



Innovations and networking in European Forestry

ONEforest
Final Conference



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ONEforest Final Conference Convenes EU Forestry Networks in a Milestone Event

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, 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, inaugurated by representatives of the Junta de Castilla y León and featuring participation from representatives of the European Commission and other European ministries, is designed for the academic forestry community, forestry professionals, technology experts, researchers, private forest owners, public managers, entrepreneurs, and NGOs across the EU, promising an opportunity for collaboration and knowledge exchange.

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 the European Forestry Institute (EFI), the ERIAFF Network, the Mediterranean Model Forest Network, and the Bioregions Facility will share insights into their action plans, highlighting their role in fostering forest innovation and stakeholder synergies. Additionally, related EU-funded projects including Forest4EU, EUFORE, RESONATE, and SMURF will present their innovations and expertise.

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 in a roundtable discussion on innovation in forestry, charting a course for future actions and the sector's trajectory.

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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