

WELCOME TO OUR FPRN Newsletter



Welcome to FPRN electronic newsletter dedicated to the FPRN network. Our primary objective is to furnish quarterly updates and spotlight our most recent advancements and achievements. FPRN News will be distributed via email and prominently displayed on the FPRN website (<https://fprn.info>), ensuring widespread accessibility to our latest developments.

Call for papers!



This thematic issue is under the aegis of EFI's Forest Policy Research Network (FPRN) and IUFRO 09.05.24 Forest Policies in Baltics and CEE Region.

The **Central European Forestry Journal (CEFJ)** is inviting submissions for a special thematic issue on "Forest Policy and Governance Research in the Baltics, Central Eastern, and South-Eastern Europe." This issue aims to explore the dynamic changes in forest policy and governance within these regions, particularly in the context of their integration with the broader European research agenda.

Submission Guidelines

We welcome research articles and review articles that offer literature reviews, theory-based empirical analyses, or conceptual/theoretical/methodological works employing qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods. Papers can focus on single-country studies or adopt a comparative approach across multiple countries within the Baltic and CEE, including SEE region.

Special Considerations

- We encourage submissions from research teams comprising both young scientists and senior researchers.
- Priority will be given to quality papers where a young scientist is the first author.
- Manuscripts must be original, not previously published, and not under consideration elsewhere.

Submission Process

Manuscripts should be submitted online through the CEFJ editorial manager website. During the submission process, select the thematic issue "Forest policy and governance research in Baltics, Central and Eastern Europe" under the "General information" step.

For detailed submission guidelines and to register, visit:

- [CEFJ Homepage](#)
- [Submission Portal](#)

If you encounter any issues during submission, please contact Dr. Michal Bošel'a at michal.bosela@tuzvo.sk.

Important Dates

Submission Deadline: February 3, 2025

The thematic issue is planned for the second half of 2025, either in August or November (issue no. 3 or 4), depending on the peer-review process.



Join and Share EUFORE's Forestry Innovation Survey

Companies and organisations within the forestry and forest-based sector are now invited to participate in EUFORE's Innovation Survey, designed to explore the innovation activities, challenges, and trends within the sector. Also, we hope that you will share this survey within your networks.

We have two tailored surveys, one for companies and one for other forest-related organizations, scan the QR codes on your right or access through the link!

Your insights will help shape sustainable and transnational strategies, driving positive change and advancements in our sector. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete, and your participation is entirely voluntary. All responses will be treated confidentially and used for scientific purposes only.

For more info, visit eufore.eu/contribute-to-our-innovation-survey/

We are grateful for your support in sharing our message across your countries and networks, helping us reach as many companies and organizations as possible!

For small & large private companies, public enterprises, semi-public companies, industries & private owners with company status, please scan:



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For government entities, research institutions, NGOs, networking organizations, associations, & private forest owners, please scan:



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Educational Opportunities

FILLING AN EDUCATIONAL GAP - DELIVERING EXPERT KNOWLEDGE ON GENDER EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN FORESTRY TO ALL

The course is a collaboration between 29 organisations and 40 international experts on five continents, and is jointly coordinated by University of Padova, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and Université de Moncton. Co-funders of the course are SLU Global and FSC International. Among the organisations contributing with materials are UN Women, CIFOR-ICRAF, and FSC International. The IUFRO (International Union of Forest Research Organizations) Task Force on Gender equality in forestry initiated the course development.

The **ForGEDI MOOC** is mainly tailored for forestry students and university educators. It's also valuable for students and educators in related fields like rural development, trade, and environmental studies. Professionals in vocational training can also enroll. Educators and curriculum developers are encouraged to integrate parts of the materials into their courses outside FutureLearn.

The course will be facilitated in the Autumn of 2024, so stay tuned for more updates via <https://forgedi.org/> or follow us on social media.

Link to the course: www.futurelearn.com



Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
in forest-related sectors

SUMMER SCHOOL: THE HIDDEN HALF OF ECOSYSTEMS (7 – 11 OCTOBER 2024)

This course will enable students to understand the function of root systems and their mycorrhizal symbionts and identify the anatomical, morphological, and physiological parameters of roots and their distribution in space and time that underlie resource uptake. At the moment, there is one vacancy left, for which you can still register. More information on the Summer School you can find [HERE](#).

You are invited to join us in the CHALLENGES IN FOREST ECOLOGY – FFWT Seminar Series. If you missed any of the previous talks see [the links to video recordings](#) and [the invitation to future lectures](#).

Past Network events

Our **EFI-FPRN webinar** on **June 10, 2024**, was a great success, and we're excited to share this achievement with you! As the first in a series of EFI network webinars, it set the stage for many more engaging events to come. If you missed it, you can catch up by checking out the recording [HERE](#)

Stay tuned for future announcements!





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Forest Bioeconomy governance under Climate Change - Eastern and South Eastern European Perspectives

EFI's Forest Policy Research Network Webinar
10 June 2024 | 10-12 CET

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Upcoming Events

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN FORESTRY: CHANGING THE IMAGE OF FORESTRY

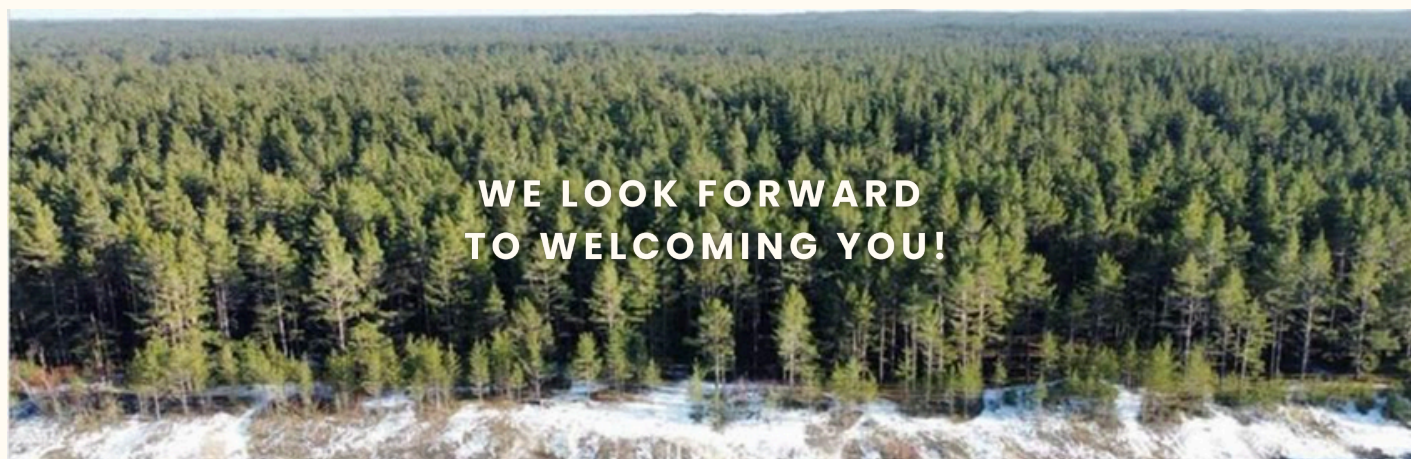
The conference aims to empower young women in forestry and transform the sector into an equality-oriented and inclusive one.

Event highlights: Engaging lectures and discussions on gender equality in forestry on Day 1, followed by a captivating study visit to Slovenian Austria and natural sights to explore close-to-nature forest management in Slovenia on Day 2 of the event.



The conference is organized by the Fem2forests and WOFO - Women in Forestry International. More information is available on the invitation [HERE](#).

Registration open until 10 Oct 2024, register [here!](#)



JOIN US FOR TWO KEY FORWARDS PROJECT EVENTS: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OLD-GROWTH FORESTS AND AUTUMN SCHOOL ON CLIMATE-SMART FORESTRY

As part of the FORWARDS Project, the Latvian State Forest Research Institute "SILAVA" is excited to host two significant events this October. We invite you to participate in the 4th International Conference, "Old-Growth Forests: Policy and Practice," and the FORWARDS Autumn School on Climate-Smart Forestry.

The conference will be held on October 10-11, 2024, in Mežmāja, Latvia, as a hybrid event, bringing together experts, policymakers, and practitioners to explore the latest

developments in the preservation and management of old-growth forests.

In conjunction with the conference, the FORWARDS Autumn School will take place on October 7-9, 2024, tailored for PhD students eager to advance their understanding of climate-smart forestry practices.

These events provide unique opportunities for learning, networking, and contributing to sustainable forestry and climate action. Registration for both the conference and the Autumn School is now open. Don't miss your chance to be part of these important discussions and initiatives.

For more details and to register, visit [HERE](#)



**EFI SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR
THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2024
BONN, GERMANY**

Photo by Stefanie Linser

INTEGRATIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT: PERSPECTIVES FROM SCIENCE, POLICY AND PRACTICE

We are pleased to announce that the EFI Scientific Seminar 2024 will center on one of today's most pressing questions in forestry: "How can we foster biodiversity in modern forest management?" This year's seminar will delve into the concept of Integrative Forest Management (IFM), aiming to deepen our understanding of the intricate relationships between forest science, environmental policy, and practical application.

Key topics will include:

- Innovative forest management practices across Europe that enhance biodiversity, resilience, and mitigate disturbances.
- The latest flagship projects and activities driving advancements in IFM and promoting scientific exchange.
- Addressing the challenges of integrating multiple ecosystem services into forest management.
- Exploring strategies to support the widespread adoption of IFM at various levels and among diverse stakeholders.

Join the EFI Scientific Seminar 2024, explore these critical issues and collaborate on shaping the future of forest management.

For more information, visit [EFI.int](https://efi.int)

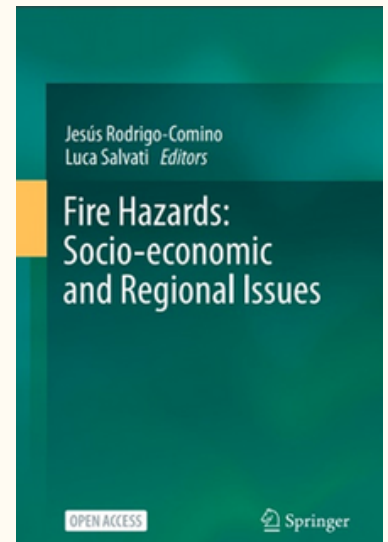
Highlighted Publications

NEW BOOK RELEASE!

The research team from the Institute of Forestry in Belgrade, Serbia, has published a study on the valuation of forest fires. The study, titled "The Cost of Forest Fires: A Socioeconomic Analysis," was authored by Zoran Poduška and Snežana Stajić and published as a chapter in the book *Fire Hazards: Socio-economic and Regional* (https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-50446-4_10).

This chapter aims to explore the phenomenon of forest fires from a socioeconomic perspective, offering readers a new viewpoint. The authors challenge the assumption that fire in forest ecosystems has solely positive or negative impacts, suggesting instead that these impacts can be represented through an appropriate valuation system.

The book, edited by Jesús Rodrigo-Comino and Luca Salvati, is a result of COST Action Firelinks CA18135 (<https://firelinks.eu/>).



Available on the Springer website at <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-50446-4>.

RECENT RESEARCH PAPERS!

- Elomina J, Živojinović I. 2024 *Systematic Literature Review of Land Use Conflicts in Northern Sweden—Lessons Learned and Ways Forward*. RESOURCES-BASEL. 2024;13:-. [doi:10.3390/resources13060077](https://doi.org/10.3390/resources13060077)
- Živojinović, I., Elomina, J., Pülzl, H., Calanasan, K., Dabić, I., Ólafsdóttir, R., ... Nygaard, V. 2024 *Exploring land use conflicts arising from economic activities and their impacts on local communities in the European Arctic*. Journal of Land Use Science, 19(1), 186–210. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1747423X.2024.2382676>
- Nygaard V, Engen S, Suopajaervi L, Edvardsdottir A, Iversen A, Bogadottir R, Tuulentie S, Bjerke W, Rautio P, Elomina J, Miettinen, J. 2024 *Industry-specific impacts of global drivers in the European Arctic*. J LAND USE SCIENCE. 2024;19(1):150–69. [doi:https://doi.org/10.1080/1747423X.2024.2358951](https://doi.org/10.1080/1747423X.2024.2358951)
- Nabuurs, G.J., Begemann, A., Linser, S., Paillet, Y., Pettenella, D., zu Ermgassen, S. 2024. *Sustainable finance and forest biodiversity criteria*. From Science to Policy 16. European Forest Institute. <https://doi.org/10.36333/fs16>
- Linser, Stefanie. 2024 *Potential for Revision of Forest Europe Indicators under Criterion 4 "Maintenance, Conservation and Appropriate Enhancement of Biological Diversity in Forest Ecosystems"*. FOREST EUROPE, Bonn. 32 p DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.14518.72008/1](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.14518.72008/1)

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