



The economic, social and environmental challenges of today need bright new thinking that will shape tomorrow. No less than a paradigm shift is required, that will transform our production and consumption patterns, redefining our relationship with nature and the management of its multiple resources for a sustainable future.

EFI's Young Leadership Programme (YLP) targets the leaders of that future, bringing young professionals together with experts to create a new space where change can happen.

29 June – 3 July 2020

Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, Barcelona, Spain

The Mediterranean, with its ecological and social specificities, has untapped potential to contribute to the leading role played by the forest sector in the global bioeconomy. New ideas and approaches are essential to improve the management of natural resources in this diverse and dynamic region, while sustainable bioeconomy value chains must be created to realise the full worth of the region's forests, to support rural livelihoods and contribute to the development of resilient cities.

EFI's [Young Leadership Programme – Mediterranean \(YLP-MED\)](#) provides training, knowledge sharing and networking on Mediterranean forest-based value chains and their contribution to a circular bioeconomy, with a special focus on cities and urbanised societies. Young professionals will interact with global and regional leaders, network with peers and develop strategic thinking on how to manage and use forest resources to address societal challenges.

Participants

YLP-MED is designed for resourceful young individuals, working in research and education, administration, policy making, civil society and business in the forest sector or related area. Up to 20 participants from different backgrounds and experience will be selected through a competitive and transparent process, based on eligibility criteria established by the Programme & Selection Committee.

Programme and Methodology

Each edition of the YLP will focus on one or more themes and includes sessions on leadership and management. Themes are directly linked to key societal challenges that affect or are affected by forests. Themes are developed through:

- Master class** Keynote speakers from cross-cutting fields deliver interactive lectures
- Discussion** Debates & Pecha Kucha-style sessions ensure maximum participation and broad sharing of ideas.
- Group work** Foresight and scenario building, addressing key Euro-Mediterranean social and environmental challenges and their relation with the sustainable management.
- Key skills** Capacity building sessions aimed at providing a specific set of skills related to strategic thinking, innovation and leadership.
- Field visit** Each edition will feature a field trip related to the YLP themes.

2020 Themes

- Theme 1 Mediterranean forests and global challenges
- Theme 2 Towards a Mediterranean forest-based bioeconomy
- Theme 3 Nature-based solutions for cities
- Theme 4 Mediterranean forests for biodiversity and climate change adaptation
- Theme 5 Social and Technological Innovation for Mediterranean societies

2019 / 2020 Calendar

December	Announcement & call for applications
March	Deadline for applications: 2 March 2020
April	Outcome of application process
June	EFI YLP-MED takes place in Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site: 29 June – 3 July 2020