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The multi-actor network
supporting sustainable
management and the
resilience of planted forests

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A WORD FROM THE CEO



Forests and trees are everywhere in the media: we must save the forest from fires, we must save the trees from being cut down by foresters, we must plant trees to store carbon, we must preserve our forest landscapes devastated by the bark beetle, we must stop imported deforestation, we must, we must ... Who knows that the oaks to rebuild Notre Dame Cathedral come from forests planted more than 300 years ago, where 10 generations of foresters have taken care of management plan after management plan.

Who knows the current forestry regulations on clear-cutting and certification for sustainable forest management?

Since 1998, IEFCE has been supporting the actors of the wood industry who work on a type of forest that is important for society: planted forests. These forests are characterised by the fact that they are the result of stronger human intervention than natural forests for example the choice of seeds or seedlings to used to regenerate the forest.

Overall, our predecessors did not make bad choices, as plantations to protect our mountains and coastlines are still there, and with only 7% of the planet's forest area, planted forests have provided humanity with 50% of all wood fibre and almost 35% of the roundwood we need for our daily lives (furniture, construction, energy, etc.).

However, global change is increasing the risks and the diversity of threats (new insects introduced into containers, drought, fires, storms, etc.), requiring greater expertise and the need to capitalise on all experiences, including internationally and in the South. Because of these rapid changes a facilitator of the exchange of ideas, knowledge, data, models and tools on planted forests such as IEFCE has an essential role to play.

Christophe Orazio
Chief Executive Officer - Forest Engineer

WHO WE ARE

FOUNDED IN 1998, WE AIMS TO FACILITATE AND COORDINATE EXCHANGES BETWEEN STAKEHOLDERS IN RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND THE FORESTRY SECTOR.

Twenty years ago, a joint initiative between USSE and INRA led to the establishment and launch of the European Institute of Planted Forest (IEFC). The birth of the institute was led by Yves Lesgourgues, then Director of CRPF Aquitaine, and Michel Arbez, then Director of the INRA site in Pierroton.

The idea for this network originated back in 1987 when the pioneering spirit of foresters from Aquitaine, Galicia and the Spanish Basque Country led them to explore the forests of their neighbouring countries, while building friendships along the way; thus sowing the seed for two fruitful decades of collaboration and networking.



The future management of planted forests has to meet a number of challenges.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to use a bottom up approach through collaboration driven by planted forest owners and practitioners and linking researchers and educators to **Promote, Facilitate, Improve, Coordinate and Disseminate** solutions to aid forest owners and practitioners to manage and ensure **Sustainable Management of Planted Forests in Europe**. The search for such solutions will require collaboration and the search for synergies with other sectors or areas linked to the bioeconomy and ecosystem services that guarantee the **three pillars of sustainability** (economic, social and environmental) are addressed. This will be achieved, through coordination of research, applied training programs, networking, online resources, meetings, conferences and publications.



IEFC supports research projects, promotes networking and partnerships, leads communication and outreach and produces educational materials.

The way we do this is through coordinating and leading solutions, facilitating cooperation, building capacity and disseminating information.

At the core of IEFC are Forest Owners and Practitioners, Researchers, Educators and Organisations.

OUR VALUES

Promote and coordinate forest owner/practitioner-suggested research projects to find solutions that are practical, realistic, and science-based to ensure the sustainable management and the multi-functionality of planted forests. Seek funding, develop research collaboration and maintain common R&D infrastructures and resources.

Facilitate cooperation among planted forest owners, practitioners, researchers and educators through networking, field days, brainstorming, and collaboration between practitioners, forest owners, researchers, educators and research networks, in order to identify, test and continuously improve solutions to planted forest issues.

Build capacity through applied training programs, workshops, networking, meetings and conferences.

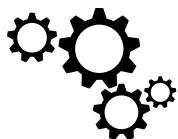
Communicate and disseminate information through publications (e.g. Newsletters) and use of digital media. Become the main documentary resource centre for planted forests.



THE INSTITUTE

IEFC has developed an ambitious strategy based on a team that brings together international and complementary expertise within the Institute. Promoting, facilitating and enhancing the future resilience and sustainability of Europe's planted forests in the context of global change is the goal of the IEFC. IEFC's areas of work :

**Forests
genetic
resources**



**improved
resilience of
planted forests**



Bioeconomy



**Trade-offs in
ecosystem services
and natural capital
valuation**



The IEFC focus areas are in line with many of the important challenges and strategies outlined in the European Forest Strategy. These focus areas address the development of sustainable planted forests adapted to meeting the demands of a growing bioeconomy, as well as maintaining and increasing the value of ecosystem services. In light of climate change, smart solutions to mitigate the negative effects of changed environmental conditions will be of the utmost importance.



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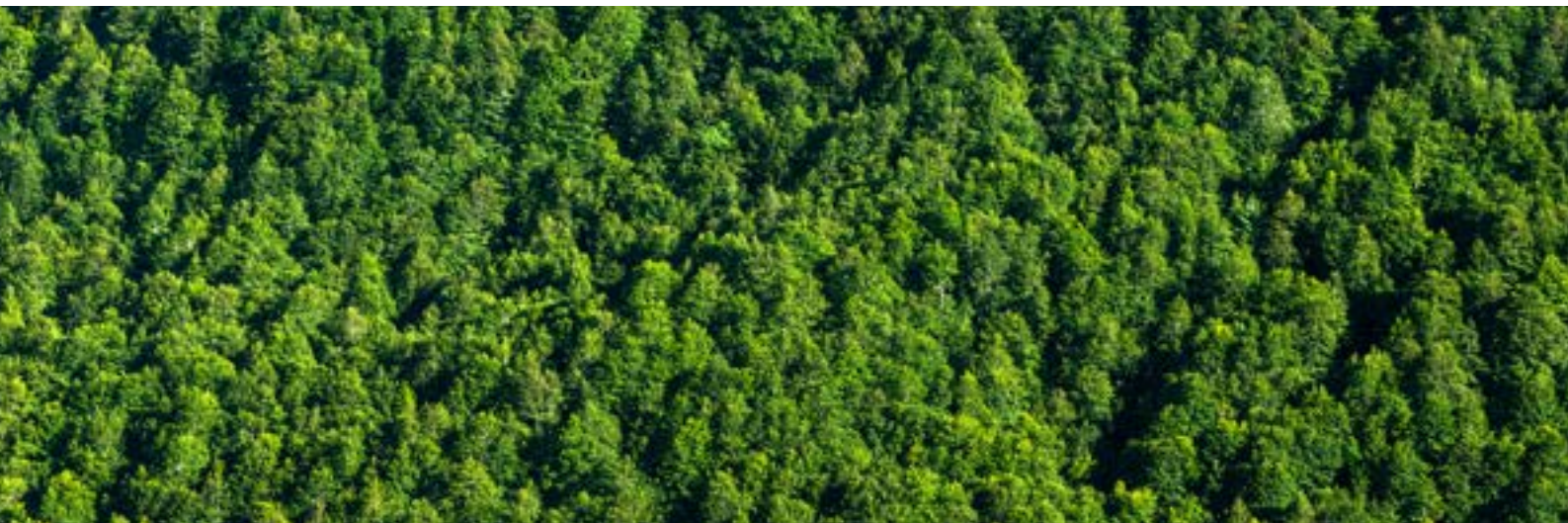
BECOME A MEMBER

If you wish to:

- integrate within a research and development center network (connected with EFI network)
- Engage in transnational projects
- facilitate contact with other organisations of research and vocational training to organise exchanges and scientific expertise
- organise common public events and publications
- improve public attitudes regarding cultivated forest
- participate in meetings and general assemblies able to modify the orientations of IEFC
- receive the electronic version of IEFC Letter
- benefit from reduced tariffs to participate in events organised by IEFC

IEFC members are legal entities. Any organisation (Research center, Association for forest development, Professional training centers, forest owner federation, consultants ...) which intend to work with improvement and promotion of resilience and sustainable management of Planted forests worldwide can join IEFC.

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