



Mediterranean Network FORUM/22

Barcelona
29 Nov. – 1 Dec.
2022

EFI Mediterranean Network Forum 2022

Renewing collaboration across the Mediterranean forest network

29 November – 1 December 2022 | Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, St. Antoni M. Claret, 167, Barcelona, Spain

EFI Mediterranean Facility (EFIMED) works to bridge the gap between forest-related science, policy, and practice, for better understanding and management of Mediterranean forests. The first edition of the **EFI Mediterranean Network Forum** renews collaboration and invites new participation in EFIMED's network connecting forest researchers, policymakers, and practitioners across the Mediterranean.

The 2022 Network Forum sees the launch of the **Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda - MFRA 2030**. A collective effort, harnessing the participation of researchers, experts, decision makers and other stakeholders from all around the Mediterranean, MFRA 2030 aims to act as a key point of reference for further action over the next decade. MFRA 2030 is intended to inspire policymakers and funding agencies to play their part in supporting global efforts to make Mediterranean forests more resilient in the face of climate change and demographic challenges. Yet we all have a role in developing and implementing this Agenda.

Work starts before the forum, with a series of **four online workshops** focussing on the four themes of the MFRA 2030. This is your chance to have your say: bring your community and your country's perspective; raise your concerns; identify the stumbling block impeding your efforts; and develop action plans towards resilient forests.

Workshop outputs will be presented during the forum and serve as starting point from which to tackle a crosscutting issue for Mediterranean forests: **forest management for Mediterranean forest resilience**. Exchange and discussion among counterparts seeking solutions to similar problems offer the opportunity to ignite a change. Forum outputs will be presented to governments and development agencies seeking collaboration, partnerships, and funding and capacity building opportunities.

A **poster session** invites contributions related to the MFRA 2030 themes and offers a diverse showcase of research and activities ongoing in the region. The **Mediterranean Youth Task Force**, supported by both FAO's *Silva Mediterranea Secretariat* and EFIMED, will be represented throughout the forum.

The **field visit to Montserrat Natural Park** is intentionally an integral part of the forum, offering the opportunity to connect and interact in an inspiring setting. With the support of the Deputation of Barcelona, this visit to one of Catalunya's most magnificent natural parks will showcase how rural abandonment, biomass accumulation and forest fire risks are managed in Catalonia.

We hope you will join us as a valued member of a renewed and revitalised EFIMED network in our inaugural Network Forum, held at the extraordinary **Sant Pau Art Nouveau site!**

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Day one: Tuesday, 29 November 2022

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9:00 – 9:30

Opening

Michele Bozzano, Head of European Forest Institute Mediterranean Facility

Representative of Barcelona Provincial Council, DIBA

Anna Sanitjas i Olea, Director General of Forest Ecosystems and Environmental Management, Generalitat of Catalunya

Octavi Quintana, PRIMA Foundation Director

Alessandra Sensi, Head of Sector - Environment, Green and Blue Economy Environment, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

Ümit Turhan, FAO Chair of Silva Mediterranea

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

Ana María Aricha Yanguas, Vice Deputy Director General for Internationalisation of Science and Innovation, Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain

9:30 – 10:30

Setting the scene

Mediterranean forests: a lost Eden?

Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat, Principal Scientists at EFI Mediterranean Facility; Professor Saint Joseph University Beirut

Current challenges of Mediterranean forests

Bart Muys, Professor KU Leuven, Member of European Forest Institute Scientific Advisory Board

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00

Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda 2030

Presentation of the four themes: research questions, approaches, and recommendations

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Conservation and management of biodiversity and forest genetic resources

Bruno Fady, Senior Research Scientist National Institute of Agronomic Research (INRAE)

Social and business innovations and policy instruments to implement the Mediterranean forest-based bioeconomy

Laura Secco, Associate Professor at TESAF, University of Padova

Forest resilience in a context of global change related forest disturbances

Joan Pino, Director of the Catalan Center for Ecological Research and Forestry Applications (CREAF)

Forest management addressing trade-offs and synergies between multiple ecosystem services

Davide Travaglini, Associate Professor, University of Florence

Questions and answers

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch Break

14:30 – 18:00

Collaborative workshop on Mediterranean forest management for resilience

18:00 – 19:00

Poster Session

18:00 – 20:00

Cocktail

Day two: Wednesday, 30 November 2022

8:30

Departure from Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site

9:30 – 17:00

Field visit to Montserrat Natural Park, including social traditional lunch

**Programme details will be provided*

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Day three: Thursday, 1 December 2022

9:00 – 10:00

Looking to the future

Toward a network of experimental facilities to assess the impact of climate change and management practices in Mediterranean forests

Thierry Gauquelin, Professor emeritus, IMBE- Aix Marseille University

10:00 – 11:30

Wrap up of the workshops on Mediterranean Forest Management for Resilience

Plenary session coordinated by **Michele Bozzano**, Head of EFI Mediterranean Facility

11.30 – 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:45

Prioritising actions for the Mediterranean Forest Research Agenda 2030

Participatory session coordinated by **Magda Bou Dagher**, Principal Scientist at EFI Mediterranean Facility

13:45 – 14:00

Conclusions

Michele Bozzano, Head of EFI Mediterranean Facility

14.00 – 15:30

Lunch Break

15:30

End of EFI Mediterranean Network Forum 2022

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