




**SUPERB**  
Upscaling Forest Restoration

# Restoration Project Festival

20-22 November 2023, CET

Hybrid event – Milan, Italy / online

Accept Invitation 

Preliminary agenda – all hybrid sessions are open for online participation

| 20 November 16:00 – 18:00 Central European Time (CET) |  |
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| 16:00   | <b>Registrations and coffee</b>  |
| 16:15   | <b>Welcome by SUPERB project coordinator Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat</b> ( <a href="#">European Forest Institute EFI</a> ), agenda & introductions (hybrid)   |
| 16:55   | <p><b>Kick-off keynote on success stories of innovative funding and long-term continuity</b> (hybrid)</p> <p>Presentations by keynote speakers:</p> <p><b>Sabina Burrascano</b> (Associate Professor at the Sapienza University of Rome, <a href="#">FAGUS Life+</a>, <a href="#">BOTTOMS-UP</a>), presenting upscaling approaches in forest biodiversity</p> <p><b>Antti Leinonen</b> (Senior Specialist at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland, <a href="#">Forest Biodiversity Programme METSO</a>), presenting METSO and its success in securing long-term funding</p> <p><b>Giustino Mezzalira</b> (forestry engineer and consultant), presenting on innovative financing of large-scale forest restoration on the Marcesina plateau (north-east Italy, targeting the destruction caused in 2018 by the Vaia storm)</p> <p>Discussion with questions, comments, and sharing of experiences by all participants, followed by day's closing</p> |
| 19:00   | Opening dinner   |

| 21 November 09:00-17:35 CET |  |
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| 09:00                       | <b>Welcome &amp; day's agenda</b> (hybrid)   |
| 09:10                       | <p><b>Jam sessions:</b> sharing of restoration best practices etc. in small groups, to draw common insights and ideas on four key topics – part I (hybrid)</p> <p><b>Jam session 1:</b> Designing restoration measures for boosting ecosystem resilience (registration possible per jam session)</p> <p><b>Jam session 2:</b> Identifying and reconciling conflicting goals and objectives</p> |



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|       | The participants will draw central insights and ideas from their group discussions for presentation during the plenary session at 13:00  |
| 10:30 | Coffee break   |
| 10:45 | <p><b>Jam sessions:</b> interactive sharing of restoration solutions/experiences to draw common insights – part II (hybrid)</p> <p><b>Jam session 3:</b> Monitoring and evaluation</p> <p><b>Jam session 4:</b> Building partnerships and engaging stakeholders</p>  |
| 11:55 | Lunch  |
| 13:00 | <p><b>Jam sessions plenary</b> (hybrid)</p> <p>Presentation and discussion of the central insights and ideas reached by the jam session groups</p>   |
| 14:00 | <p><b>Sneak peek into the SUPERB Gateway:</b> a public online database for knowledge and practical tools on forest restoration practice, science, governance, and funding (hybrid)</p> <p>Presentation by SUPERB and seeking insights for design from participants</p>   |
| 14:40 | <b>Coffee with photo/video exhibition</b> about the participating forest restoration initiatives – prize for best entry awarded on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> (hybrid)   |
| 15:00 | <p><b>Indicators for success in forest restoration</b> – part I (hybrid)</p> <p>What different scientific, practical and social approaches/ tools are being used in forest restoration across Europe? What are the indicators used for their success and how have they been assessed?</p> <p>These are the questions tackled by a large-scale survey directed at forest restoration experts. The finding will be made publicly available to strengthen future restoration initiatives.</p> <p>In this session, the participants will jointly contribute their knowledge to this survey and learn about its preliminary findings.</p> |
| 15:30 | <p><b>Introducing the <a href="#">Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCA) Consortium</a> and its role in facilitating the recognition of local knowledge in conservation</b> (hybrid)</p> <p>Live video presentation and Q&amp;A with <b>Marco Bassi</b>, ICCA Consortium, <a href="#">National Biodiversity Future Center</a>, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Palermo</p>   |
| 15:50 | <b>Indicators for success in forest restoration</b> – part I continued (hybrid)  |
| 16:20 | Coffee break   |



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| 16:35 | <p><b>Italian afforestation movement meets broader European experience in (peri-)urban forestry</b> (hybrid)</p> <p>Presentation by <b>Sergio Gallo</b>, Director of the <a href="#">AlberItalia</a> foundation</p> <p>Response presentation by <b>Dr. Barbara Darr</b>, forest authority of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, on the <a href="#">Gelsenkirchen/Ruhr Area CLEARING HOUSE project</a> as a case of forestry in industrialised areas</p> <p>Inviting reactions from all participants</p> |
| 17:10 | <p><b>Indicators for success in forest restoration – part II</b> (hybrid)</p> <p>Presentation by SUPERB of the preliminary findings of the large-scale questionnaire and reactions from participants</p>  |
| 19:00 | Joint dinner  |

22 November 09:00-15:30 CET

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| 09:00 | <b>Welcome &amp; day's agenda</b>   |
| 09:10 | <p><b>Stories for impact – workshop by the <a href="#">European Forest Institute EFI</a></b> (hybrid)</p> <p>How can 'stories' bring people on board with restoration initiatives and help create transformative systems change?</p> <p>During this signature EFI workshop you will learn hands-on how to use the power of story as a tool for public engagement and collaboration, with examples from local-level forest restoration experience.</p> |
| 10:30 | Coffee  |
| 10:45 | <b>Photo/video exhibition prize</b> (hybrid)  |
| 11:00 | <p><b>Sharing insights from the <a href="#">Mediterranean Model Forest Network (MMFN)</a> on forging partnerships and knowledge exchange in sustainable forest management</b> (hybrid)</p> <p>Live video presentation and Q&amp;A with <b>Toni Ventre</b>, MMFN Secretariat</p>   |
| 11:20 | <b>Concluding plenary on upscaling forest restoration best practices</b> (hybrid)   |
| 11:50 | <p><b>Guided visit to the chronosequence sites in <a href="#">Parco Nord</a>, the biggest already grown urban forest in Milan</b></p> <p>Tour hosted by SUPERB partners from the University of Milan and the University of Molise, with focus on topics selected by the participants</p>  |



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## SUPERB objectives

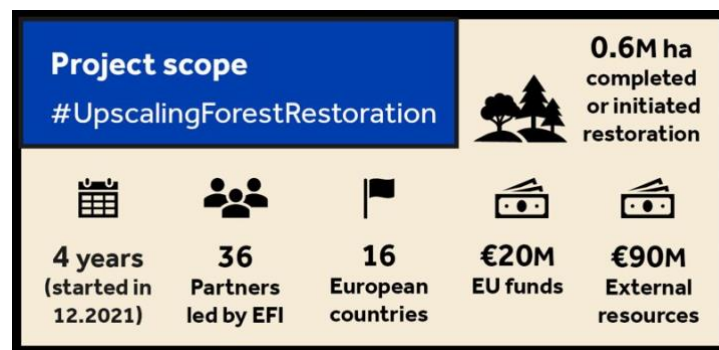
- Demonstrate and test, together with key local stakeholders, successful restoration approaches in 12 large-scale demonstration sites across Europe.
- Deliver evidence-based practical knowledge on sustainable and successful management, governance, and financing of restoration by learning about the barriers and enablers involved.
- Improve societal support for restoration and advance broad-based societal benefits from restoration.
- Deliver a multi-language Forest Ecosystem Restoration Gateway.
- Create a large and powerful multi-stakeholder network and movement for the development, uptake, and upscaling of transformative forest restoration approaches and actions.



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## SUPERB 'Systemic solutions for or upscaling of urgent ecosystem restoration for forest-related biodiversity and ecosystem services'

Funded to support the EU Green Deal, SUPERB will restore thousands of hectares of forests and forest landscapes across Europe, starting with large-scale demonstration areas in 12 countries. Our overall goal is to demonstrate best practices backed up with the latest scientific knowledge and establish an enabling environment for large-scale restoration. Therefore, we will create a powerful multi-stakeholder network and movement for the development, uptake, and upscaling of transformative restoration approaches and actions.



## Bringing together key insights through the Practitioners Pathfinder.

Working closely with other SUPERB partners, Prospex Institute runs a series of events for forest restoration practitioners to share knowledge and experience, identify best practices, assess barriers and opportunities, and build a community for further collaboration. We also organise similar 'pathfinders' for policy/ governance and finance/ landowners representatives. In 2024 the three communities will meet to launch a lasting coalition for change for forest restoration in Europe.

## Restoration Project Festival

As part of the Practitioners Pathfinder, on 20-22 November 2023 in Milan (Italy) and online, SUPERB will organise a festival for forest restoration projects, programmes and other initiatives to exchange solutions on key topics identified by the participants of earlier Practitioners Pathfinder events: long-term funding and continuity; designing restoration measures for boosting ecosystem resilience; identifying and reconciling conflicting goals and objectives; monitoring and evaluation; and building partnerships and engaging stakeholders. We will also explore innovative forest restoration practices and make connections for the future. To join us, please contact [marie.vaney@prospex-institute.org](mailto:marie.vaney@prospex-institute.org).

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