



## 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](#).

## FACESMAP COST Action – 6<sup>th</sup> WG meeting

The Faculty of Forestry, University of Agriculture in Krakow organised the **6<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting of the FP1201 FACESMAP COST Action** from 4–6 November 2015 in Krakow, Poland.

On the day before the meetings, **Early Stage Researchers (ESR)** group organised a **colloquium**, where young researchers presented draft papers and got comments and recommendations from senior researchers from the Action. This proved to be a very useful tool for ESRs, and it will be repeated during the next Action meeting.

The meeting was dedicated mainly to sub-groups and task-groups work, and as a start of the synthesis process, which will be in the focus during the next meeting.

In the frame of the “Travellab” activities, a field trip and a regional stakeholder workshop (“carousel”) was organised on the second day of the meeting. In the field trip to **Tatra National Park** and **Community of 8 Entitled Villages in the Witów district** of the Tatra Mountains, the participants learnt about private forestry in Poland, and more specifically about the common forest ownership type, which is the most typical type of ownership in this part of the Poland.



Photo: Bogdan Wertz

As a part of the work within FACESMAP, **Mid-term Proceedings** have been produced with the title **“Concepts, methods and findings in forest ownership research in Europe”** (more details find below).

The next meeting will take place in Inverness (Scotland) from 6–8 April 2016. Furthermore, the **call** for the next round of **STSMs** will be announced by the **end of 2015**. More information on the application process find [here](#).

More information on the Action can be found at the [FACESMAP webpage](#), or contact Action Chair [Dr Gerhard Weiss](#).

## Concepts, methods and findings in forest ownership research in Europe – Mid-term Proceedings of the COST Action FP1201

The **Mid-term Proceedings of the COST Action FP1201 (FACESMAP)** cover a broad range of topics related to the forest ownership change. It has the aim to present some of its first findings to a wider audience. The published papers have been produced during the first two years of the Action, and are the result of various interactions and tools implemented in the Action, such as meetings, training school and short term scientific missions. Proceedings can be found [here](#).





## The 7<sup>th</sup> StarTree General Assembly meeting in Hamburg

The **7<sup>th</sup> StarTree General Assembly** took place in Krummendeich, Lower Saxony, **Germany** from **11–13 November 2015**. The project partners met to discuss project progress and exchange, especially about Regional Case Studies as they were presented in a new light and with more possibility for discussion than has been possible at previous meetings.

During the first meeting day, the **StarTree innovation generator** was presented as a common process amongst the action research groups and all partners. Innovation support workshops and innovation cases workshops were facilitated by Gerhard Weiss (BOKU) and Christine Fischer (FORECO/CTFC) in order to carry out the work on the innovation tools (innovation generator) during the coming third StarTree project period.

The entire second meeting day was dedicated to be a “regional case day”. The issues presented were particularly relevant for cross-case learning and inter-linking between the case studies. The results will feed the content for project outcomes and dissemination activities.

The third meeting day focused on preparing and planning all dissemination activities for the third StarTree project phase. Furthermore, the results of the research in all StarTree work packages from the first two project periods were presented and discussed in plenary. Finally, **the next General Assembly meeting which will take place in Wales in April 2016** was introduced.



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More information on the project you can find at project's website <http://star-tree.eu/> or [Facebook page](#).

## FOREST EUROPE 7<sup>th</sup> MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

The **7<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE)** was held in **Madrid, Spain**, from **20–21 October 2015**, followed by the Extraordinary Ministerial Conference (EMC) on 21 October. The former reviewed FOREST EUROPE work since the 6<sup>th</sup> MCPFE held in 2011 in Oslo, Norway and decided on work going forward, while the EMC received the results of the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe. About 220 participants attended the Conferences, including ministers responsible for forests and other high-level representatives of 38 European countries and the European Union, as well as representatives of 17 observer organizations, including EFI. EFI's Director Marc Palahí addressed future challenges and opportunities of the European forests and forest-based sector and made a strong statement on the future importance of European forest research.

The Ministerial Conference adopted: a **Ministerial Declaration “25 Years Together Promoting Sustainable Forest Management in Europe”**, a decision on the future direction of FOREST EUROPE and two resolutions, one on ‘Forest Sector in the Center of a Green Economy,’ the other on ‘Protection

of Forests in a Changing Environment’. The EMC adopted a decision agreeing to explore possible ways to find common ground on the draft legally binding agreement at an appropriate time no later than 2020.

Besides “The State of Europe's Forests Report 2015” and a report on the national and pan-European implementation of FOREST EUROPE commitments, a **“Mid-term evaluation of the Goals for European Forests and the European 2020 Targets for Forests”** was published. It was authored by Stefanie Linser and Bernhard Wolfslehner from EFICEEC.

More information is available at [FOREST EUROPE website](#).



Photo: Stefanie Linser





## ERASMUS+ project “Cooperation for innovative approach in sustainable forest management training” (CIA2SFM) – Kick-off meeting

The Kick-off meeting of the project was held in EFISEE office in Zagreb on 23 October 2015 and gathered representatives of partner organisations. Dr. Silvija Krajter Ostoić (EFISEE) coordinates the project. First activities include data collection for the Study of good practice in sustainable forest management training in Austria, Croatia and Slovenia. The study is due in February 2016 and is sort of background document necessary for development of the innovative curriculum and learning materials that is the main output of this project. The study will be provided in English, Croatian, German and Slovenian. For more information on the project please visit project's [website](#).



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## CAPABAL – Vision Document & Policy brief

**COST Targeted Network CAPABAL** is going into its 2<sup>nd</sup> year, hence starting to produce policy-relevant outcomes for the region. In this respect, a policy brief on the potential role and implementation of National Forest Programmes in the Western Balkans has been produced, as well as a first draft of a Vision document

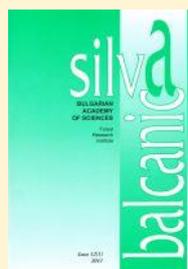
on the role of forest policy research and its uptake in policy-making in the region. The documents will serve as a reference for research planning and designing a science-policy interface in the future.

More information on the Action can be found at the Action's [website](#).

## Regional Journal presentation: *Silva Balcanica*

*Silva Balcanica* is an International Scientific Journal. Original and unpublished results of investigations of all aspects of forest ecosystems and landscapes of Balkan Peninsula, Central and Southern Europe will be published. *Silva Balcanica* is published by Forest Research Institute – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (FRI-BAS). Scientific analysis of practical results as well as investigations in the forest sciences, including forest ecology; forest soil science; forest genetics, tree breeding and plantation forestry; biometry and silviculture; forest economy and management; forest entomology and pathology; ecology and management of game fauna, urban forestry and green infrastructure, are accepted.

Critical and constructive articles on scientific publications or events in the field of forestry and forest science are also welcome.



*Silva Balcanica* Journal is included in CABI data base and is indexed in SCOPUS.

Journal website:  
<https://silvabalcanica.wordpress.com>





## Targeted Network TN1401CAPABAL – call for Training Scholl

The 3<sup>rd</sup> call for CAPABAL training school has been issued recently. The training school will be held in **Padua, Italy, 23–26 February 2016**. The topic is “Methods and tools for doing scientific research: from

the research idea to the research project”. Deadline for applications is 10 January 2016.

More information on the agenda, logistic and how to apply find [here](#).

## Publications

Linser, S.; Wolfslehner, B. (2015): Meeting the Goals for European Forests and the European 2020 Targets for Forests. Report on the Mid-term Evaluation of the Goals for European Forests and the European 2020 Targets for Forests. Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe. Forest Europe Liaison Unit Madrid.

Linser, S.; Wolfslehner, B.; Pülzl, H. (2015): The genesis of the pan-European criteria and indicators and their further development towards emerging policy needs. XIV World Forestry Congress (WFC) Forests and People: Investing in a Sustainable

Future. Sub-theme Monitoring forests for better decision-making.

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Schardt, M; Granica, K; Hirschmugl, M; Deutscher, J; Mollatz, M; Steinegger, M; Gallau, H; Wimmer, A; Linser, S (2015): The assessment of forest parameters by combined LiDAR and satellite data over Alpine regions – EUFODOS Implementation in Austria. Lesnícky časopis - Forestry Journal; 61, 3-11.

## Upcoming meetings and conferences

- EFI 2016 Annual Conference and the Seminar, 21-23 September 2016, Vienna, Austria

- FACESMAP COST Action Final Conference, 7-9 September 2016, Vienna, Austria



Season's Greetings  
and all good wishes  
for the New Year!

