



EFICEEC-EFISEE News

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](#).

POLYFORES kicked off and taking shape

Dr Helga Pülzl and Marcel Mallow, from the EFICEEC team, attended the **POLYFORES (Decision Making Support for Forest Ecosystem Services in Europe – Value Assessment, Synergy Effects and Trade-offs)** project kick-off meeting in Uppsala. The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) hosted the meeting. The project will be carried out during the next 3 years and EFICEEC-SEE/BOKU team will contribute to comprehending societal perceptions of and political strategies towards Forest Ecosystem Services (FES).

The meeting in Uppsala, with project members from Sweden, Austria, Germany, Spain, Russia and Norway, yielded important results in coordinating definitions of key terms as well as in refining

conceptual and methodological approaches. A key pillar of Marcel's and Helga's work in this project is a societal value assessment of FES in the form of a multi-country online survey. The survey methodology to follow was discussed in-depth in the respective working group. Further discussions were held on how these perceptions and values of FES translate into policy and how this will be analysed at working group level. Thanks to the stimulus from the kick-off meeting, both value assessment and policy analysis activities are now entering into advanced stages and their implementation with the project partners will start early next year.

More information about the project you can get from Helga Pülzl ([helga.pulzl\(at\)efi.int](mailto:helga.pulzl@efi.int)).

COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP update

Our COST Action was recently evaluated as "excellent" by the external reviewer M. Shannon.

Our work on the special issue in Forest Policy and Economics as well as the study with UNECE/FAO is still ongoing but should be finalised by the end of the year. The topic of forest owners will also be included in the upcoming EFI WSCTU study on bioeconomy.

The following articles from the COST Action have been published so far:

Ficko, A., Lidestav, G., Ní Dhubháin, A., Karppinen, H., Zivojinovic, I., Westin, K. (2017) **European private forest owner typologies: A review of methods and use**. Forest Policy and Economics (Open access)

Feliciano, D., Bouriaud, L., Brahic, E., Deuffic, P., Dobsinska, Z., Jarsky, V., Lawrence, A., Nybakk, E., Quiroga, S., Suarez, C., Ficko, A. (2017) **Understanding private forest owners' conceptualisation of forest management: Evidence from a survey in seven European countries**. Journal of Rural Studies 54,162-176.

Sarvašová, Z., Ali, T., Đorđević, I., Lukmine, D., Quiroga, S., Suárez, C., Hrib, M., Rondeux, J., Mantzanas, K.T., Franz, J. (2017) **Natura 2000**

payments for private forest owners in Rural Development Programmes 2007–2013 – a comparative view. Forest Policy and Economics (published online)

Scriban, R.E., Nichiforel, L., Bouriaud, L.G., Barnoaiea, I., Cosofret, V.C., Barbu, C.O. (2017) **Governance of the forest restitution process in Romania: An application of the DPSIR model**. Forest Policy and Economics (published online)

Follo, G., Lidestav, G., Ludvig, A., Vilkryste, L., Hujala, T., Karppinen, H., Didolot, F., Mizaraite, D. (2017) **Gender in European Forest Ownership and Management – Reflections on Women as "New Forest Owners"**. Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research, Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research Volume 32, Issue 2, 1651-1891.

Hamunen, K., Appelstrand, M., Hujala, T., Kurttila, M., Sriskandarajah, N., Vilkryste, L., Westberge, L., Tikkanen, J. (2015) **Defining Peer-to-peer Learning – from an Old 'Art of Practice' to a New Mode of Forest Owner Extension?** The Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension, Competence for Rural Innovation and Transformation, Volume 21, 293-307.





Project meeting of the ERASMUS+ project CIA2SFM in Vienna

The 5th transnational project meeting of the CIA2SFM project was held on **15th of November** at the **Austrian Research Centre for Forests – BFW in Vienna**. Eleven representatives from Slovenian, Austrian and Croatian partner organizations discussed the testing and evaluation of the training programme next year.



Source: EFISEE

Beside the pilot training programme the focus was on the final event of the project, which is scheduled for 8th of June in 2018 in Zagreb.

The next, and withal the last, project meeting is planned for May in Zagreb at the Croatian Forest Research Institute.

More information find at: <http://www.cia2sfm.org>



Source: EFISEE

COST TN1401 CAPABAL meeting in Krakow, Poland

The fifth management committee, seventh core group, sixth joint working group and sixth dissemination meetings of the COST Action CAPABAL were held from **8–10 November 2017** in Krakow. The event was organized by the Faculty of Forestry, University of Krakow.



Source: EFISEE

The main topic of the meeting was Natura 2000 and its implementation in some of the EU member countries. During the meeting, the progress and future steps of the action and working groups were presented together with the Strategic Regional Research Agenda. The event was attended by COST scientific and financial officers and by more than 30 researchers, policy decision makers and practitioners.

More information: www.sumins.hr/en/cost-tn1401-capabal-meeting-in-krakow-poland/





GREEN2018, 5–8 June 2018, Zagreb, Croatia

The International scientific and expert conference **“Natural resources, green technology and sustainable development/3-GREEN2018”** will be held traditionally in **Zagreb** from **5th to 8th June 2018**. Following the great success of GREEN2014 and GREEN2016, the aim of the conference is again to bring together leading experts in this field from around the world to present recent achievements, share the latest developments and address the challenges.

The conference will continue to successfully cover the following areas:

- Ecosystem management
- Sustainable production of food

- Green technology
- Biomass and bio-based industry
- Forest genetics
- Environment and climate change

The conference is supported by international organizations International Union of Forest Research Organizations, (IUFRO), European Forest Institute (EFI) and European Biotechnology Thematic Network Association (EBTNA)

Please, find info on the upcoming conference on the web site [GREEN2018 website](#).

Publications

Krajter Ostoić, S., Huber, P., Curman, M., Wolfslehner, B., Jandl, R., Bogataj, N., Rogelja, T., Breznikar, A., Krajnc, N., Horvatinčić, K., Tišma, S., Horvatič, M., Vuletić, D. (2017) **Training Programmes in Sustainable Forest Management in Austria, Croatia and Slovenia.** South-east Eur for 8 (2): early view. doi: <https://doi.org/10.15177/seefor.17-13>

Dragovic N., Ristic R., **Pülzl H., B. Wolfslehner** (eds.) (2017) **Natural Resource Management in Southeast Europe: Forest, Soil and Water**, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Skopje; ISBN: 978-608-4536-07.

Upcoming meetings and conferences

- 2nd International Forest Policy Meeting, 11-13 April 2018, Wageningen, The Netherlands
- International Forest Business Conference 2018, 6–8 June 2018, Kistowo, Poland
- Small-scale Forestry Conference 2018 "Transformations Towards a New Era in Small Scale Forestry"; 11-13 June 2018, Vaasa, Finland
- World Forum on Urban Forests, 28 November – 1 December 2018, Mantova, Italy

