

International workshop on "SOIL DEGRADATION RISKS IN PLANTED FORESTS"

Bilbao, 10th September 2014

Venue

The workshop will take place in Bilbao, the Basque Country. The Basque Country provides an appropriate setting for such a meeting with a century long experience in plantation forestry. Bilbao is the European Forest City 2014.



Participants

Scientist and stakeholders will come together to discuss scientific results and perspectives on soil degradation risks in the "Atlantic Rim" European planted forests.

Hosting organizations

NEIKER-Tecnalia in collaboration with the Atlantic regional office of the European Forest Institute, EFIAtlantic, is organizing this international workshop.



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Objective

The ability of forests to limit natural processes of degradation and in particular, erosion, are well established. However, it is also recognised that degradation can be a serious problem in forest soils. This is most serious in conditions of unregulated exploitation, but intensively managed forests are also at risk. Management systems driven by short-term cost efficiencies may result in serious damage to soil. It is often not recognised that ecosystem management and specifically soil management is an integral part of sound forest management.

The aim of the workshop is to raise awareness of the impact of forestry practices on soil degradation and on the importance of forest soils for forest productivity. The causes of degradation will be examined and the impact on long-term productivity discussed. The workshop will review national and regional practices and policies for soil protection and propose a common framework to regional policy makers to reduce the risk of soil degradation in planted forest.

This international workshop is being held as part of the FORRISK final conference and the EFI Annual Conference.





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Language

Presentations will be in English but an English to Spanish simultaneous translation will be available.

Online registration

Online registration will take place on the EFIAtlantic website and will open at the beginning of June. But you can save the date in your agendas as of now!
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Preliminary program

8:30 Registration and welcome coffee

9:00 Words of welcome and opening address

9:30 Workshop introduction- Context and objectives

Session: Overview of soil degradation risks in the EU

Chair of the Session: Jean Michel Carnus (INRA).

9:45 Keynote: Soil degradation risks and prevention in the EU: Soil Thematic Strategy in Europe. (Luca Montanarella-DG JRC-European Commission)

10:15 Comparative strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for soil protection in cultivated forests in the SUDOE Area. (Christophe Orazio- EFIATLANTIC)

Session: Regional soil degradation risks and prevention programmes through the "Atlantic Rim" planted forests

Chair of the Session: Jean Michel Carnus (INRA). Rapporteur: Inazio Martínez de Arano (EFIMED)

10:30 Iceland

10:45 Ireland

11:00 Scotland

11:15 Coffee

11:45 England and Wales

12:00 France (Aquitaine??)

12:15 Basque Country

12:30 Galice

12:45 North Portugal

13:00 Central Portugal

13:15 Lunch

Session: Implementing forest management practices for soil protection

Chair of the Session: Ted Farrell (IEFC) (TBC.)

14:45 RECARE- Preventing and remediating degradation of soils in Europe through land care (EU-FP7 project)

15:15 Incentives for soil conservation. Beyond the best management practices: Are forest owners and managers interested?

16:00 Coffee

16:30 Reporting from regional cases, discussion and summary (Inazio Martínez de Arano-EFIMED)

16:45 Drafting the conclusions and workshop resolution (Ted Farrell- IEFC)

16:55 Closing remarks