



FUTUREforest International Conference – Wales

FUTUREforest - helping Europe meet the challenge of climate change



Climate change is already having a dramatic impact across Europe. FUTUREforest, an INTERREG IVC project, has been looking at how our forests can adapt to the changing climate and help mitigate the effects.

The FUTUREforest group of experts, from seven European regions, are now set on making a seismic shift in the thinking on climate – by showing how the challenges provide fantastic opportunities for the forests of Europe.

They have investigated the impacts already being felt – from the cork forests of Catalonia to the pine plantations of Latvia. They have studied how each of the regions is managing for change as they look to the role that our trees can play in climate change mitigation.

Now – at the project’s second international conference ‘**FUTUREforest - helping Europe meet the challenge of climate change**’ at the Pierhead in the Welsh capital – they will be previewing what could be one of the most influential documents on climate change and forest management in Europe.

The draft of the FUTUREforest Report for the Future of Europe’s Forests will be unveiled for the first time at this truly European conference, which will be attended by leading politicians and forest experts from each of the project regions.

Specialists in the project team have brought together all the latest thinking on water management, natural risk control, timber production, carbon sequestration, soil protection and biodiversity to compile a detailed blueprint of the very best practice based on their shared knowledge.

It details the massive benefits they believe regional and national Governments can gain by looking afresh at their forest resource.





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Conference

Day 1

Thursday 18 November
Pierhead, Cardiff Bay

Using case studies and specific examples from the partner regions, key speakers and project leaders will be looking at best practice across Europe which is helping the forests adapt to climate change and provide new mitigation opportunities.

Presentations will include all aspects of forest management:

- Auvergne, France – biodiversity
- Brandenburg, Germany – knowledge transfer
- Bulgaria – soil protection
- Catalonia – natural risks
- Latvia – timber production
- Slovakia – carbon sequestration
- Wales – water management

Leading politicians from all the FUTUREforest partner regions – including Welsh Minister for Rural Affairs, Elin Jones AM, will be playing a major role in the conference – outlining each region's view on the future.

Conference dinner at Cardiff Castle

Day 2

Friday 19 November
Novotel, Cardiff Bay

Technical sessions led by experts from across the regions will look in detail at the draft FUTUREforest Report, finalising the recommendations which will be going forward to the project's final conference in Brussels in 2011.

Each of the subject leaders will be outlining their thinking on how forests and trees can play a vital role in the way that Europe tackles climate change.

And at the end of the day they will be taking away the combined thoughts of the regions – ready to complete this important report which will help guide politicians and policy makers across Europe in their decision making on the future of our forests.



Costs

There is no charge for attending this two day conference, which will include lunch on each day.

Booking

More details on the conference – and a draft programme – will be available shortly. If you would like to find out more please register your interest by contacting:

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