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!

SPECIAL ISSUE: **Political forests of Europe** – Call for Papers

Forests Monitor announces a Special Issue (SI) exploring advancements in forest policy science, inspired by the International Forest Policy Meeting (IFPM). This biennial event focuses on forest-related issues through a social science lens, uniting scholars globally. The SI aligns with IFPM5, held in Helsinki in April 2024, and emphasizes the conference's key topics and themes.

Special Considerations

- The primary goal of this Special Issue is to deepen the understanding of the multifaceted nature of political forests, and political forestry, examining different issues of forest governance, and generating insights on the future of forests in Europe, including but not limited to:
- Forest governance in the EU as a whole and in nation states.
- Knowledge, data, and evidence in a political forest.
- (Forest) land use, forest owners, and land conflicts.
- Inequality, intersectionality & gender in forest policy and practice.

Submission Guidelines

Authors are invited to submit original research articles, reviews, and case studies that align with the themes outlined below. Submissions should adhere to the Journal's guidelines and will undergo a rigorous double-blind peer-review process. The **deadline** for manuscript submissions is **March 15, 2025**. To submit papers to this Special Issue, click "Make a Submission" button at the Forests Monitor homepage here, and in step 1, under the Section selection in the dropdown list, select "Special Issue: Political forests of Europe".

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Past Events

CLOSE TO NATURE AND CLOSE TO PEOPLE FORESTRY: BUILDING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CAPACITY FOR UKRAINE WITH A TRAINING SCHOOL

The BFH-HAFL School of Agriculture, Forestry, and Food Sciences (HAFL) at Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH), an IUFRO member, is fostering forestry collaboration with Ukraine. Efforts include a Training School titled "Close to Nature and Close to People Forestry," focused on enhancing research and education. HAFL also launched the Close-to-Nature Forestry Network in Ukraine to share knowledge and innovations in digitalization and forest landscape governance. Additionally, pilot demonstration sites (marteloscopes) have been established as training facilities to practice close-to-nature forestry, accessible via martelage.sylvotheque.ch..

Mobility Program for Ukrainian scholars

The BFH-HAFL School of Agriculture, Forestry, and Food Sciences (HAFL) at Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH)

Organized by
Dr. Mariana Melnykovych and
Prof. Dr. Christian Rosset

Designed to build capacity for early-career Ukrainian professors, the Training School addressed priority actions identified by Ukrainian forestry scientists, students, and experts at the IUFRO Forum on Ukraine Forest Science and Education: Needs and Priorities for Collaboration (2023). These actions include strengthening forest science to support evidence-based post-war forest recovery strategies, innovation in forestry research and education and building international partnerships and enhancing collaboration.

Supported by the IUFRO 4.05.05 Research Unit on Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, WSL and the S4C Science for the Carpathians Eastern Europe Research Network.

Upcoming Events

APPLY NOW!
5 – 9 May 2025
Jastrebarsko, Croatia

EFI Young Leadership Programme
Mediterranean 2025
Building forest resilience through climate and biodiversity-smart management and restoration

CALLING ALL YOUNG LEADERS!!!

JOIN THE EFI YOUNG LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME – MEDITERRANEAN 2025!

Please encourage interested individuals to apply before the deadline, which is fast approaching on **15 December 2024!**

Read more here.

"The RESONATE Policy Workshop and Roadmap in Brussels, 10 February 2025

Within our ongoing project RESONATE (https://resonateforest.org/) Blasius Schmid and Alice Ludvig from the EFI-FRPN team are involved in carrying out a policy workshop in Brussels

Date: 10 February 2025, 12:00 – 17:00 Venue: Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union | Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels, BelgiumHosted by the RESONATE consortium.
The RESONATE project seeks to strengthen forest ecosystem and value chain resilience by offering tailored solutions and best practices for stakeholders. The major RESONATE's policy findings that we will be discussing address three main topics: (1) Resilience and climate change adaptation, (2) Disturbance risk management and (3) Value chain resilience.

The policy workshop and roadshows are designed for policy actors, decision-makers and experts in forest ecosystems, forest management and forest-based industries across Europe. A focus is on European Commission staff from relevant DGs, European advocacy groups and national representatives. The aim is to introduce this key target group to the main results and provide a platform to jointly reflect on their relevance for EU forest policy processes. Up to 50 participants will be accepted to participate.

If you are interested to participate in this workshop, please pre-register by sending an email to secretary@innovawood.eu"

Join us for this event on forest innovation in Brussels and be part of the future of forests!

This event is co-organized by the European Forest Institute (EFI), the European Network of Forested Regions (ERIAFF), and the EU projects FOREST4EU and OptFor-EU. The 2-day event is a unique opportunity to engage with policymakers, forest owners, practitioners, researchers, association and NGOs. Together, we will explore the latest innovations, discuss regional priorities, and foster collaboration among key stakeholders in the forest-based sector. Two presentations will be held by our colleagues from the network, Stefanie Linser and Alice Ludvig in frame of the OptFor-EU project, and our colleague Ivana Zivojinovic will present the EUFORE project.

More information available soon at ww.forestinnovation.eu

CROSSEU PROJECT FEATURED IN FUTURES4EUROPE PLATFORM

"The CROSSEU project (https://crosseu.eu/)- in which Alice Ludvig at BOKU-INFER is leading the the work package on analysis for policy and governance implications within adaptation and mitigation policies has been featured this week on futures4europe. This is a foresight online platform for the Research and Innovation (R&I) foresight community in Europe. You can explore more about the platform and its features here. Futures4europe serves as a dynamic hub that accommodates the interests of a diverse group of stakeholders, including foresight experts, beneficiaries, domain specialists, and an active audience. The platform plays a key role in connecting various actors in the foresight field, offering a space to map organizations and experts, share foresight results, and showcase the capabilities of ongoing projects."

Erasmus+ project ForestPost - cooperation with employers to ensure green reconstruction of Ukraine

For the first time, NTUU has won the ERASMUS+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) competition as a coordinator and will lead the three-year project "Modernization of Master's Programs to Support the Post-War Green Reconstruction of Ukraine" (ForestPost). Among 765 applications under Erasmus+ CBHE-2024 Strand 2, only 79 (10.3%) were selected for funding.

The project consortium includes the National Forestry University of Ukraine (coordinator), National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, State Biotechnology University, University of Valladolid (Spain), University of Sustainable Development Eberswalde (Germany), and Transilvania University of Brasov (Romania). ForestPost aims to foster collaboration between higher education institutions and forestry organizations to support Ukraine's green post-war reconstruction through new academic disciplines rooted in a dual education approach, addressing critical challenges and equipping students with essential green skills.

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Original post for more information have a look **here.**

New colleague

My name is Geraldine, I'm 32 years old, and I grew up in Sweden after being born in Germany. For the past six years, I've been living in Vienna. Since September, I've been working as a research assistant at the Institute for Forest, Environmental and Resource Policy for 1.5 years, focusing on the HOLGER project, where I study regulatory frameworks and social innovations to promote timber construction in Austria.

I hold a degree in Environmental Sciences from Bielefeld University (with a semester at Istanbul Üniversitesi) and a Master's in Material and Energetic Exploitation of Renewable Resources (NAWARO) from BOKU. Previously, I worked at alchemia-nova on circular bioeconomy and nature-based solutions, gaining experience in EU project management.

I'm excited to continue learning, collaborating, and exploring new opportunities here at BOKU!

Highlighted Publications

RECENT RESEARCH PAPERS!

- Robertson, G.; Linser, S.; Köhl, M. (2024): Forest disturbance and damage: Perspectives for forest monitoring and reporting. (2024). Forests Monitor, 1(1), 39-65. https://doi.org/10.62320/fm.v1.i1.10

- Briers, S.; Ackermann, A.; Linser, S.; Zivojinovic, I. et al. (2024): Shaping the bioeconomy: Public and private sector perceptions across European regions, Current Research in Environmental Sustainability, 8: 100264, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.crsust.2024.100264

- Ludvig A, Schmid B, Öllerer B, Nikinmaa L, Hurtado P, Rodriguez-Ogea M, Toppinen A, Increasing climate-related resilience in the forest-based value chains? A policy perspective, Forest Policy and Economics, Volume 168, 2024, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2024.103314

- Ludvig A, Öllerer B, Aubram T. Connecting gender balance, crisis resistance and innovativeness in the forestry sector: Women in leadership and management. Environmental Science & Policy, Volume 161, November 2024, 103890. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsci.2024.103890

- Martino, S.; Martinat, S.; Joyce, K.; Poskitt, S.; Nijnik, M. (2024): A Classification and Interpretation of Methodological Approaches to Pursue Natural Capital Valuation in Forest Research. Forests, 15(10), 1716. https://doi.org/10.3390/f15101716

Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year filled with health and professional achievements!

Happy Holidays

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