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## **Policy needs for and provision of forest information for policy making and practice in Europe: state of the art and the way forward**

*European Workshop*

*19-20 September 2016*

*Vienna, Austria*

Dear Madam,

Dear Sir,

We are pleased to invite you to take part in the European Workshop on forest information demands and supply in Europe, to be held from 19 to 20 September 2016 (two half days) in Vienna, Austria. The workshop is organized by the Austrian Research Centre for Forests, University of Freiburg and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences within the H2020 funded large scale EU research project “Distributed, integrated and harmonised forest information for bioeconomy outlooks” (DIABOLO).

The main aims of the workshop are:

- 1) To present and discuss experiences with the use and provision of forest information for forest-relevant policy objectives (sustainable forestry, biodiversity conservation, climate change and bioenergy) at European, EU, (sub-) national levels.
- 2) To present and discuss new research findings from European wide, cross-country analysis of policy needs for and provision of forest information in Europe.
- 3) To explore actions for bridging possible gaps between policy needs and data provision, and to discuss ways and means for improving forest information exchange in Europe.

The workshop outcomes are expected to contribute to relevant key actions of the new EU Forest Strategy, ongoing discussions on a Forest Information System for Europe (FISE), and other European forest relevant monitoring and reporting processes (e.g., FOREST EUROPE SFM reporting, Natura 2000 monitoring, climate and bioenergy targets). The workshop results will be used for DIABOLO project relevant reporting and knowledge dissemination. They will be included in a relevant synthesis report, policy brief and scientific publications.

The use of any workshop results will be subject to ethical rules (e.g., confidentiality) and research integrity principles.

As an expert in the field, your participation will greatly contribute to the discussions and success of the workshop. Please find attached practical information about the workshop (draft program, venue, logistic).

We would appreciate if you could confirm your participation to the workshop by **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, using the [online registration form](#). When reaching the maximum number of participants, the registration for the workshop will be closed.

For information in terms of the workshop program, please contact Dr. Metodi Sotirov (ALU-FR): [metodi.sotirov@ifp.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:metodi.sotirov@ifp.uni-freiburg.de).

For practical information about the venue, please contact: Ms. Alexandra Freudenschuss (BFW): [alexandra.freudenschuss@bfw.gv.at](mailto:alexandra.freudenschuss@bfw.gv.at).

We look forward to your participation and valuable input to the workshop.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Daniela Kleinschmit (ALU-FR), WP 1 Leader

Dr. Klemens Schadauer (BFW), Workshop Host Organisation

Prof. Dr. Tuula Packalen (LUKE), DIABOLO Project Coordinator

## Draft Workshop Programme

19 <sup>th</sup> September 2016		Speakers
13:00-13:10	Welcome address by the host country representative	Dr. Peter Mayer, Director of the Austrian Research Centre for Forests (BFW)
13:10-13:20	Overview of the H2020 project - DIABOLO	Prof. Dr. Tuula Packalen, DIABOLO Project Coordinator
13:20-13:30	Introduction to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DIABOLO project work package 1 on policy analysis of demands for and provision of forest data</li> <li>Workshop objectives and agenda</li> </ul>	Prof. Dr. Daniela Kleinschmit (ALU-FR), DIABOLO WP1 Leader
<b>SESSION I: Policy needs for and supply of forest information in Europe: key note presentations from the perspective of policy makers as information users</b>		
<i>Key note presentations on experiences with and lessons from forest information provision and use: European and national perspectives</i>		
13:30-13:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forests, Environment and Waters (BMLFUW): national experience and an European perspective from Austria</li> </ul>	Mr. Gerhard Mannsberger - Forest Director General, Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
13:50-14:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European Commission: Forest information needs to meet the objectives of the EU Forest Strategy from the EU Biodiversity Strategy perspective (tbc.)</li> </ul>	Mr. Ernst Schulte, Head of Sector Forest, DG Environment, EU Commission
14:10-14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European Commission: Forest information needs to meet the objectives of the EU Climate policy perspective</li> </ul>	Dr. Peter Wehrheim - Head of Unit Land Use and Finance for Innovation, DG Climate, EU Commission
14:30-14:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FOREST EUROPE: Forest information needs to monitor and report on sustainable forest management from an European policy perspective</li> </ul>	Mrs. Ľudmila Marušáková, Head of the FOREST EUROPE LUB
14:50-15:30	<b>Panel Discussion in Plenary</b>	All speakers and workshop participants Facilitator: Dr. Peter Mayer (BFW)
15:30-16:00 <b>Coffee break</b>		
<b>SESSION II: Policy needs for and supply of forest information in Europe: key note presentations from the perspective of forest data providers</b>		
16:00-16:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint Research Center (JRC): Data provision through a Forest Information System for Europe (FISE)</li> </ul>	Dr. Jesus San-Miguel, JRC, EU Commission
16:20-16:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European National Forest Inventory Network (ENFIN): Data provision through national forest inventories</li> </ul>	Dr. Klemens Schadauer, ENFIN chair
16:40-17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forest information demand and supply in Europe: a policy science perspective from DIABOLO results (document analysis, surveys and expert interviews)</li> </ul>	Dr. Sara Holmgren (SLU) & Dr. Metodi Sotirov (ALU-FR)

17:00-17:30	<b>Panel Discussion in Plenary</b>	All speakers and workshop participants  Facilitator: Dr. Peter Mayer (BFW)
17:30-17:45	<b>Wrap Up Day 1 and Outlook Day 2</b> (Announcement of focus/working groups)	Prof. Dr. Daniela Kleinschmit (ALU-FR)
Tbd.	Joint dinner	All workshop participants
<b>20<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>		
9:00-9:15	Introduction to Day 2	Dr. Metodi Sotirov (ALU-FR)
<b>SESSION III: Working groups on the way forward and recommendations</b>		
9:15-10:45	<p>Four parallel focus groups (FG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FG 1 (<i>Forest information for sustainable forestry policy needs in Europe</i>)</li> <li>• FG 2 (<i>Forest information for forest-relevant biodiversity policy needs in Europe</i>)</li> <li>• FG3 (<i>Forest information for forest-relevant climate policy needs in Europe</i>)</li> <li>• FG4 (<i>Forest Information for forest-relevant energy policy needs in Europe</i>)</li> </ul> <p>Each FG will explore, discuss and report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Priority actions for bridging possible gaps between policy needs for and supply of forest information;</li> <li>- Recommendations for ways and means to support information exchange and knowledge communication.</li> </ul> <p>All FG shall address both European and national levels.</p>	<p>Workshop participants will be distributed to four parallel sessions (each session per FG)</p> <p>Facilitation by the WP 1 team (ALU-FR, SLU, BFW)</p> <p>Results by FG rapporteurs</p>
<b>10:45-11:15 Coffee break</b>		
11:15-12:00	Presentation of FG results including priority actions and recommendations on the way forward	FG rapporteurs; All participants
12:00-12:30	Plenary discussion of the FG results	All participants Facilitator: Dr. Georg Winkel (EFI)
12:30-12:40	Workshop follow up and closure of the workshop	WP1 team + Host institution
<b>Joint Lunch 13:00-14:00</b>		

## About the venue



## How to reach BFW

### ... from the airport:

With the City Airport Train (CAT) or the Railway line S7 (S-Bahn) to **Wien-Mitte** (Landstrasse, Vienna City Airport Terminal). From there with the metro line U4 (marked green) in direction Hütteldorf until **Hietzing**. Then with the Bus 56A, 56B or 58A to **Montecucculi Place** (3 stations). Then 10 min walk to BFW (see map).

or

With the Vienna Airport Bus to station **Westbahnhof**. Then with metro line U6 (marked brown) in direction Siebenhirten to **Wien-Meidling (Philadelphia Brücke)**. Then with bus 8A in direction ORF-Zentrum Künigelberg until **Klimtgasse**. Then 10 min walk to BFW (see map).

### ... from the railway station Wien Meidling:

International trains heading to Vienna Central Station also stop at the station Wien Meidling. There take bus 8A in direction ORF-Zentrum Künigelberg until **Klimtgasse**. Then 10 min walk to BFW (see map).



## Hotel information

Please do direct booking of your selected hotel with the indication of BFW. The travel costs have to be covered by your own budget. BFW gets special rates for accommodation at the following hotels:

### **Parkhotel Schönbrunn**

The hotel is very close to the metro station U4 Hietzing and the Schönbrunn Palace. You can reach BFW by foot walk in about 15 min, or take the bus up to Montecucculi Place. Then 10 min walk to BFW.

BFW-rate per night with breakfast in single room (classic): approx. € 70,- / in double room (classic): 90,- (per room).

For booking at the Parkhotel Schönbrunn please use the following link:

<http://www.austria-trend.at/book/bfw2016> and make sure that BFW 2016 is indicated as promo code or contact Mr. Robert Unterlechner +43-1-87804 -603 or Mr. José Ortin +43-1-87804 -604.

### **Hotel Bergwirt**

The hotel is very close to the bus station Montecucculi and the BFW. BFW-rate per night with breakfast in single room: € 78,- / in double room: 110,- (per room).

You can reach BFW within a 10 min foot walk.

<http://www.hotelbergwirt.at/index-e.html>

If you have any further questions on the workshop organisation, please contact:  
Alexandra Freudenschuß (BFW): [alexandra.freudenschuss@bfw.gv.at](mailto:alexandra.freudenschuss@bfw.gv.at)

**We strongly recommend the booking of your accommodation as soon as possible, as rooms might run short in Vienna due to other events.**