



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 2015 Annual Conference

The 2015 Annual Conference and the Seminar "Forest policy research from theory to practice", was held in Saint-Petersburg, Russia, on 30 September – 2 October 2015. The co-organiser for the Conference was Saint Petersburg State Forest Technical University.

The scope of this year's Seminar was to present the state of forest policy research and practice in science-policy interface in Europe and Russia, and to discuss the needs and possible contribution of science into policy-making. The seminar was dedicated to the memory of Prof. Peter Glück, who passed away in March 2014, and was an instrumental person in both developing EFI and establishing new standards in forest policy research. Helga Pülzl and Bernhard Wolfslehner contributed actively to the seminar amongst a who-is-who of the forest policy research community.

The Conference gathered good participation – in total of over 110 participants from 23 countries in Europe

and beyond participated in the events during the conference week.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Annual Conference 2016 in Vienna!



Photo: Georgy Shablovsky

ARANGE Science Conference "Mountain Forest Management in a Changing World"

With the aim to discuss the potentials and limitations of current and potential future management of mountain forest ecosystems providing a portfolio of ecosystem services under risk and uncertainty the [ARANGE project](#) organized an open science conference "Mountain Forest Management in a Changing World" in the High Tatra Mountains, Slovakia (7-9 July 2015). 130 registered participants, including scientists, practitioners, international mountain forestry stakeholders and policy makers participated and contributed with 48 oral and 31 poster presentations in dedicated scientific sessions.

A field trip to the Slovakian Case Study Region (Kozie Chrby) pinpointed regional issues and fostered the knowledge transfer between science and practice. Bernhard Wolfslehner moderated the final day of the Conference, including a panel discussion and a stakeholder workshop, both targeting at bridging the gap between science, policy and practice and

elaborating on a possible European Mountain Forest Research Agenda.

A short report is available [here](#).



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CAPABAL TN 1401 MC & WG Meeting in Vienna, Austria

The second MC and WG Meeting with Conference, Third Core Group and Dissemination Meeting of the CAPABAL Action was held in Vienna from 16-18 September 2015. The event was hosted by the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) Vienna in Austria.

The aim of the meeting was to present and discuss the preliminary outcomes of the activities of three Working Groups, STSMs and Training Schools and to plan future activities. Key note speakers were Prof. Dr. Karl Hogl (BOKU) who presented the evaluation of the Austrian Forest Dialogue, Prof. Dr. Gerard Buttoud who talked about designing national forest programmes in the context of global change and a need for systemic forestry, and Prof. Dr. Margaret Shannon who discussed socio-economic resilience as a communicative action.

The next WG and MC meeting has been scheduled for March 2016 in Podgorica, Montenegro, and the next training school has been announced for February 2016 in Padova with the topic of writing project proposals.



Photo: CABAPAL team

EFICEEC - EFISEE @ Durban FAO World Forestry Congress

The XIV FAO World Forestry Congress in Durban, the first to be held in Africa, brought together almost 4,000 delegates from 142 countries in order to discuss key issues of the sector and potential ways to address them. The central theme “Forests and people: Investing in a Sustainable Future” aimed to pinpoint the crucial role of World’s forests in income generation, employment creation and equity and the vital links between forests and climate change, biodiversity conservation and sustainable water resources. Within an array of plenary sessions, sub-theme dialogues and special (side) events the largest gathering on forests this year set out to elaborate on a vision for the future of forests – resources that hold the potential to play a decisive role in combating hunger, poverty as well as climate change.

Besides the **Durban Declaration**, that outlines a series of actions needed to realize the vision, the Congress stressed the essential role of forests to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in a **message to the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit**, recommended a **set of actions** to the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change and launched an international five-year **forest and water action plan**.

Special attention was drawn to the youth, as vital stakeholders in sustainable development, providing room to bring in their perspectives to the Congress in a special event on **forests for the future**.

More information on this event is available [here](#).

ERASMUS+ project “Cooperation for innovative approach in sustainable forest management training”

EFICEEC and EFISEE offices further strengthen their collaboration with work on new **ERASMUS+ project**. The three year project **“Cooperation for innovative approach in sustainable forest management training” (CIA2SFM)** is result of strategic partnership of seven organisations from Croatia, Austria and Slovenia aiming at developing of new curriculum for Lifelong Learning (LLL) on the topic of sustainable forest management. The innovativeness of the approach is in providing an e-learning platform that will be developed jointly and be flexible enough to be implemented transnationally. Croatian Forest

Research Institute with its EFISEE office is coordinating the project gathering six other organisations- BOKU, Austrian Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape (BFW), Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) from Croatia, Slovenian Forest Institute, Slovenian Forest Service and Slovenian Institute for Adult Education.

The kick-off meeting date is set to **23 October 2015** in Zagreb. Webpage and Facebook page are so far under construction.





SMSM @ EFICEEC

Sonja Trifunov, PhD student from Faculty of Sciences, University of Novi Sad, joined the EFICEEC team from 15-24 September, for a Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) within the COST Targeted Network "Capacity Building in Forest Policy and Governance in Western Balkan Region – CAPABAL". **The STSM focused on biodiversity criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management (SFM)**, and was supervised by Bernhard Wolfslehner. The issue of biodiversity indicators for SFM was elaborated with respect to the challenge of their implementation at the operational level. Sonja's PhD research concerns the integration of biodiversity conservation objectives in forest management in protected areas in Serbia. About this STSM, Sonja says: "It was important in terms of

strengthening the analytical part of my research, but it also brought up considerations for future and motivation to continue with work on this topic. I am very pleased for having a chance to stay with EFICEEC team in Vienna, where I found welcoming and inspiring atmosphere."



The Forest Innovation Database

We would like to present you **the Forest Innovation Database**.

This database is a growing collection of information related to innovations in the forest-based sectors, of relevance to European practitioners, researchers and forestry students. Cases are real life examples across a broad range of forestry related enterprises mostly within Europe, but also a few from outside of Europe that maybe be of interest to database users like yourself.

In the framework of the Startree project we are aiming to collect a number of innovative cases related to non-wood forest products.

Therefore, **we would like to invite you to visit our database**, check existing cases and **suggest us innovative cases related to non-wood forest products from your countries**. Description of suggested cases can be directly submitted to the database or you can send it to us on our email eficeec@efi.int.

This would be of great help for our project, but also for building the useful tool that can be used by all our partners.

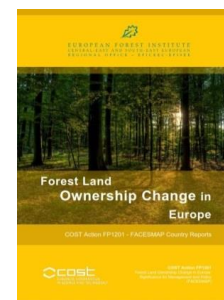


Joint Volume of the COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP Country Reports is published !

The Joint Volume of Country Reports represents a collection of 28 country reports that aim to give an overview of the forest ownership structures and respective changes in the single countries and insight on specific issues in the countries. The reports comprise qualitative and quantitative data of a broad range of relevant issues, spanning from a literature analysis on forest ownership change to management and policy implications. The COST Action FP1201 FACESMAP Country Reports Joint Volume can be downloaded from [here](#).

Next meeting of the FACESMAP COST Action will be held in Krakow (Poland) from 4-6 November 2015.

More information on the Action you can find at [FACESMAP webpage](#) or contact Action Chair [Gerhard Weiss](#)





Regional Journal presentation: BALTIC FORESTRY

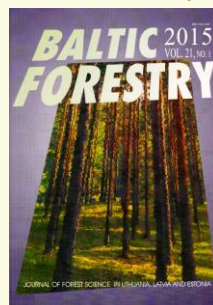
BALTIC FORESTRY (ISSN 1392-1355) is a peer reviewed international scientific journal which publishes original articles as well as short reports and review papers on forest science and forestry throughout the Baltic Sea region and elsewhere. The Baltic Sea region is rather unique through its intrinsic temperate and boreal forest environment and distinguished geographical and social conditions. The forest science there has been affected by the ideas from both the East and West.

In 2015, the journal BALTIC FORESTRY celebrates its 20 year anniversary. The journal is published since 1995 when forest research institutes and universities from Baltic Countries - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania - joined their efforts in publishing their research results. The founders of the journal are: Institute of Forestry of Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry, Aleksandras Stulginskis University (Lithuania), Institute of Forestry and Rural Engineering of Estonian University of Life Sciences, Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava" and Latvian University of Agriculture. Members of Editorial Advisory Board are well-known scientists from Baltic Countries and Sweden. They act as subject editors and as reviewers of the papers. International scientists from over 35 countries are involved in the review process of submitted manuscripts.

Scientists from 30 countries have submitted their manuscripts for publication in BALTIC FORESTRY so far.

The Journal is published two times a year: No.1 (April), No.2 (December). The Journal is abstracted/indexed in: Thomson Reuters Web of Science Citation Index Expanded, SCOPUS® Database, Forest Science Database, Zoological Record, CAB Abstracts, Agroforestry Abstracts, Forestry Abstracts and other international databases. The 2014-year impact factor is 0.41. Online submission of manuscripts as well as abstracts and full-text pdf files of all papers (Open Access mode) are available on BALTIC FORESTRY website: <http://www.balticforestry.mi.lt>.

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Upcoming meetings and conferences

- Climate policy targets: How can European forests contribute?, 1 December 2015, Paris, France
- Knowledge-based forestry sector, 4-11 November 2015, Riga, Latvia

- The European Forum on Urban Forestry, 31 May-4 June 2016, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- EFI 2016 Annual Conference and the Seminar, 21-23 September 2016, Vienna, Austria

