alice Ludvig and Dr Gerhard Weiss in analyzing policy framework conditions for forest-based social innovation in Slovenia, where she adapted the content analysis method used in the SIMRA project.

Todora returned to Vienna to continue collaboration with Dr Ludvig and Dr Weiss in March 2018. This time, they worked on interpreting the data Todora obtained in the period November 2017 - February 2018. During her one month stay, they successfully interpreted the

data and prepared the manuscript which they already submitted to the international, high-quality scientific journal.

Todora's words about her visits: *"EFI SSV are a great opportunity for young researchers to learn from and work with experienced colleagues. I highly recommend SSV visit to any young researcher eager to improve quality of their research. My first visit was so productive, that I had to come back again. I am thankful to Dr Alice Ludvig and Dr Gerhard Weiss for their help and guidance. Also, I wish to express my gratitude to EFI for awarding me the SSV grant, as well as to EFICEEC and Institute of Forest, Environmental and Natural Resource Policy, Department of Economics and Social Science, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences for their hospitality during both visits."*

## Cool forests at risk?

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The Critical Role of Boreal and Mountain Ecosystems for People, Bioeconomy, and Climate  
IBFRA18 - 17–20 September 2018, IIASA, Laxenburg (Vienna), Austria

The event will focus on both boreal and high altitude forests. It will launch an initiative to raise awareness, maintain, and promote the multiple, critical values provided by those ecosystems.

Hosted by IIASA on 17–20 September 2018, the event will bring together and support the dialogue of academia and decision makers from policy, business, and civil society as the start of a collective effort to create solutions for a sustainable future for the earth system.

First information on IBFRA18 is now available on <https://ibfra18.org/>



Sign up to be an Ambassador for Cool Forests and join the collective effort to work together to create solutions for a sustainable future for boreal and mountain ecosystems for people, bioeconomy, and our climate. Sign up [here!](#)

For a constantly updated list of speakers [check the website](#)

## International and English master programmes at BOKU

### International and English master programmes at BOKU - with special emphasis on the Central and South Eastern European region and forestry

The University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) offers different international and English master programmes - with a wide thematic range from European and Mountain Forestry to Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region, to Water

Management or Animal Breeding. International master programmes contain at least one compulsory exchange semester in close collaboration with BOKU's partner universities. Students have the possibility to get to know a variety of different educational and scientific institutions and to enrich their future career with international experiences.

Further information [here](#).





## COST TN1401 CAPABAL training school in Ruma, Serbia

The second training school of the Working Group 1 of the COST Action CAPABAL was held from 28 February – 2 March 2018 in the hunting lodge Karakuša in Vojvodina county. The event was organized by the Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade, and forest management company Vojvodinašume.

The main topic of the meeting was Natura 2000 and its implementation in forest management practice in Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia and Montenegro.



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Four international trainers shared their experiences with Natura 2000 in the context of forest management to 21 participants - forestry professionals, forest managers and other related stakeholders.

Click [here](#) for more information.



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## ERASMUS+ Project CIA2SFM E-course on sustainable forest management available online

As the end of the project is approaching, the outputs of the project finished and the last activities are on their way.

The new e-course **“Sustainable forest management: From theory to practice”** developed collaboratively by the project partners from Austria, Croatia and Slovenia is publicly available on the [Moodle platform](#).

This multilingual e-course, in English, German, Croatian and Slovenian languages, is tailor-made for the project target groups (forestry professionals, private forest owners, nature conservationists and forestry entrepreneurs) and freely accessible for all

interested upon creating user's profile. For the first time users there is a multilingual [Handbook for users](#).

Furthermore, the project partners have a few more activities to implement. One of the last groups of activities is related to the implementation of the pilot training programmes. The Slovenian Forestry Institute, the Slovenian Institute for Adult Education and Slovenian Forest Service finished two pilot trainings related to the management of natural resources in the light of climate changes and genetic diversity. Meanwhile, partners from Croatia started tutoring e-course on EU project management and forest protection for forestry professional, nature conservationists and private forest owners.







## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Institute of Lowland Forestry and Environment from Novi Sad, Serbia

From **2–3 October 2018, international scientific conference**, dedicated to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of the Institute of Lowland Forestry and Environment from Novi Sad, Serbia, will be organized. The Conference is entitled: “**How to Advance**

**Forestry for Future Generations**”, and will be organized within the 15<sup>th</sup> International Phytotechnology Conference, that will be held in Novi Sad in the period between 1–5 October 2018. More information about conference is available [here](#).

### Publications

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### Upcoming meetings and conferences

- Third international scientific and expert conference “Natural resources, green technology and sustainable development-GREEN/3”, 5–8 June 2018, Zagreb, Croatia
- International Forest Business Conference 2018, 6–8 June 2018, Kistowo, Poland
- IUFRO 3.08.00 Small-scale Forestry Conference 2018 "Transformations Towards a

New Era in Small Scale Forestry", 11–13 June 2018, Vaasa, Finland

- CAPABAL - Final meeting and conference, 12–14 September 2018 (place to be announce)
- 9th Scientific Conference "Innovations in Forest Industry and Engineering Design - INNO 2018", 27–29 September 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria
- World Forum on Urban Forests, 28 November – 1 December 2018, Mantova, Italy

