



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](#).

Outstanding national Set of Indicators for SFM

Stefanie Linser from EFICEEC was coordinating the **Revision of the Austrian Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management**. The set contains the pan-European indicators for SFM as well as 33 indicators of additional national importance. The indicators are related to goals of the Austrian Forest Program and the Austrian Forest Strategy 2020+ and contain agreed targets and thresholds as well as assessments of the achievements which makes this set unique in comparison what is so far available in other countries. A selection of key indicators is presented in a separate leaflet. The Report on the Austrian Set of Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management was adopted by the Austrian Forest Forum at 16 May 2017.



ÖWAD-Indikatoren-Set für nachhaltige Waldbewirtschaftung

mit Ist- und Soll-Größen
und einer englischen Kurzfassung

Erarbeitet im Rahmen des
Österreichischen Walddialogs

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More details are available here
http://www.eficeec.efi.int/portal/projects/austrian_indicators_for_sfm/

Social Innovation in Marginalised Rural Areas: SIMRA first Annual meeting and General Assembly held in Barcelona

The SIMRA partners and Scientific Advisory Board gathered in Barcelona from 16–18 May 2017 for the annual project meeting and the **first General Assembly**, hosted by the EFI Mediterranean Regional Office. One year after the project's kick-off, the forum offered an opportunity to reflect on achievements and progress thus far, and to plan next steps for the coming year. In-depth discussions culminated in shaping further SIMRA's working definition of social innovation. The current definition will be the subject of a future blog in <http://www.simra-h2020.eu/index.php/blog/>.

From **EFICEEC**, **Alice Ludvig** and **Gerhard Weiss** presented the policy frameworks for Social Innovation within the EU and the surrounding Mediterranean Countries.

During a field trip to the Catalonian countryside, examples of voluntary fire defence and social

faring were visited. For more details on SIMRA visit <http://www.simra-h2020.eu/>.



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KICK-OFF Meeting CAREFORPARIS in Vienna

The Kick-off meeting of the Austrian project CAREFORPARIS (“Adaptation for carbon efficient forests and the entire wood value chain (including a policy decision support tool) - Evaluating pathways supporting the Paris Agreement”), funded by the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund (ACRP), took place April 24 in Vienna. It is a two-years project that is led by the Environment Agency Austria (Umweltbundesamt).

For EFICEEC, **Alice Ludvig** and **Gerhard Weiss** are leading the socio-economic part and will develop proposals for modifying the political and legal framework conditions in Austria for forest management and wood product use towards a GHG-optimised use. The project estimates with six scenarios the impacts of climate change and silvicultural adaptation measures on the significant GHG balance of the Austrian forests and related wood products/fuels (incl. avoided emissions from substitute products/fuels) until 2150. In addition, an analysis of these impacts on the Austrian forest and wood industry sector (the biggest economic sector in Austria) will be carried out (e.g. quantity and

quality of wood delivery, needed technical adaptations). The results of the project offer basis for needed societal transformations and adaptations to reach the Paris Agreement targets of a balance between GHG emissions and removals post 2050 and will identify needed adaptation measures in the Austrian wood industry due to climate change impacts and silvicultural consequences in the Austrian forests.



source: Stora Enso

The first meeting of the second stage of the COST TN CAPABAL in Skopje

At the beginning of the April was held the first meeting of the second stage of the COST Targeted Network (TN) CAPABAL. The event was hosted by the Faculty of Forestry in Skopje. During the three-day event the Core group, Management committee, Working groups and Dissemination meetings were attended by a total of 40 researchers, policy decision makers and practitioners.

The goal of the meeting was to determine and to present the future steps of the Action and working groups. The Strategic Regional Research Agenda, which main topics and research lines were adopted by the Management committee, was further developed and discussed with all the participants of the meeting.

Next meeting of the CAPABAL Action is planned for November, 2017 in Poland (Krakow).



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Project meeting of the ERASMUS+ project CIA2SFM in Ljubljana

The 4th transnational project meeting of the CIA2SFM project was held on 2nd of June at Slovenian Forestry Institute in Ljubljana. Nine representatives from Slovenian, Austrian and Croatian partner organizations focused on the evaluation of the materials in Moodle platform for planned e-learning in sustainable forest management. A draft agenda for the 2nd short-term joint staff training event was presented by The Institute for Development and International Relations. The next project meeting is planned for November in Vienna in an organization of Austrian Research Center for Forests.



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4th Edition of the International Conference “Integrated Management of Environmental Resources”, Suceava, November 2017

4th Edition of the International Conference “Integrated Management of Environmental Resources” is organised at Suceava University on 3–4 November 2017.

The highlights of scientific program are:

- The impact of Natura 2000 European Network on private forest management (special session)
- Forest Ecosystems and Landscape Ecology
- Silviculture and Forest Health

- Forest Assessment, Modelling and Management
- Environmental Economics and Policy
- Forest Operations Engineering and Forest Products

The conference is supported by EFICEEC – the Central-East European Regional Office of the European Forest Institute.

More information can be found on the website: <http://www.silvic.usv.ro/imer2017/index.php>

2017 Bioeconomy Investment Summit – Placing sustainability at the heart of the investment agenda

Join us on 14–15 December 2017 in Helsinki, Finland for the 2017 Bioeconomy Investment Summit.

Over 30 speakers from across the globe will share their views on how we can bring together the economy and the environment.

New advances in technology mean that everything that can be made out of oil can be made from renewable, biological resources. There are huge

environmental and business opportunities for a wide range of industries: construction, chemicals, textiles, energy, plastics.

The bioeconomy gives us a unique opportunity for building a sustainable future. Our speakers will focus on what investment steps we need to take to make it happen.

More info at: <http://www.2017bioecosummit.eu/>





Solutions for Wood Mobilisation in Europe (SIMWOOD project final conference)

Regional, national and European stakeholders interested in wood mobilisation are invited to the conference 'Solutions for Wood Mobilisation in Europe'. The programme is designed to address both forest practitioners (forest managers, entrepreneurs, wood suppliers etc.) and policy-makers.

From October 12 to 13, 2017, the members of the EU research project SIMWOOD will present their findings of four years of region-based research action and trans-European cooperation at a final conference in Paris. The SIMWOOD project aims to increase the mobilisation of wood from forests and woodlands in Europe. The project reaches out to stakeholders and regional initiatives with the aim of engaging and mobilising forest owners and practitioners, promoting collaborative forest

management and ensuring sustainable forest functions.

Programme:

- Lessons learned from the SIMWOOD pilot projects and regional learning labs
- Experiences shared by participating SMEs
- Demonstration of tools and products developed to support wood mobilisation
- Panel discussions with forest practitioners, policy makers and researchers

The deadline for registration is 31 July 2017.

Registration: <http://www.bayfor.org/simwood-final-conference>

Project website: <http://www.simwood-project.eu/>

Publications

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Upcoming meetings and conferences

- IUFRO 125th Anniversary Congress "Interconnecting Forests, Science and People", 19–22 September 2017, Freiburg, Germany.
- Inauguration of EFI Bonn, 29 August 2017, Bonn, Germany
- EFI 2017 Annual Conference and the Seminar, 4-6 October 2017, Oslo, Norway
- PROFOUND Final Conference: Robust projections of forests under climate change – data, methods and models, 9-10 October 2017, Potsdam, Germany

