

Multifunctional Forests -

Trilemma of providing biodiversity, carbon sequestration and raw material for Europe



Workshop organised by Nordic-Baltic forest
research organisations' network PROFOR

Date: Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 9:00-12:00 CET

Venue: Renaissance Brussels Hotel (Rue du Parnasse 19, 1040 Brussels)
& Online via Zoom

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Healthy, multifunctional forests are needed to meet the expanding societal challenges of our time. However, there is a 'trilemma' built in when continuously using forests in a more intensive way; How can conflicting sustainability goals be balanced and achieved? How can enhanced carbon storage and sequestration, increased use of wood-based products to substitute fossil-based raw materials, and biodiversity protection, together with capacity to deliver ecosystem services, simultaneously be met?

The Nordic-Baltic forest research organisations' network PROFOR will organise a seminar to discuss synergies and to highlight trade-offs between conflicting and compatible goals and forest utilisation, in a European and a science-based knowledge context.

Forests are the dominant land cover (about 60% of the land area) in Nordic-Baltic countries, providing different ecosystem services for the whole Europe. The seminar presentations will focus on forest disturbances and restoration, adaptation, and biodiversity with different forest management solutions as well as different scientific aspects of forests' role in carbon sequestration and storage.

PROGRAMME

Moderator **Marius Lazdinis**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG AGRI, European Commission

8:30	Coffee
9:00	Opening Simonas Šatūnas Head of Cabinet of EU Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commission
9:10	Keynote speech Gregorio Dávila Díaz , Deputy Head of Unit, Environmental Sustainability, European Commission Keynote speech Jessica Polfjärd , Member of European Parliament Keynote speech Tapio Kytölä , Senior Specialist, agriculture and forestry matters Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU
9:40	Five pitch presentations by the PROFOR network researchers The role of forest and forestry, forest ownership Knut Øistad , Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO) Forest structure and management Pasi Rautio , Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) Biodiversity & natural processes Floor Vodde , Estonian University of Life Sciences Forests and carbon Daiga Zute , Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava" Concluding remarks Lars Högbom , Skogforsk
10:30	Coffee break
10:50	Panel discussion with panelists and network speakers Gregorio Dávila Díaz , Deputy Head of Unit, Environmental Sustainability, European Commission Fanny-Pomme Langue Secretary General, Confederation of European Forest Owners CEPF Member of European Parliament (tbc) European Committee of the Regions
11:40	Concluding remarks Petri Sarvamaa , Member of European Parliament
11:55	Closing words by the moderator
12:00	Networking buffet lunch