



Innovations and networking in European Forestry

ONEforest
Final Conference



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ONEforest Final Conference Convenes EU Forestry Networks in a Milestone Event

Soria, March 13, 2024. On April 18-19, the ONEforest project will reach a significant milestone with its Final Conference, titled "INNOVAForONE: Innovations in Forestry and Synergies between EU Networks." This landmark event, organised by Cesefor, will be held in Valladolid (Spain) and online, providing a unique occasion to bring together diverse European forestry networks.

The ONEforest Final Conference will thoroughly explore and celebrate the project's accomplishments, with a particular focus on its groundbreaking contributions to the Multicriteria Decision Support System, accessible to all actors in the forest-wood value chain worldwide. Furthermore, the conference will spotlight the innovative developments in the European forestry sector under the Horizon Europe Program, with the active participation of key European networks dedicated to forestry.

The event will be inaugurated by representatives of the Junta de Castilla y León and will feature participation from representatives of the forestry section of the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (European Commission), who will shed light on the financial prospects within the forestry sector, along with representatives from FAO and other European ministries. The forum promises an opportunity for collaboration and knowledge exchange, designed for the academic forestry community, forestry professionals, technology experts, researchers, private forest owners, public managers, entrepreneurs, and NGOs across the EU.

At the heart of the conference agenda lies a diverse array of European Forestry Networking initiatives, aligned with various Horizon projects. Notable entities such as European Forestry Institute (EFI), ERIAFF Network, Mediterranean Model Forest Network, Bioregions Facility, and Innovawood Network will share insights into their action plans, highlighting their role in fostering forest innovation and stakeholder synergies. Additionally, related EU-funded projects including RESONATE, EUFORE, Forest4EU, and SMURF will present their innovations and expertise.



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The conference program will be further enriched by engaging poster sessions, providing a vibrant platform for projects and networks to showcase their findings, best practices, and to facilitate valuable connections.

The day will culminate with two roundtable discussions. One will be international, dedicated to innovation, charting a course for future actions, and outlining the sector's trajectory. The other will focus on forest policy among significant Spanish actors, aiming to deliver a clear message to the European Commission that can be used as a basis for reflection within the networks participating in the event.

Anyone interested in attending either in person or online can do so by submitting a prior invitation request to the organizers.

About ONEforest:

The ONEforest Project, funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 Programme, stands for "multi-criteria decision support system for a common forest management to strengthen forest resilience, harmonise stakeholder interests and ensure sustainable wood flows". For three years, from 2021 to 2024, this project runs on a budget of about €5.2 million. It involves 19 partners from 8 countries in Europe.

ONEforest confronts the critical challenge of fostering shared forest management practices through the development of a sophisticated Multi-Criteria Decision Support System. This system is meticulously developed to empower decision-makers assessing Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), exploring synergies and trade-offs of Forest Ecosystem Services (FES), ensuring sustainable wood supply, improving biodiversity, and addressing stakeholder interests through indicators in social, economic, and environmental dimensions.

Central to ONEforest's strategy are four distinct Case Study Regions (CSRs), each corresponding to Europe's biogeographical regions: Mediterranean forests, Alpine forests, Continental forests, and Boreal/Hemi-boreal forests. These CSRs cover a multifaceted management system with explicit FES objectives, ensuring they play a central role in sustainable forest management and support biodiversity.

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