

# Young Leadership Programme

## Mediterranean 2023

### Land abandonment and cultural landscapes



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**Meeting venue**  
**2-6 October – 9.00 am**

Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau  
Carrer St. Antonie Claret 167, 167  
08025 Barcelona

More information on how to arrive at the venue can be found [here](#).



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	<b>Day 1</b> October 2, 2023	<b>Day 2</b> October 3, 2023	<b>Day 3</b> October 4, 2023	<b>Day 4</b> October 5, 2023	<b>Day 5</b> October 6, 2023
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	Opening session & Setting the scene	<b>Scientific session 2</b> Land abandonment & biodiversity		<b>Scientific session 4</b> Mitigating wildfire risk and living with fire	<b>Scientific session 6</b> Creating sustainable value in Mediterranean forested landscapes
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	Break	Break		Break	Break
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Scientific session 1</b> Mediterranean human-made mosaic landscapes	<b>Scientific session 3</b> Where are abandoned lands and how to assess them	<b>Field visit</b>	<b>Scientific session 5</b> Complex solutions for complex problems: agroforestry and close-to-nature forestry	<b>Scientific session 7</b> Navigate the forest policy environment
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Focus on BCN Smart Rural</b> Presentation of the soft skills program	<b>Soft skills session 2</b> Storytelling workshop		<b>Soft skills session 3</b> Storytelling workshop	<b>Soft skills session 4</b> Elevator pitch Project presentations
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	Break	Break		Break	Break
<b>16:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Soft skills session 1</b> Communicating with impact	Group projects co-creation		Group projects co-creation	Project presentations continuation

The YLPMED 2023 is organised by the European Forest Institute Mediterranean Facility in partnership with the Union for the Mediterranean. The YLPMED came to life thanks to the cooperation with our following key partners:



#### Day 1: Monday October 2, 2023

09:00 – 9:30

#### Opening

**Michele Bozzano**, Head of the European Forest Institute Mediterranean Facility

**Enric Vadell Guiral**, Subdirector General of Forests, Directorate General of Forest Ecosystems and Environmental Management, Generalitat of Catalunya

**Armela Dino**, Science Policy Analyst, Unit of Internationalisation of Science and Innovation, Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain

**Elsa Enríquez Alcalde**, Deputy Director General for Forest Policy and Fight Against Desertification, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of Spain

**Almotaz Abadi**, Deputy Secretary General for Water, Environment and Blue Economy, Union for the Mediterranean

9:30 – 10:30

#### Setting the Scene and Tour de table of the participants

**Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat**, European Forest Institute Mediterranean Facility

*Introduction to the YLP and defining its aims*

10:30 – 11:00

#### Group Photo & Break

11:00 – 12:30

#### Scientific Session 1

##### Mediterranean human-made mosaic landscapes

**Cristina Quintas Soriano**, University of Almería

**Mari Carmen Romera**, Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia

Discussion

12:30 – 14:00

#### LUNCH break

14:00 – 15:30

#### Focus on BCN Smart Rural

**Sònia Callau-Berenguer**, Barcelona Provincial Council

#### Presentation of the soft skills program

*Introduction Group work + assignment + group formation*

15:30 – 16:00

#### Break

16:00 – 18:00

#### Soft Skills session 1

#### Communicate with impact

**Caroline Harvey**, Communications coach and mentor

#### Day 2: Tuesday October 3, 2023

**09:00 – 10:30** **Scientific Session 2**

##### **Land abandonment & biodiversity**

**Bart Muys**, KU Leuven

**Josep Maria Espelta**, Center for Ecological Research and Forest Applications

**José M. Rey Benayas**, University of Alcalá

**10:30 – 11:00** **Break**

**11:00 – 12:30** **Scientific Session 3**

##### **Where are abandoned lands and how to assess them**

**Marina Palmero-Iniesta**, University of Girona

**Giulio Marchi**, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**12:30 – 14:00** **LUNCH break**

**14:00 – 15:30** **Soft Skills session 2**

##### **Storytelling workshop**

**Huw James**, Film Maker

**Maria Contreras Coll**, Visual Storyteller

**15:30 – 16:00** **Break**

**16:00 – 18:00** **Group projects co-creation**

#### Day 3: Wednesday October 4, 2023

#### CAPACITY BUILDING FIELD VISIT IN THE MONSERRAT RURAL PARC

For the visit, participants will be divided into two groups that will meet local actors at two stops each in the Monserrat Rural Parc. The two groups will then meet for a common lunch.

#### Agenda

<b>8:15</b>	Departure from Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, Barcelona	
<b>9:30 – 11:30</b>	VISIT A	VISIT C
	<b>GRAZING IS BACK</b>	<b>LAND BANKS TO REVIVE RURAL AREAS</b>
	Artelac	Can Rascaorella
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12.30 – 14:30</b>	VISIT B	VISIT D
	<b>HARMONISIG AGRICULTURE IN A MOSAIC LANDSCAPE</b>	<b>MENTORING FOR LANDSCAPE REVITALISATION</b>
	Hort del Puig	La Beneta
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Group Lunch</b>	
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Visit at “El Tall – Obrador Compartit”</b> Marganell	
<b>18:00</b>	Arrival at Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, Barcelona	

#### Day 4: Thursday October 5, 2023

**09:00 – 10:30** **Scientific Session 4**

#### **Mitigating wildfire risk and living with fire**

Carmen Rodriguez, European Forest Institute

Laurent Alfonso, Union for the Mediterranean

Guillem Canaleta, Pau Costa foundation

**10:30 – 11:00** **Break**

**11:00 – 12:30** **Scientific Session 5**

#### **Complex solutions for complex problems: agroforestry and close-to-nature forestry**

Jaime Coello, Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia

Elsa Varela, European Forest Institute

**12:30 – 14:00** **LUNCH break**

**14:00 – 15:30** **Soft Skills session 3**

#### **Storytelling workshop**

Huw James, Film Maker

Maria Contreras Coll, Visual Storyteller

**15:30 – 16:00** **Break**

**16:00 – 18:00** **Group projects co-creation**

#### Day 5: Friday October 6, 2023

**09:00 – 10:30** **Scientific Session 6**

#### **Creating sustainable value in Mediterranean forested landscapes**

Elena Gorriz, Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia

Cecilia Fraccaroli, European Forest Institute

**10:30 – 11:00** **Break**

**11:00 – 12:30** **Scientific Session 7**

#### **Navigate the forest policy environment**

Helga Puelzl, European Forest Institute

Cristina Cardenete, Union for the Mediterranean

Mireia Pecurul, Forest Sciences Centre of Catalonia

**12:30 – 14:00** **LUNCH break**

**14:00 – 15:30** **Soft Skills session 4**

#### **Elevator pitch**

Caroline Harvey, Communications coach and mentor

#### **Group projects presentation with pitches**

**15:30 – 16:00** **Break**

**16:00 – 17:45** *Continuation*

**17:45-18:00** **Closure**