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HOW TO REALIZE EU FOREST, CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY GOALS?

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
IN BONN, GERMANY

PROGRAMME FOR HYBRID IN PERSON AND ONLINE FINAL CONFERENCE OF THE PROJECTS: LEARNFORCLIMATE & BIOCONSENT

Venue: **Gustav-Stresemann-Institut e.V.,
Langer Grabenweg 68, 53175 Bonn, Germany**

AGENDA

8.30 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 - 9.15	Opening and welcome by project coordinators Dr. Metodi Sotirov (University of Freiburg) & Dr. Karin Beland Lindahl (LTU Sweden) Forest biodiversity restoration in Europe - Policy and management issues at stake; Learning that enables achievement of multiple forest-related objectives while responding to climate change
9.15 - 9.45	Setting the stage: Keynotes on Pathways to Deliver the EU Green Deal's Forest, Climate and Conservation Targets <ul style="list-style-type: none">TBD (German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Regional Identity – BMELH): EU forest-related policies from Germany's perspectiveMarco Onida (European Commission, DG ENV, Team Leader Forest): The EU Forest and Biodiversity Strategies for 2030
9.45 - 10.30	Scientific presentations with Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Karin Beland Lindahl & Prof. Annica Sandström (LTU Sweden): To change course or maintain status quo? Member states responses to climate change and EU forest-related policyMarie Haase & Mats Nieberg (European Forest Institute): Forest multifunctionality, restoration and adaptation: Ecosystem services synergies when implementing EU policies in national contexts
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 - 11.40	Scientific presentations with Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof. Špela Pezdevšek Malovrh (University of Ljubljana): Forest owners' responses to EU policy, forest biodiversity restoration and climate-related challengesDr. Pieter Johannes Verkerk (European Forest Institute): Forest practitioner responses to improve forest biodiversity



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11.40 - 12.40 Policy-science panel discussion: Forests at the Crossroads – Challenges and Opportunities for Policy and Management

- TBD (European Commission, DG AGRI)
- Kelsey Perlman (FERN)
- Dr. Marcus Lindner (European Forest Institute)
- Other panellists TBC

Moderation by Gesche Schifferdecker (European Forest Institute) on questions such as:

Current and future policy and management challenges and opportunities? Recommendations for positive transformations in policy and practice? How could learning be promoted and supported?

12.40 - 13.40 Lunch break

13.40 - 15.00 Parallel thematic working group discussions for developing forest policy and management recommendations:

How to manage and govern forests in Europe for biodiversity conservation, climate resilience and sustainable timber use?

How to support collaborative learning among relevant actors and governance levels?

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 - 16.15 Reports from group discussions and plenary discussion:

Contributing to an EU Policy Paper as well as Policy and Research Briefs

16.15-16.30 Closing remarks by project coordinators Dr. Metodi Sotirov (University of Freiburg) & Dr. Karin Beland Lindahl (LTU Sweden)

16.30-17.30 Follow up networking and talks over coffee and snacks



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