



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](#).

EFI 2017 Annual Conference

At the EFI Annual Conference 2017 in Oslo, the new EFI strategy was presented. EFI Director Marc Palahí introduced the new EFI organisational ecosystem and how it will bring the EFI strategy to action. He explained how the integrated system of programmes (Bioeconomy, Resilience and Governance), research networks and facilities will benefit the whole EFI network. This will also have implications for EFICEEC-EFISEE, and we will carefully consider how to further develop our joint activities in 2018. A strategic EFICEEC-EFISEE meeting should take place in the first half of 2018, once the future options are elaborated. We will keep you updated on the further developments!

More information on the EFI AC2017 can be found here: [EFI AC 2017](#)



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IUFRO 125th Anniversary Congress "Interconnecting Forests, Science and People"

The IUFRO's five-day congress marked the organization's 125th anniversary and took place from 18th to 22nd September in Freiburg, Germany. A bundle of "Science in Dialogue" events (e.g. Science meets Policy or Science meets Business) with interactions and presentations by international high level stakeholders took place at the event as well as a total of 1 879 scientific presentations. These contributions were submitted by scientists from 89 countries, many of them from our EFICEEC-EFISEE network. The **EFICEEC team** was nearly fully present at the congress. For instance: **Stefanie Linser** organised the session "The potential contribution of forest related indicators to global issues"; **Helga Pülzl** chaired the session "Europe Inside/Outside-The export of European forest policies, objectives and architecture through public and private governance arrangements"; **Bernhard Wolfslehner**, **Gerhard Weiss**, **Patrick Huber**, **Helga Pülzl**, **Stefanie Linser** and **Alice Ludvig** from the **EFICEEC team** presented several papers at the congress. For more information visit: <http://iufro2017.com/scientific-program/>.



Former IUFRO president W. Liese, S. Linser and IUFRO Executive Director A. Buck.

The **EFISEE team** co-authored two papers, which were presented by Mirjana Stevanov at the congress. The first paper "Publishing survey-based research in forestry journals" was presented during a session "Publishing forest and wood science: challenges for editors and publishers". The second paper "Implementation of forest-related policies by state forest institutions from former Yugoslavian countries: state of the art and future perspectives" was presented during a session "Forest policies in the Baltic and Central and Eastern European (CEE) regions".





EFI What Science Can Tell Us-study on "Natura 2000 and forests" was presented in a ThinkForest event in Brussels

The study "*Natura 2000 and forests: Assessing the state of implementation and effectiveness*" was published on 21st September. It was commissioned by EFI under the frame of its Multi-Donor Trust Funds and carried out under the lead of Metodi Sotirov (University of Freiburg, DE) and Gerhard Weiss (BOKU, EFICEEC, AT) with contributions from a European-wide authors team, including Zuzana Sarvasova (NLC, SK).

The study was based on comprehensive literature reviews on the implementation of Natura 2000, its ecological effectiveness and economic efficiency and on related studies such as the Biodiversa-ERA-net project BeFoFu or the Natura 2000-sub-group of the COST Action FACESMAP.

More info:

http://www.efi.int/portal/news___events/In_Focus/?bid=2898

The detailed programme and presentations can be found here:

http://www.efi.int/portal/policy_advice/thinkforest/upcoming_events/programme/

You can download the full study on the EFI website under:

http://www.efi.int/files/attachments/publications/wsc tu7_2017.pdf

or the executive summary:

http://www.efi.int/files/attachments/publications/wsc tu7_summary2017.pdf

The presentation event in the International Press Centre Brussels included keynotes and a high-level panel presentation and received high attention by stakeholders. This gives good visibility for the EFI study and network and research capacities.



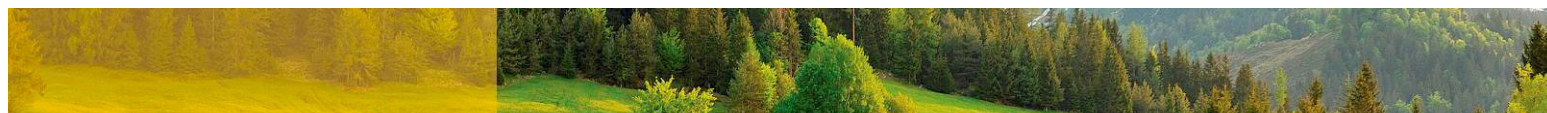
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SIMRA-Research Report "Political Framework Conditions Policies and Instruments for SIs in Rural Areas" now publicly available

Within the SIMRA project (Social Innovation in Marginalized Rural Areas), the first research report (Deliverable 6.1.) under lead of the **EFICEEC team (Alice Ludvig, Gerhard Weiss, Ivana Zivojinovic)** has been published by the European Commission and is accessible through the SIMRA website (<http://www.simra-h2020.eu/index.php/deliverables/>). The analysis on **Political Framework Conditions Policies and Instruments for Social Innovation (SI) in Rural Areas** takes into account broader governance framework conditions in order to understand how they support social innovation (SI) in rural areas. The report examines SI policies as both sectoral and cross-cutting innovation policies. The methods applied are in-depth desk research

(secondary literature and primary documents), qualitative in-depth expert interviews with national and international policy experts and researchers, focus groups with stakeholders and SI case study report screening for assessing the policy instruments of relevance for SI. It identifies and distinguishes three key dimensions of policies: (i) the ones that address vulnerable social groups (e.g. Social Policies), (ii) the ones that enable in a broader way the integration of social, economic and environmental dimensions (e.g. Cohesion policies), and (iii) policies that enable reconfigurations of civil society participation and institutional change in rural areas (e.g. the CLLD/Leader method or the European Innovation Partnerships).





Cooperation with FOREST EUROPE

The preparations of the new State of Europe's Forests Report 2020 are ongoing. **Bernhard Wolfslehner** was elected as chair of the Advisory Group of SoEF 2020, and **Stefanie Linser** will be lead author for the qualitative indicators. More information is available at: <http://foresteurope.org/event/12063/>

From 17-18 October 2017 EFICEEC and the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) are hosting the second **meeting of the FOREST EUROPE Expert Group on Implementation of Updated pan-European Indicators for SFM**. More information is available at: <http://foresteurope.org/event/12682/>

Erasmus+ Project CIA2SFM stepped into its final year

The second year of the CIA2SFM project was fruitful in the terms of the outputs. Project partners from Austria, Croatia and Slovenia collaboratively developed a new educational programme in four languages. The educational programme named “*Sustainable forest management: From theory to practice*” is a multilingual and multimedia e-learning module, which will be soon available to the future e-learners on the Moodle platform.

Furthermore, partners continuously carried out promotional activities. Accordingly, the project's results were recently promoted at **the Days of Mobility and Education in Zagreb** from 6 - 7 October, 2017 and at the **55th AGRA fair 2017** in Gornja Radgona in Slovenia (26 - 31 August, 2017). Moreover, by the end of the year project has scheduled two events. The 2nd short-term joint

staff training will be held from 23-27 October in Zagreb in organization of the Institute for Development and International Relations, while the 5th transnational meeting of the project will be held in organization of the BFW in Vienna on the 15th of November.



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5th Training School of the COST Action CAPABAL, 7-11 August 2017, Logar Valley, Slovenia

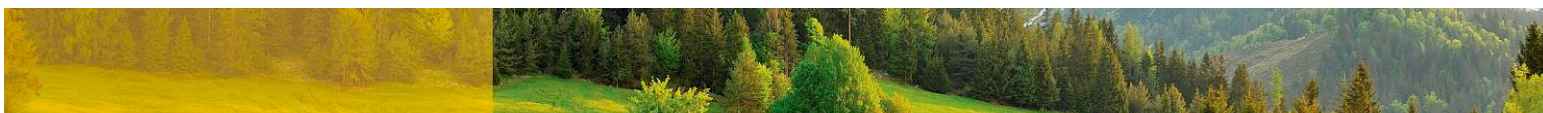
A five-day training school named “*Summer school of scientific writing and publishing*” was held in the period from 7-11 August in Logar Valley in Slovenia. The organization of the event was in the hands of the COST Action CAPABAL, LIFEENMON project and Evoltree in collaboration with the Slovenian Forestry Institute. The training school gathered 19 participants who were introduced on how to conceive and write scientific publications, trained on the structure, layout, terminology, language and style of scientific publications.

The following event of the COST Action CAPABAL is: COST Action CAPABAL, (MC, CG & WG) Meeting, 6-10 November 2017, Krakow, Poland.

More information please find at the Action's website <http://capabal.sumins.hr>



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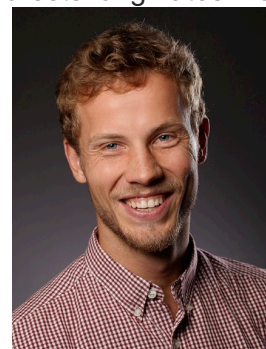




New POLYFORES project researcher / PhD student joining the team in Vienna

Marcel Mallow has recently joined the EFICEEC team in Vienna to work as a project researcher in the 7-country research project **POLYFORES**. Marcel will research societal perceptions of and political strategies towards **Forest Ecosystem Services (FES)**. His work is oriented in the social science sphere as he will study how perceptions, valuations and strategies connected to **FES translate into policy**. Apart from a multi-country online survey, an in-depth policy analysis at the European level will be conducted. Marcel, who holds an MSc in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management, has wide-ranging research interest that mainly evolve around **development and**

environment trade-offs and associated societal dynamics. His passion for forests originates from various travels to the Peruvian Amazon. This is also where he conducted **in-depth field work** capturing oil palm farmers' perceptions of biodiversity-friendly management practices. Marcel is now looking forward to a very formative time at the regional office in Vienna.



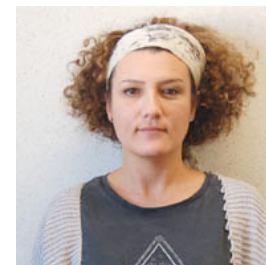
EFI Short Scientific Visit @ EFICEEC

Todora Rogelja is a **PhD student at the University of Padova**, Department of Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry. She won an **EFI grant for Short Scientific Visit to EFICEEC/BOKU**. She is hosted by Alice Ludvig from 1 – 21 October 2017. The topic of her visit **“Policies supporting social innovation in the forest-based sector: aligning diverging interests and creating synergies in forest use practices”** is closely related to her Ph.D. research that addresses governance capacity of public actors for either supporting or hindering social innovation initiatives in the forest-based sector.

The main objective of her visit is to comprehend appropriate methods for analyzing how, and to what extent existing policy programmes either

support or hinder social innovation initiatives based on a case study of Charcoal Land Initiative in Slovenia..

“My visit to BOKU significantly contributed to the overall quality of my Ph.D. research. I am very happy that I got the opportunity to work with excellent EFICEEC team”.

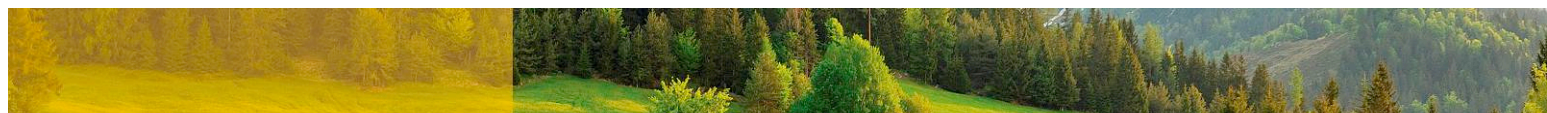


STSM candidate of the COST Action PESFOR-W hosted by the EFISEE

Since 2nd of October EFISEE office is a host to **Kristina Vasylyshyn**, who is a STSM candidate of the **COST Action PESFOR-W** (Payments for Ecosystem Services (Forests for Water)).

Kristina is a PhD and an assistant at the Department of Ecological Economics in the Institute of Ecological Economics and Management

at the Ukrainian National Forestry University. During the three weeks STSM, she will investigate experience of implementation of payments for ecosystem services in Croatia by applying a literature review and short interviews with main stakeholders.





The Handbook For Learning and Play in the Forest

The newest contribution of the Slovenian Forestry Institute (<http://en.gozdis.si/>) and the LIFE GENMON project (<http://www.lifegenmon.si/>) in the field of forest pedagogics, inspiring all who wish to teach and learn in nature. The Handbook for Learning and Play in the Forest presents over 30 entertaining and educative activities for outdoor learning about trees, forest

animals, water and genetic diversity. All activities have been developed and tested in practice in the Forest of Experiments (<http://sl.gozdis.si/gozdeksperimentov/>), an innovative environmental education centre of the Slovenian Forestry Institute, using Flow Learning (<http://www.sharingnature.com/flow-learning.html>).

6th STSM CALL in CAPABAL COST Targeted Network 1401

The aim of Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) is to contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Targeted Network TN 1401 – CAPABAL and to foster collaboration of Early Career Investigators (less than 8 years from completing his/her PhD).

Sixth STSM call submission deadline: 15.12.2017

Further information are available at: http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/strategy/targeted_networks/capabal.

SEEFOR Selected for the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)

We are pleased to announce that SEEFOR has been selected for coverage in the **Web of Science™ Core Collection – Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)** produced by Clarivate Analytics since 2015 (previously Thomson Reuters). Coverage begins with the articles published in 2015 (Vol 6 No 1).

This coverage will greatly increase the visibility of journal's content, while it is considered for inclusion in other Web of Science collections (e.g. Science Citation Index Expanded).

Additionally, we would like invite to submit your research for publication to SEEFOR.

Publications

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Upcoming meetings and conferences

- Looking ahead to a circular European Bioeconomy, 7 November 2017, International Press Center, Brussels, Belgium
- COST TN 1401 CAPABAL, MC and WG meeting, 7-10 November 2017, Krakow, Poland
- 2017 Bioeconomy Investment Summit, 14–15 December, Helsinki, Finland
- International Forest Business Conference 2018, 6-8 June 2018, Kistowo, Poland
- World Forum on Urban Forests, 28 November – 1 December 2018, Mantova, Italy

