

# 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.

## Upcoming Events

### Book Launch!

**Don't Miss the Book Launch: European Forest Policy and Governance by Filip Aggestam**

7 April 2025, Monday , 10;30 CET , Zoom

Guest Panel: Helga Pülzl (EFI), Roman Michalak (UNECEForests/FAO), and Georg Winkel (FNPWUR).  
Moderated by: Gerhard Weiss

**Registration is essential** so please register [here](#).

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with top experts and explore key insights from this important publication. Visit our website for more details and we look forward to welcoming you to the discussion!

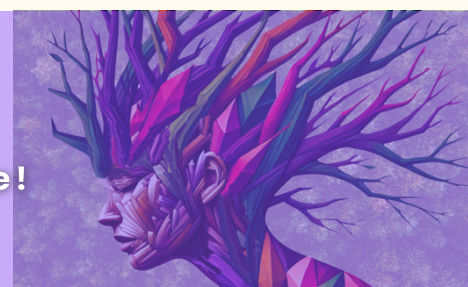


## FORGEDI Anniversary Webinar

**Growing Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (GEDI) through Forestry Education – Overcoming Challenges and Making an Impact**

Join the webinar on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

No registration required – simply join us online!  
Save the date and be part of the conversation



Click here to join:

Session 1: 09:00–10:00 CEST – [Join Zoom](#) | Passcode: 276035

Session 2: 15:00–16:00 CEST – [Join Zoom](#) | Passcode: 728968

For more info visit: [forgedi.org](https://forgedi.org)

Organised by: ForGEDI IUFRO Task Force, Nordic Forest Research (SNS), International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA), International Union of Forest Research Organisations (IUFRO)  
Hosted by: University of Padova



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## International IUFRO Conference

### Research Group 4.05 Managerial economics and accounting

### Socioeconomic changes and challenges in the forest sector: acknowledging the role of managerial economics and accounting. Prague, Czech Republic | May 13–16, 2025

The International IUFRO conference will provide a platform for discussing the socioeconomic changes and challenges in the forest sector, with a particular focus on economic decision-making and financial planning. The discussions will highlight the role of analytical approaches, policy coordination, and performance evaluation in strengthening the resilience of forestry businesses and institutions. Through interdisciplinary dialogue and knowledge exchange, the conference aims to contribute to the development of effective strategies that strengthen the economic viability and sustainability of the forest sector in an increasingly complex global landscape.

For more information visit: [www.fld.czu.cz](http://www.fld.czu.cz)

Link to registration: [International IUFRO Conference Survey](#)

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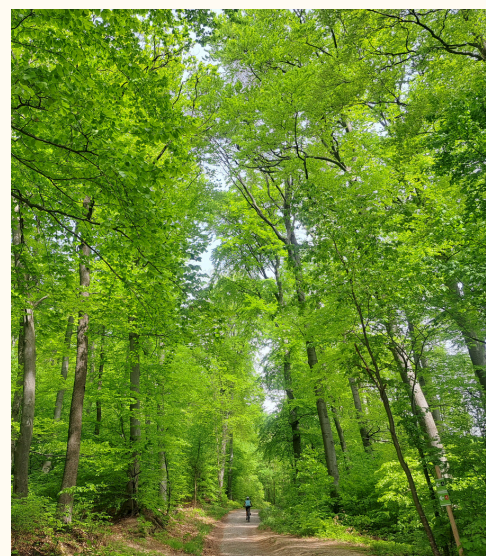
## 20th International Symposium on Legal Aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development

### Brasov, Romania, in October 08 – 10, 2025

IUFRO Unit 9.06.00 Forest law and environmental legislation, together with the Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania, is organizing the 20th International Symposium on Legal aspects of European Forest Sustainable Development that will be held on 8–10 Oct 2025.

The link for the registration is [here](#).

Participants intending to attend the symposium are invited to [fill in the registration form](#) by 30 June 2025.



## SILVA Network Annual Conference 2025

### Forestry Education Reimagined: Reform and Best Practices for the Future.

### Zvolen, Slovakia | 21–23 May 2025



This conference invites students, educators, and practitioners to explore and share perspectives on: Reforming Traditional Models; Exemplary Practices; Societal Alignment; Interdisciplinary Competencies, and Reclaiming Social License. By integrating AI into the conversation, this conference aims to chart a course for a future where forestry education not only preserves its rich heritage but also leverages cutting-edge technology to tackle global challenges more effectively.

For more information, visit: [ica-silva.eu](http://ica-silva.eu)

Please register [here](#)



## Forum Carpaticum 2025 - Call for Abstracts Now Open!

### Taking Stock and Building Partnership for Sustainable Development of Mountain and Rural Areas | Bratislava, Slovakia, from 9–11 September 2025

Hosted by the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University in Bratislava (FSes CU), Roma Environmental Sustainability & Development Initiative (RESDI), and Science for the Carpathians (S4C)—in partnership with the Carpathian Convention Secretariat and the Horizon Europe SERIGO project—the conference is a key platform for regional cooperation and knowledge exchange.

The call for abstracts (presentations or posters) is open until **15 April 2025**. Submit early and confirm your participation by completing the [registration form](#).

For inquiries, feel free to contact the organizing team at: [kristina.rankovova@fses.uniba.sk](mailto:kristina.rankovova@fses.uniba.sk), [jakub.csabay@fses.uniba.sk](mailto:jakub.csabay@fses.uniba.sk), [rudolf.skovira@fses.uniba.sk](mailto:rudolf.skovira@fses.uniba.sk), [andrea.figulova@fses.uniba.sk](mailto:andrea.figulova@fses.uniba.sk), [juraj.turan@fses.uniba.sk](mailto:juraj.turan@fses.uniba.sk).

## Forests Monitor Special Issue: Political Forests of Europe

### Call for Papers!

For a forthcoming Special Issue dedicated to advancing the frontiers of forest policy science the new journal of Forests Monitor is calling for contributions to deepen the understanding of the multifaceted nature of political forests and political forestry generating insights on the future of forests in Europe, including but not limited to for instance knowledge, data, and evidence in a political forest.

More information is available [here](#)



## 6th International Forest Policy Meeting

**Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details coming soon!**  
**Prague, Czech Republic | 5–15 May 2026**

Further details, including the meeting agenda, registration process, and abstract submission deadlines, will be shared in the first half of 2025.

We look forward to welcoming you to Prague for an inspiring exchange of ideas and insights.

## Past Events

### THE FORWARDS ANNUAL MEETING IN VIENNA

Held from February 17 to 21, 2025, brought together the consortium to advance the ForestWard Observatory, refine monitoring tools, and strengthen collaboration for climate-smart forestry in Europe. Hosted by BOKU, the event featured workshops and discussions on forest disturbances, remote sensing integration, and user-friendly monitoring tools.

Key achievements included refining the Observatory's design, integrating findings from related projects, and enhancing stakeholder and citizen engagement strategies. The meeting set the stage for future initiatives to support sustainable forest management and climate resilience across Europe. The FORWARDS Project is one of EFI-FPRN's projects, where BOKU leads Task 4.3 on Citizen Engagement which

focuses on participatory approaches in climate-smart forestry.

As part of the event, EFI-FPRN members Aine Parlade and Gerhard Weiss led an exhibit featuring citizen engagement initiatives across FORWARDS demo sites. One of the interactive elements of the exhibit included an icebreaker and storytelling activity titled "Imagine a forest familiar to you. If the trees could talk, what story do you think they'd tell?". Participants were invited to reflect on this question, sparking deeper conversations about personal connections to forests and environmental change. Responses from FORWARDS partners, students, and visitors highlighted themes of history, resilience, and transformation, emphasizing the diverse ways people relate to forests. Read more about the initiative [here](#).



### FORADVISE KICK-OFF MEETING

From March 4–6, the FORADVISE project, a Horizon Europe initiative aimed at enhancing forestry advisory services, launched the project in Girona, Spain. The event brought together 32 partners from across Europe to align goals, outline key activities, and establish a strong foundation for collaboration. Forest advisory and extension services play a crucial role in maintaining healthy and resilient forest ecosystems. However, these services in Europe remain underdeveloped, with geographic-





imbalances, limited access to innovation, and weak integration into Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS). As a result, there is a need for better support for forest managers, new engagement strategies for emerging types of forest owners, and enhanced tools for decision-making.

FORADVISE will address these challenges by establishing a European forestry advisory network.



## IUFRO TASK FORCE ON FOREST-BASED SECTOR BIOECONOMY APPROVED

### Task Force T50 Building and Integrated Vision of the Forest-Based Sector within a Bioeconomy

We are excited to announce that the IUFRO Task Force "Building an Integrated Vision of the Forest-Based Sector within a Bioeconomy" has been officially approved!

Over the next five years, Dr. Ivana Zivojinovic will lead the work of this Task Force, bringing together experts from around the world to develop a comprehensive, science-based perspective on the role of the forest-based sector within the bioeconomy. The Task Force aims to provide insights and guidance on transition strategies, policies, and actions that consider the diverse contributors to these economies. Additionally, it will support the development of frameworks and methods to monitor and measure contributions along value chains.

If you are interested in joining the work of the Task Force, please contact [ivana.zivojinovic@boku.ac.at](mailto:ivana.zivojinovic@boku.ac.at)

## Highlighted Publications

### Recent Research Papers!

### Which tree species fix the most carbon?

To answer this important question, an international consortium of scientists, coordinated by INRAE and Bordeaux Sciences Agro, studied the growth of 223 tree species planted in 160 experimental forests in different parts of the world. They found that conservative species, which are the most efficient at conserving their resources (nutrients, water, energy), generally grow faster in forests. These findings, which are available to forest managers and were **published on 19 March 2025 in Nature**, highlight the central role of local conditions in tree growth.

The study, involving prof. Douglas Godbold from the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology, Mendel University in Brno, has been published in Nature and provides valuable insights for forest managers.

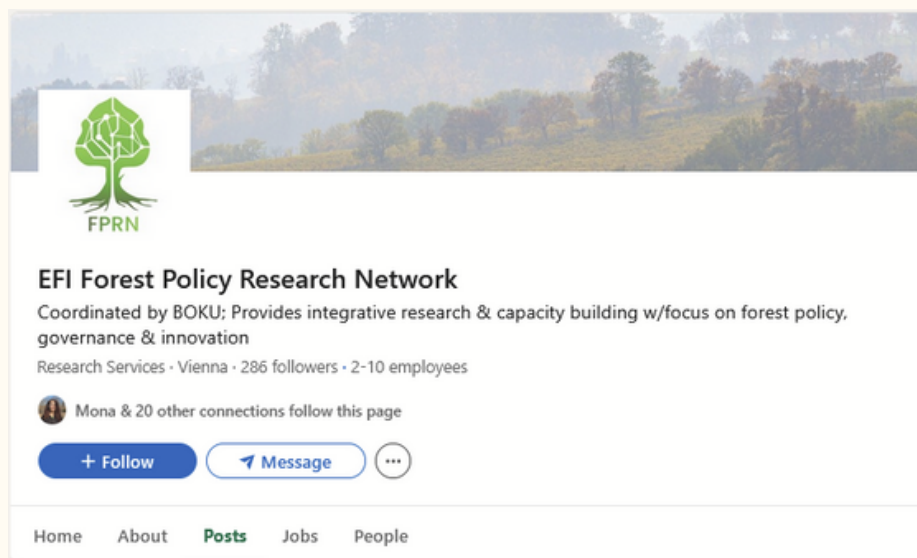
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