



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.

26 November – 1 December 2018

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 and functional bioeconomy value chains must be created to realise the full worth of the region's forests and support its rural livelihoods.

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. 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, dynamic & 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

2018 Themes

- Theme 1 Mediterranean forests and rangelands in the midst of global change.
- Theme 2 Forest-based value chains: creating sustainable value for the green economy
- Theme 3 Social innovation, entrepreneurship and green business models
- Theme 4 On the Move: a policy agenda for sustainable management of Mediterranean forests

2018 Calendar

March	First announcement
April	Call for applications: 18 April 2018
July	Deadline for applications: 31 July 2018
August	Outcome of applications process
November	EFI YLP-MED takes place in Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site: 26 November – 1 December 2018

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