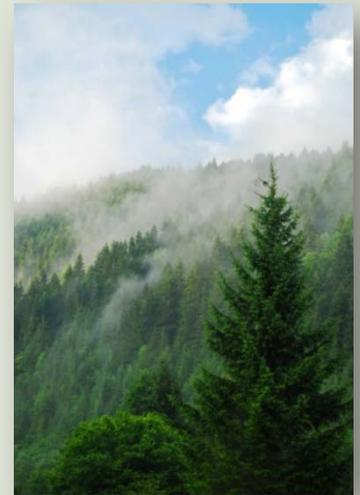


FACESMAP - CEPF Joint Session on “Changing Forest Ownership” Workshop

Wednesday, 10 June, 2015, 10 - 12 a.m.
Hotel International, Zagreb



The **AIM OF THE WORKSHOP** is to discuss the preliminary results from the COST Action FACESMAP with relevant stakeholders from policy and practice (forest owner and government representatives).

Forest ownership is changing across Europe. In some areas a growing number of so-called “new” forest owners hold only small parcels, have no agricultural or forestry knowledge and no capacities or interest to manage their forests, while in others new community and private owners are bringing fresh interest and new objectives to woodland management. In eastern and southeast Europe the major changes have been restitution and privatization processes.

One aim of the COST Action FACESMAP (started: November 2012; end: November 2016; participating countries: 30) is to collect the state of knowledge on recent changes in forest ownership in Europe. For that purpose, country reports have collected statistical information, scientific literature and state-of-knowledge descriptions regarding the ongoing trends of ownership change and their implications for forest management and policy. Furthermore, stakeholder workshops and field visits have been organised on EU level (Stakeholder Workshop in Rovaniemi, Finland, in December 2013) and in several European regions (Hungary, Spain, Finland, Germany). The insights from the data collection and the stakeholder discussions will be presented at the workshop in Zagreb in order to receive feedback from different stakeholders.

The following **PARTICIPANTS** are expected for the workshop:

STAKEHOLDERS AND POLICY-MAKERS:

- Zdenko Bogovic, Croatian union of PFOA
- Domagoj Krizaj, Croatian Ministry of Forestry
- Veronika Valentar, Slovenian FOA
- Miha Marenc, Slovenian Ministry of Forestry
- Arnis Muiznieks, Latvian PFOs
- Felix Montecuccoli, Austrian Farm and Forest Owners
- Dietmar Forstner, Forest Authority, Styria, Austria
- Rosario Alves, Forestis (Forest Association of Portugal)
- Kevin Keary, Forest Service, Ireland
- Jenny Wong, Wild Resources, UK

COST Action FACESMAP researchers:

- Gun Lidestav, leader of WG1
on “Forest owner types”
- Diana Feliciano, leader of WG2
on “New forest management”
- Teppo Hujala, leader of WG3
on “Forest policy changes”

