



Invitation to the Workshop

"Inform-Prioritize-Collaborate: Cooperation of Regions on Innovation in Forest Management, Use of Wood and Forest-related Services"

26 April 2018, 9.00 to 5.30 pm

at the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria
to the European Union,
Rue Wiertz 77, 1000 Brussels



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Forestry and forest-based economy will play a major role in the EU climate and energy policy and bio-economy. The European Innovation Partnership Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP Agri) specifically addresses these issues and offers a framework for supporting innovation in forestry.

At the first Forest Innovation Workshop in May 2014, regional forest actors and experts joined forces for the identification of priority areas on which innovation support efforts through Rural Development policies and other European programmes should be focused. This initiative resulted in 4 main priorities for innovation in forestry:

- 1-Managing Impacts related to Climate Change
- 2-Supporting Wood and Biomass Mobilization
- 3-Supporting the Provision of Ecosystem Services
- 4-Improving Sustainable Forest Management Approaches and Tools.

The second workshop in 2016 discussed in more detail innovation cases in these priority areas. Details on these two workshops are available at:

<https://www.efi.int/events/forest-innovation-workshop-2018-2018-04-26>

Today, within the Rural Development Programmes, Operational Groups have been established dealing with forest innovation topics. It's now time to show what regions are already implementing or planning for the near future, to inspire other territories to follow good examples and also to establish cross-border cooperation.

The ERIAFF Network (European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry), the European Forest Institute (EFI), EUROMONTANA (the European Association of Mountain Areas), the European Confederation of Forest Owners (CEPF), EUSTAFOR (the European State Forest Association), COPA-COGECA (European Farmers and Agri-cooperatives) and ERRIN (European Regions for Research and Innovation Network) are pleased to invite you to the workshop:

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Starting from the 4 challenges defined during the 2014 edition, this third workshop will focus on practical ideas and cases on tackling forest-related challenges through innovation, in particular implemented by Operational Groups.



The event will provide an opportunity to learn about the most recent updates on European initiatives and connect with a selection of innovative cases, in particular Operational Groups on forest topics, presented during the 2 rounds of breakout sessions.

The workshop language is English.

The event is free. Organizers cannot provide any support for travel and accommodation expenses.

For further information and the programme, please visit the [workshop webpage](#).

Registration is open till 20 April 2018 at

<https://www.webpolsurveys.com/S/4FC49D08D0B3946C.par>

Ensure your voice is heard and your views shared by the relevant EU and regional stakeholders - help us to strengthen the contribution of forestry to the EU bio-economy and rural development!