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Boosting Forest Ecosystems

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Online workshop

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Agenda

- **Welcome & Introduction**

- Magda Michalíková, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform

Session 1 – Sustainable forests management

- **Keynote presentation**

- **Keynote speaker: Bernhard Wolfslehner**, EFI/Forest Europe on ‘Guidelines for sustainable forest management and afforestation’

- **Interreg Europe policy changes & good practices**

- **Forest Management Plans in Slovenia** (BIOGOV) – Marjana Westergren, Slovenian Forestry Institute (SLO)
 - **Urban Forestation Plan** (PROSPERA) – Carlotta Bonvicini, Municipality of Reggio Emilia (IT)
 - Discussant: **Bernhard Wolfslehner**

- **Networking break**

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Session II – Ecosystem services of forests

- **Keynote speaker: David Ellison**, NARP/ETH Zurich, 'From Precipitation Recycling to the Cooling Power of Forests: New Roles for Nature-based Solutions'
- **Interreg Europe policy changes & good practices**
 - **Forests for water in Catalonia** (PROGRESS) – Teresa Baiges, Centre de la Propietat Forestal (ES)
 - **Regional Forests Finland** (NACAO) – Matti Virkkunen, Finnish Forest Center (FI)
 - Discussant: **David Ellison**
- **Conclusions from the two panels**
- **Closing keynote presentation**
 - Marco Onida, European Commission (DG ENVI) on 'New EU Forest Strategy for 2030'
- **Wrap up**

Policy brief Nature restoration – Forest Ecosystems

- European policy context: EU Biodiversity strategy for 2030, New EU Forest Strategy, EU Nature Restoration Law
- EU Financial support
- Good practices and policy improvements from PROGRESS, COLOR CIRCLE, ECO-CICLE, BIOGOV, EURE, RENATUR on urban forestation, ecosystem restoration, recreation, etc.
- Recommendations





Nature and biodiversity

Policy briefs



Rivers and wetlands: drivers of sustainable regional development

Read this policy brief and get an overview of how the current EU policy framework may guide and support local and regional authorities in the implementation of river and wetland restoration measures.

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Preserving and restoring biodiversity

Explore this policy brief to discover what role do public authorities across Europe play in the development of a sustainable and low-carbon economy, and what transformations are needed in every sector and area of public life.

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Natural and cultural heritage in coastal regions

Explore this policy brief to learn about EU initiatives that local and regional authorities can refer to for improving their management of cultural and natural heritage on coasts, in compliance with the EU Directives.

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Nature-based solutions for climate adaptation

Explore EU initiatives and ways to mitigate climate change in this policy brief. You'll also discover a selection of good practices with a high degree of replicability in other municipal contexts.

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Stories



Restoring ecological diversity of forests

Forests are the safeguards of biodiversity, as they host 80% of biodiversity on the planet.

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Planting trees the right way

Tree planting is widely regarded as one of the solutions to climate change and carbon offsetting. Read about the approach in Stockholm.

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