



Webinar

“Manage to Conserve Forest Genetic Resource conservation as part of Sustainable Forest Management”

11 October 2022, 1 -2:30pm CEST

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The conservation of forest genetic resources (FGR), especially as part of the Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) concept, is of utmost importance for the adaptive potential of European forest tree species and for mitigating the adverse effects of climate change. FOREST EUROPE highlighted in 1993 the importance to conserve FGR as essential element for SFM and biodiversity (Helsinki, Resolution 2, 1993). EUFORGEN (an implementation mechanism of the Forest Europe Process) coordinates FGR conservation of the European countries, through a network of Genetic Conservation Units (GCUs). Many of those GCUs are part of old growth forests, which have been progressively strictly protected. Strict protection, in some cases, may prevent human intervention, which can result in losing entire forest tree populations, and thus part of their genetic diversity. In such cases, human interventions can be of an additional value to an effective and long-lasting FGR conservation. The availability, conservation and sustainable use of FGR is constantly challenged by environmental, climatic, social and political influences. Therefore, a continuous pan-European focus and transboundary co-operation of practitioners, scientists and policy makers is needed.

Agenda:

Time	Content	Speakers
1 – 1:15 pm CEST	Keynote speech #1 "What will the Strategy for <i>forest genetic resources</i> conservation do for a successful adaptation of European forests to climate change?"	Keynote speaker: EUFORGEN Anna-Maria Farsakoglou
1:15 – 1:30 pm CEST	Keynote speech #2 Tentative title: “Why is the political framework key to support SFM as basis for the availability, conservation and sustainable use of FGR?”	Keynote speaker: Forest Europe - Jens Haertel
1:30 – 2:30 pm CEST	Panel discussion and Q&A	Full panel list below

Panel

1. Felipe Pérez Martín (Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO), Spain) - Forest Europe signatory country representative
2. Mari Rusanen (Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke), Finland) - EUFORGEN Programme representative
3. Marjana Westergren (Slovenian Forestry Institute (GIS), Slovenia) - IUFRO Division 2 (Physiology and Genetics) representative
4. Brigitte Musch (French National Forest Office (ONF), France) - EUSTAFOR representative
5. Peter Löffler - Directorate-General for Climate Action – Adaptation & Resilience to Climate Change - European Commission representative

Facilitator: Jeremy Cherfas