

# Multifunctional Forests -

## Trilemma of providing biodiversity, carbon sequestration and raw material for Europe



Workshop organised by Nordic-Baltic forest research organisations' network PROFOR

**Date:** Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 9:00-12:00 CET

**Venue:** Renaissance Brussels Hotel (Rue du Parnaisse 19, 1040 Brussels)  
& Online via Zoom

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Healthy, multifunctional forests are needed to meet the expanding societal challenges of our time. However, there is a 'trilemma' built in when continuously using forests in a more intensive way; How can conflicting sustainability goals be balanced and achieved? How can enhanced carbon storage and sequestration, increased use of wood-based products to substitute fossil-based raw materials, and biodiversity protection, together with capacity to deliver ecosystem services, simultaneously be met?

The Nordic-Baltic forest research organisations' network PROFOR will organise a seminar to discuss synergies and to highlight trade-offs between conflicting and compatible goals and forest utilisation, in a European and a science-based knowledge context.

Forests are the dominant land cover (about 60% of the land area) in Nordic-Baltic countries, providing different ecosystem services for the whole Europe. The seminar presentations will focus on forest disturbances and restoration, adaptation, and biodiversity with different forest management solutions as well as different scientific aspects of forests' role in carbon sequestration and storage.

# PROGRAMME

Moderator **Marius Lazdinis**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG AGRI, European Commission

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**8:30 Coffee**

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**9:00 Opening**

**Simonas Šatūnas**

Head of Cabinet of EU Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commission

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**9:10 Keynote speech**

**Gregorio Dávila Díaz**, Deputy Head of Unit, Environmental Sustainability, European Commission

**Keynote speech**

**Jessica Polfjärd**, Member of European Parliament

**Keynote speech**

**Tapio Kytölä**, Senior Specialist, agriculture and forestry matters Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU

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**9:40 Five pitch presentations by the PROFOR network researchers**

**Forests and Forestry in the Nordic-Baltic region**

**Knut Øistad**, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO)

**Forest structure and close(r)-to-nature management**

**Pasi Rautio**, Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)

**Importance of biodiversity and natural processes**

**Floor Vodde**, Estonian University of Life Sciences

**Forests and carbon**

**Daiga Zute**, Latvian State Forest Research Institute "Silava"

**Multipurpose forest – concluding remarks**

**Lars Högbom**, Skogforsk

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**10:30 Coffee break**

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**10:50 Panel discussion** with panelists and network speakers

**Gregorio Dávila Díaz**, Deputy Head of Unit, Environmental Sustainability, European Commission

**Fanny-Pomme Langue**

Secretary General, Confederation of European Forest Owners CEPF

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**11:40 Concluding remarks**

**Petri Sarvamaa**, Member of European Parliament

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**11:55 Closing words by the moderator**

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**12:00 Networking buffet lunch**

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