

IEFC ANNUAL MEETING

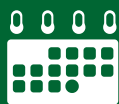
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DONOSTIA, SAN SEBASTIÁN





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*Location: Donostia San Sebastián
Sala GUNEA de la Diputación Foral de Gipuzkoa,
DONOSTIA, ubicada en Plaza de Gipuzkoa 1, 20004 Donostia, Gipuzkoa
Simultaneous*

8:40–9:00 ➤ Registration

9:00 – 9:15 ➤ Welcome and introduction by Basque authorities and partners

SEMINAR on Forest Health Monitoring Systems:

Objective : To give an overview of existing forest health monitoring tools and open avenues for further cooperation between the regions of the atlantic arc. Evaluate potential of IEFC network to facilitate information exchange of interest between the members and regions with planted forests.

9:15 – 9:30 ➤ “Forest Monitoring Law to establish a common framework for monitoring the resilience of Europe’s Forests”, **USSE** (Edurne Lacalle/Leire Salaberria).

9:30 – 9:45 ➤ International Plant Sentinel Network – **TBC** (Itxaso Quitana).

9:45 – 10:00 ➤ “Observatree: 12 years of tree health citizen science in the UK”, **Forest Research UK** (Matthew Parratt)

10:00 – 10:15 ➤ “The Impact of Urban Trees on the Invasion of Forest Pests”, **Instituto Superior de Agronomia, University of Lisboa** (Manuela Branco).

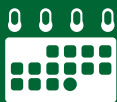
10:15 – 10:30 ➤ “Designing large-area forest health monitoring systems: the example of the Galician Continuous Forest Inventory (IFCG)”, **University of Santiago de Compostela** (Cesar Pérez Cruzado).

10:30 – 10:45 ➤ “Citizen science and AI to monitor forest health in poplar plantations”, **University of León** (Flor Alvarez Taboada).

10:45 – 11:00 ➤ “BASODATA: An integrated forestry information system” (Alejandro Cantero, HAZI FUNDAZIOA).

11:00 – 11:30 ➤ **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:15 ➤ Roundtable (Moderator: Ander Arias Gonzalez – NEIKER).



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12:15 – 12:30

- First step to improve information exchange on forest health on the Atlantic regions, IEFC (Christophe Orazio)

SEMINAR on private funding opportunity for research :

Objective: To analyse financing and cooperation alternatives for R&D&I and transfer in forest bioeconomy, taking successful models as a reference. The aim is to explore a possible collaborative financing system managed by the IEFC, identifying sources of funds and collaboration strategies that guarantee the sustainability of the sector.

12:30 – 12:45

- **Forestry innovation in uncertain times: financing and collaboration alternatives** - Javier Calvo-Simón. Head of the Bioeconomy Area at Cesefor. *The reduction of European funds threatens forestry R&D&I. Exploring collaborative models and strengthening public-private cooperation is key. Preliminary results of a survey of IEFC members are presented to guide the workshop debate.*

12:45 – 13:05

- **Presentation of success story: Forest Productivity Cooperative (FPC)** model - Dr Rafael Rubilar Pons. Co-Director Forest Productivity Cooperative - *(Remote presentation)* - *The Forest Productivity Cooperative (FPC) is an international alliance that promotes innovative solutions to improve forest productivity and value through the sustainable management of site resources. Led by universities in the USA and Latin America, the FPC integrates applied research, training and technology transfer, collaborating with industry, investors and forest managers. With more than 10 million hectares under management, it is one of the largest global programmes in cooperative forestry, standing out for its impact on the adoption of sustainable and efficient practices.*

13:05 – 13:25

- **The Challenges of Technology Transfer.** - Aida López, Director of Strategy and Public Sector at Ayming. *Analysis of transfer mechanisms (licensing, spin-offs, collaborations, innovative public procurement), opportunities in emerging markets, common barriers and strategies to overcome them, with examples of success and case studies.*

13:25 – 14:00

- **Group activity: Initial exploration of a collaborative funding model for the IEFC.** - *Guided group dynamics to explore possible funding structures for the IEFC, identifying sources of funds and mechanisms for collaboration between partners. Key ideas will be collected as a starting point for future developments.*



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14:00 – 15:00



Lunch

15:00 – 16:00



Open session of flash talks for IEFC members: Let's talk about planted forests

1. Arboreta and Climate Change Studies (Julio Diez, Valladolid University)
 2. Detection, monitoring and management of non native forest pests and pathogens (Hervé Jactel, INRAE)
 3. Forest Health Under the Climate Change Scenarios (Tomás Sánchez Pellicer, CESEFOR)
 4. Planted riparian forests (Valters Samakis, SILAVA)
 5. Sustaining growth and genetic diversity in planted Scots pine stands in Latvia: The For-est4LV contribution (Paul Zeltin, SILAVA)
 6. ARF@pf – a tool to support landowners in the selection of species for new plantations (Margarida Tomé, ISA)
 7. StandsSIM Web App: Forest Management Driven Simulations On-line (Nuno Lopes, ISA)
 8. SOCIAL FOREST: Towards a Transnational Forest Strategy to Strengthen Climate Resilience and Enhance Socio-Economic Development of Rural Areas in South-western Europe. (Abdelwahab Besaad, Xylofutur)
 9. Vulnerability of Pinus pinea to forest decline in the Mediterranean Basin (Raoul Sanchez, University of Sevilla)
 10. Added value of forest co-products for chemicals from green chemistry (Armand Clopeau, Stéphane Legay, Gilles Labat – Pôles RFT / Biosense, FCBA, Bordeaux)
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16:00 – 17:30



Opening of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (S. Barreiro)

16:00 – 17:00



Reporting Session

1. Board president report on 2023-2024 key achievements and recent developments (Rapport Moral de la présidente du Conseil d'Administration IEFC Susana Barreiro)
 1. Questions
 2. Short introduction of new members
2. Overview of networking and capacity building activities
3. Overview of ongoing projects topics
4. Overview of communication and publication activities
5. Approval of the reporting

17:00 – 17:30



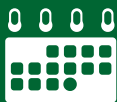
Decision making session

1. Presentation, questions and Approval of the 2024 Accounts
 2. Presentation, questions and Approval of the 2025 Budget
 3. Next general assembly venue
 4. Any other business and closure
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20:30



Social Dinner in typical Basque Cider house



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Field tour visit to Pagoeta Natural Park and REINFFORCE Arboretum AR22 – 9 April 2025

08:45 ➤ **Departure** – Pick-up from **Hotel Abba San Sebastián**, with a later stop at **Hotel NH Collection Aranzazu**.

09:30 ➤ Arrival at **Iturraran, Pagoeta Natural Park**.

- Talks on site about the management of the public forest.
- Visit of the arboretum.
- Descent to the Agorregi forge.

13:30 – 15:00 ➤ ***Lunch in a restaurant near Aginana***

15:00 ➤ Talk about the Reinfforce arboretum in **Mount Irisasi** (AR22) and the band disease

16:30 – 17:00 ➤ **Arrival in Donostia/San Sebastián**

[Thursday /Friday morning: REINFFORCE MEETING]