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Building a sustainable Forest future together: the sixth edition of the Forest Innovation Workshop launches today in Brussels

Gain valuable insights into innovation within the EU forestry sector and the significant role of regional administrations: this is the aim of the sixth edition of the Forest Innovation Workshop. The event, titled *“Inform-Prioritize-Collaborate: Building a Sustainable Forest Future through Regional Cooperation and Innovation”* will be hosted by the Representation of the [Free State of Bavaria to the European Union](#) on 11 and 12 February 2025 in Brussels, together with the mid-term conference of the [OptFor-EU project](#).

Over these two days, attendees will be able to engage in discussions around innovative solutions for sustainable forest management, focusing on key topics such as forest restoration, non-wood forest products, and agroforestry innovations. Breakout sessions, interactive panels, and regional authority roundtable discussions will provide insights into collaborative efforts for achieving a low-carbon, climate-resilient forest future.

Gathering over 50 speakers, this workshop is an opportunity to promote collaboration among stakeholders in the sector and regions, to establish a supportive framework for innovation in forestry and to advocate for increased coordination between the numerous measures adopted at European, national and regional level.

The event organizers are: [EFI](#), [ERIAFF](#), [OptFor-EU](#), [Forest4EU](#), [COPA-COGECA](#), [EFI Bioregions Facility](#), [CEPF](#), [ELO](#), [EUSTAFOR](#), [EUROMONTANA](#), [Region of Tuscany](#), and [the Free State of Bavaria](#).

Institutional actors and stakeholders involved: DG Agri and EU Research Executive Agency; regional authorities, research institutes, scientific foundations, forest owners and managers.

Event’s numbers: 2 days, 55 speakers, 13 projects in the programme, 14 operational groups sharing best practices, over 210 participants registered.

More information: <https://forestinnovation.eu/>

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