## 1<sup>st</sup> EUROPEAN CONFERENCE SMALL FOREST HOLDINGS

**20 » 22** MAY 2025

ROME » ITALY FAO Headquarters

# PROGRAMME

### **V1.1**

Horizon Europe SMURF project

**1st European Conference on Small Forest Holdings** 

Rome, 20-22 May 2025

Venue: FAO Headquarters - Red Room (CEST)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> : Arrival of the participants in Rome



### PROGRAMME

#### Master of ceremonies:

**Riccardo Castellini,** Head of the International Cooperation & Forest Governance Department - Cesefor Foundation

### DAY 1 (Tuesday 20th) – PLENARY

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers
Opening		
8:00 – 9:00	Registration, accreditations and conference documentation	Organizing committee
9:00 - 10:00	Conference opening & Welcome words	<ul> <li>Zhimin Wu, Forestry Director at the FAO</li> <li>Emilio Gatto, General Director for Mountain Economy and Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests (Italy)</li> <li>Division General Antonio Danilo Mostacchi, Commander of the Carabinieri Command for the Protection of Biodiversity (Italy)</li> <li>Elsa Enriquez Alcalde, Deputy Director General for Forestry Policy and Combating Desertification, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (Spain)</li> <li>Francisco Javier Rodriguez Benavente, European Research Executive Agency. European Commission.</li> <li>Pablo Sabín, CEO of the Cesefor Foundation (Spain)</li> </ul>

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## Session 1 10:00-11:00 - CONFERENCE INTRODUCTIONS presented by Christophe Besacier, Coordinator of the Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism at FAO.

#### Policy, research and management

10:00 – 10:30	Keynote speeches	<i>Luc Bouvarel,</i> Vice President of the European Confederation of Forest Owners (CEPF)
	The small private forest holdings sector: state of the art.	<b>Algis Gaižutis</b> , Board Member of the European Landowners Organization (ELO)
		<b>Marko Mäki-Hakola</b> , Chairman of the working party of forest at COPA-COGECA.
10:30 - 10:45	Key-note presentation (remote)	<b>Brett Butler,</b> Small-scale Forestry Coordinator at IUFRO (U.S.A.)
	State of knowledge and research in the sector.	
10:45 - 11:00	Questions/Answers time: interactions between the audience & the panelists	
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING TIME	

#### Session 2 - 11:30-13:00 PANEL moderated by Alvaro Picardo, Deputy Director of Cesefor (Spain)

Legal framework and support systems for Small Forest Holdings

11:30 – 11:45	The forest legislation: state of the art	<b>Rastislav Sulek</b> , Forest Legislation Division Coordinator at IUFRO (Slovakia)
11:45 - 12:00	The role of the land register and the cadastral in the consolidation of forest ownership	<i>Francisco J. Gimeno</i> , European Land Registry Association, ELRA (Belgium)
12:00 - 12:15	Analysis and Synthesis of European forest legislation	<i>Marta Ballesteros and Laura Vona</i> , MILIEU Consulting (Belgium)
12:15 - 12:30	The support systems in France	<b>Roland de Lary</b> , General Director of the Centre National de la Propriété Forestière, CNPF (France)
12:30 - 13:00	Questions/Answers time: interactions between the audience & the panelists	

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13:00 – 14:15	LUNCH BREAK		
14:15 - 14:30	Conference picture at the ground floor (main Hall)		
Session 3 - 14:	30-16:00 PANEL moderated	d by Prof. Juan Picos, University of Vigo (Spain).	
How to maint	ain the sector: financial su	pport for forest owners.	
14:30 – 14:45	How the European Commission supports the private forest owners	<b>Argyro Zerva</b> , Team Leader for forest and forestry at DG AGRI - European Commission (Greece).	
14:45 - 15:00	Financial support for the creation of forest owners' associations in Italy	<b>Enrico Pompei,</b> Director DIFOR II - National and International Forest Policies. Directorate General for Mountain Economy and Forests - Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests (Italy)	
15:00 - 15:15	Case study: Economical and financial elements from Germany	<b>Dominik Bickschäfer</b> , Ministry of Agriculture and Consumer Protection of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (Germany)	
15:15 - 15:30	Private financing and patronage for the exploitations	<b>Carlos Marinho</b> , Operations Manager at ANTARR Floresta e futuro (Portugal)	
15:30 - 16:00	Questions/Answers time: i	interactions between the audience & the panelists	
16:00 – 16:30	COFFEE BREAK		
European For	est Institute, EFI.	esented and moderated by Inazio Martínez de Arano, • ecosystem services (markets & incomes)	
16:30 – 17:30		Consulting on behalf of the DG ENV, European Commission	
(Canada). Peter Feilberg, Executive Director of Preferred by Nature (Denmark)			
		Director of Preferred by Nature (Denmark)	
	Teresa Baiges, Centre for Forest Ownership of Catalonia (Spain)		
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17:30 - 17:50	Questions/Answers time: i	nteractions between the audience & the panelists
Session 5 - 18:00-18:15 - LAURUS presentation		
18:00 – 18:15	The new Laurus network	<b>Elena Moreno</b> , Cesefor Foundation (Spain)
18:15	End of the day / Free dinner	

### DAY 2 (Wednesday 21st) – MORNING PLENARY & AFTERNOON **FIELD TRIP**

Time	Agenda Item	Participants	
Opening			
Session 6 - 9 (Portugal)	Session 6 - 9:00-10:30 PANEL moderated by Prof. João Azevedo, Bragança Polytechnic University (Portugal)		
Innovative s	olutions to overcome forest	ownership fragmentation	
9:00 - 9:15	Forest fragmentation: causes, consequences and challenges	<b>Davide Pettenella</b> , Italian Society of Silviculture and Forest Ecology, SISEF (Italy)	
9:15 - 10:10	EXISTING SOLUTIONS AROUND EUROPE		
	Forest Sharing	<i>Ilaria Zorzi</i> , Bluebiloba (Italy)	
	Kemijärvi jointly owned forest	<b>Juho Puikko,</b> Managing Director Kemijärvi jointly owned forest (Finland)	
	Fenafloresta Landscape Transformation Programme	<i>Hugo Almeida</i> , Secretary General of Fenafloresta: National Federation of Forestry Producers' Cooperatives (Portugal)	
10:10 - 10:30	Questions/Answers time: interactions between the audience & the panelists		
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	

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## Session 7 - 11:00-12:30 ROUND TABLE presented and moderated by Uwe Kies, Chair of the Wood4Bauhaus Alliance - Secretary of Innovawood.

Global value chains & new business models (living labs, product profitability, NWFP, new internal and external markets, increase in added value).

11:00 - 12:00	Round table	Alexander Pinter, CEO of Holzcluster Steiermark (Austria)
		<b>Alessandra Stefani</b> , President of the Italian National Cluster Forest-Wood (Italy)
		<b>Mariana Ferreira</b> , Luresa Resina (Spain)
		Nuno Calado, SONAE-ARAUCO (Portugal)
12:00 - 12:30	Questions/Answers time: interactions between the audience & the panelists	
12:30 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK	
Field trip		
14:00	FIELD TRIP conducted by the University of Florence & the <i>Castelporziano</i> Presidential Estate.	
15:00	Arrival of the participants at the Castle	
15:15	Welcoming at the Castle's Square – Giulia Bonella, Head of the Estate Unit Projection oh the short video "An Island called Castelporziano"	
15:45	Guided Technical Visit: Best Practices in Sustainable Forest Management (CNS) in the Mediterranean ecosystems.	
17:00	Visit at the Roman ruins of Tor Paterno Terms	
18:00	Coming back to the Castle	





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18:00 - 20:00	Aperitive offered by the SMURF project in the garden of the Castle and networkin time around the concept of the new Laurus Network	
20:00 - 20:30	Transportation by bus to the City center and free dinner	

## DAY 3 (Thursday 22th) – PLENARY

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers	
Opening			
Session 8 - 9 Florence (Ita		Prof. Francesca Giannetti, University of	
	رونا forest management answers to f	forest owners needs	
9:00 – 9:15	Integration of the threats and risks in forest management (fire, pests and diseases, invasive species)	<i>Jernej Stritih</i> , Founder and Director of the company Stritih (Slovenia)	
9:15 - 9:30	Integrated models for the sustainable management of forest resources	<b>Sara Maltoni</b> , Member of the ANARF Scientific Committee & of the Executive Committee of the European State Forest Association (EUSTAFOR)	
9:30 - 9:45	Forest owners needs	<b>Valerie Vandenabeele,</b> Director of Landelijk Vlaanderen & APB-NB (Belgium)	
9:45 - 10:15	Closer to Nature silviculture Interactions with the main certification schemes	<i>Francesca Giannetti,</i> University of Florence <i>Heidi Kagiali</i> , Forestry & Conservation Manager PEFC International	
		Matteo Mascolo FSC International	
10:15 - 10:30	Questions/Answers time: intera	Questions/Answers time: interactions between the audience & the panelists	
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK		

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## Session 9 - 11:00-12:30 FINAL ROUND TABLE & DEBATE moderated by Riccardo Castellini, Cesefor Foundation (Spain)

Political insights: how can we take what we have learned into the new European forest policies. Developing "home-take messages" from the Conference's 3 days panels

#### INTERACTIONS WITH THE AUDIENCE BY MENTIMETER

11:00 – 12:45	Kelsey Perlman, European Forest Campaigner at FERN (Belgium)		
	<b>Marko Mäki-Hakola</b> , Forest director at MTK ry - Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (Finland)		
<b>Radek Rinn,</b> Czech University of Life Sciences & Network of Fore Organizations in Europe - FOREXT (Czech Republic)			
	<b>Nathalia Formenton Cardoso</b> , Forest Product Economic Specialist and Bioeconomy/Value Chain Expert, FAO		
	<b>Pablo Sabín</b> , CEO of Cesefor (Spain)		
	<i>Emilio Gatto,</i> General Director for Mountain Economy and Forestry, MASAF (Italy)		
12:45 – 13:00	Conference's keynote conclusions.	Organizing committee + Rapporteurs group	
	End of the event		
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH AT THE FAO	Free lunch at the internal restaurants (selfpaid)	
AVAILABLE TIME TO MEETING AND NETWORKING			
DEPARTURE OF THE PARTICIPANTS DURING THE AFTERNOON / EVENING			

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