

Forest Europe

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Outline

- What is Forest Europe
- Activities of work stream 3: Green jobs and forest education

What is Forest Europe?

Forest Europe's focus

FOREST EUROPE?

- **common strategies** on how to protect and sustainably manage their forests.
- Pan-European voluntary high-level political process
 - intergovernmental **dialogue and cooperation**
- Former name: Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe.

Structure of Forest Europe (I)

Signatories:

45 European states + EU

Observers:

14 countries + 45 organisations

Secretariat:

Liaison Unit Bonn + EFI FE Team

General Coordinating Committee:

Germany, Slovakia, Sweden, Türkiye



Structure of Forest Europe (II)

Negotiation and decision-making structures:

- Ministerial Conference (MC, next in 2024)
- Expert Level Meeting (ELM, annually)

Collaborative tools for strategic debate:

- Roundtable Meeting (RTM)
- Working Group
- Advisory Group

Structure of Forest Europe (III)

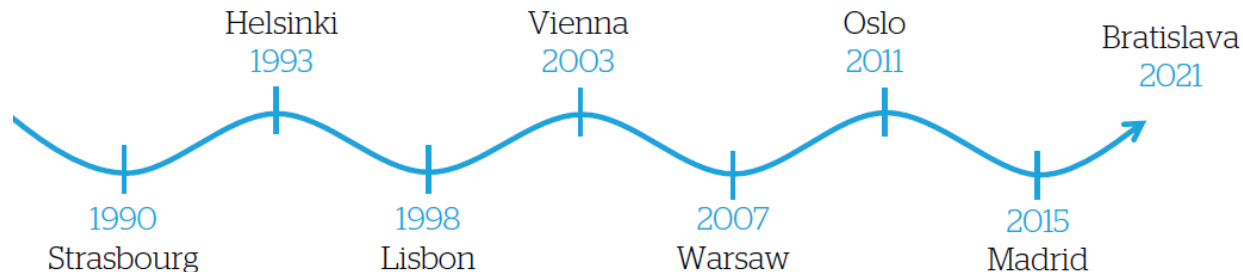
Collaborative tools for technical debate:

- Expert Group
- Workshops/Webinars

Focal points are nominated by signatories and observers

Structure of Forest Europe (IV)

- Biggest events: **Ministerial Conferences**
- Decisions on issues of **highest political and social relevance** regarding forests and forestry
- Every 4-5 years at the end of a country's **chairmanship**.
- Ministerial Conferences until now:



Workstreams



In the work programme 2021-2024, three main focus areas are described:

- Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)
- Pan-European Forest Risk Knowledge Mechanism(FoRISK)
- **Green Jobs and Forest Education**

Overarching topics: Rapid Response Mechanism + Communication

Activities of Work Stream 3: Green Jobs and Forest Education

Workshop with journalists



Workshop on seasonal migration in the forest sector 27th Oct.2022

Journalists from Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Romania, Serbia, Spain, and Sweden



Experts from:



Green Jobs Definition



WHAT ARE GREEN FOREST JOBS?

“Green Forest Jobs provide forest-related goods and services while meeting the requirements of sustainable forest management and decent work.”

For more information follow the link [here](#)

Publications



Publication of the report "Green Forest Jobs in the Pan-European Forest sector" by the Thuenen Institute

REPORT

GREEN FOREST JOBS IN THE PAN-EUROPEAN REGION

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Policy Brief

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Key messages

- The number of persons employed in the pan European forest sector is decreasing
- The workforce in the European forest sector is aging
- Only 21 % of the workforce in the traditional European forest sector is female
- Earnings in the European forest sector are often not competitive

Recommendations

- Working conditions need to be improved and adapted to retain the workforce and to attract youth and female workers.



Youth involvement in the activities of the work stream

Youth involvement in Forest Europe's activities (I)



- IFSA is one of the observer organizations of Forest Europe
- Head of Forest Europe Sub-Commission (IFSA official)
- Webinars and workshops targeted at students
- Side events bringing together students, lecturers and policy makers (World Forestry Congress, May 2022)
- Keynotes speakers in our events (High Policy Level Dialogue (HPLD) reference to the Youth Call for Action)
- Content for IFSA's TreE-Learning Platform
- Join any of the three sub-groups (Public Relations, Analysis or Transition)

Youth involvement in Forest Europe's activities (II)



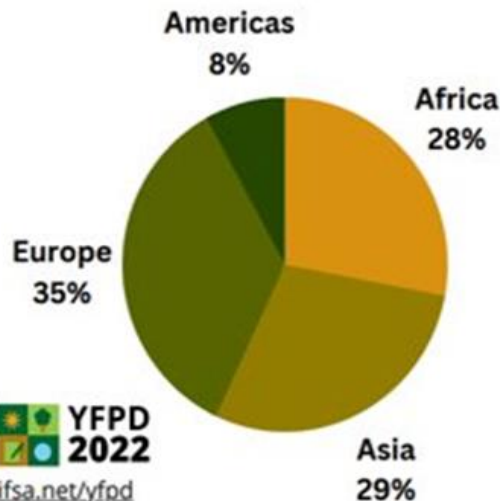
- Ministerial Conference 2024 (Resolution on Green Jobs and Forest Education and a Youth Panel)
- First of a kind where the youth are involved
 - Expected contribution under discussion

Examples of collaborative activities

Youth Forest Policy Days (1-3 December 2022)



18 sessions
42 speakers
3 days of event
300+ participants
4 hours average viewing time
12+ hours of recorded sessions
65 different countries



Youth audience



IFSA members 2

- 3-day event co-organized by Forest Europe and IFSA with support from GLF, IUFRO
- Workshop on key topics in forestry including Public speaking and how to prepare for it
- Conference on forest policies
- Climate negotiation simulation

Youth Forest Policy Days 1-3 December 2022



YOUTH FOREST POLICY DAYS 2022

1-3 December 2022 | Online

Final Report

- Link to the final report:
https://foresteurope.org/publications_type/youth-forest-policy-days-final-report/

International Day of Forests webinar series

International Day of Forests Webinar with IFSA



International Day of Forests
Webinar Series



Forest Europe growing life



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Episode 2

Local Carbon Policies as Pillars for Global Implementation



17th of March 2023 (Friday) at
3:00 PM (UTC+0) via Zoom 

Speakers:



Daniel Sánchez y Sánchez
Reforestamos México
Latin America



Jana Thuaud
RECOFTC
Asia Pacific



Dr. Marcus Lindner
EFI
Europe



Register here: <https://bit.ly/IDF2023Ep2>
or scan this QR code:

Marking International Days related to forests

International Day of Education (24 January 2023)



Raising awareness about Forest Europe's work visit by students from the Technical University of Dresden

International Women's Day

March 8, 2023

Based on the report "Green Forest Jobs in the Pan-European Forest sector" by the Thünen Institute

Why should the forest sector strive for gender balance?



Women occupy **only 21% of jobs in the forest sector** with variations across forestry and logging (AO2), manufacture of wood products (C16), manufacture of paper products (C17), printing (C18), and the manufacture of furniture (C31) (ISIC).

The **Forestry and logging sector has the lowest number of female workers (14%)**, while the highest number is in printing (32%) followed by the manufacture of paper products (26.6 %) and by the manufacture of furniture (19.5 %).



Gender wage gap exists, with **women earning less than men in almost all job categories in the sector**, with the highest discrepancies existing in professionals and managerial positions.



More women than men work on paid part-time basis and fully or partially in non-paid work (e.g., domestic services, education, etc), resulting in a **wage gap between the two gender groups**.



Most of the **graduates in forestry between 2015-2020 were men** compared to environmental studies, where more than 50% of the degrees from a bachelor's to a Ph.D. level were attained by women in 2020.

Source: (da Silva and Schweinle, 2022)



Conference on Forest Education



- Date: 20-22 September 2023
- Co-organized by Forest Europe and the Schutzgemeinschaft Deutscher Wald Bundesverband e.V.

- **Topic: Learning to create together-forest-related education for sustainable development (ESD) to foster partnerships for transformation**

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Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe