Dear Friends and Partners,

we are pleased to invite you to attend the ForestValue Research Programme Kick-Off Seminar on 23\textsuperscript{rd} and 24\textsuperscript{th} of May 2019 at the National Museum of Finland in Helsinki.

This public kick-off seminar of the 1\textsuperscript{st} trans-national ForestValue Joint Call (17 projects selected) will bring together researchers and stakeholders from industry, academia and policy-making organisations in the forest-based sector. The call was launched in 2017 with support from the European Commission through the H2020 Framework Programme.

The objectives of the seminar will be to discuss the projects’ objectives, to facilitate information exchange and networking between the projects and their stakeholders, and to gain feedback and ideas for the further development of the ForestValue Research Programme.

ERA-NET Cofund ForestValue, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland, Ministry of the Environment, Academy of Finland and Business Finland as event organizers and hosts look forward to welcoming you in Finland.
**PROGRAMME**  (preliminary; the agenda will be similar, but is subject to change slightly as we determine the missing details)

**Thursday, 23rd of May**

| DAY 1 | Moderator: Mikko Peltonen, Research Director  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland (MMM)  
https://mmm.fi/en/frontpage |
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| | • **Welcome** *(10 min)*  
*Speaker to be confirmed* |
| | • **Introduction to Finnish host organisations MMM, YM, AKA and Business Finland, (10 min)*  
*Speaker/s to be confirmed* |
| | • **Welcome and short overview of the trans-national ForestValue Research Programme** *(10 min)*  
*Mika Kallio, ForestValue Project Coordinator, MMM  
https://forestvalue.org* |
| | • **Keynote speech** *[Title to be confirmed]* *(30 min)*  
*Rhonda Smith, Director, Minerva Communications UK Ltd  
http://www.minervacomms.net* |
| 11.05 – 12.00 | Presentations of jointly funded ForestValue projects |
| Session 1. | • **MultiForest** – Management for multifunctionality in European forests in the era of bioeconomy *(6 min)*  
*Speaker to be confirmed* |
| | • **ValoFor** – Small Forests – Big Players: Valorising small scale forestry for a bio-based economy *(6 min)*  
*Speaker to be confirmed* |
| | • **GreenLane** – Fast-tracking value and resilience for industrial wood supply *(6 min)*  
*Speaker to be confirmed* |
| | Questions, open discussion *(10 min)* |
| Session 2. | • **I-MAESTRO** – Innovative forest MANagEment STRategies for a resilient bioeconomy under climate change and disturbances *(6 min)*  
*Speaker to be confirmed* |
| | • **NOBEL** – Novel business models and mechanisms for the sustainable supply of and payment for forest ecosystem services *(6 min)*  
*Speaker to be confirmed* |
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<th>Moderator: Martin Greimel, co-coordinator of ForestValue Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism (BMNT) [<a href="https://www.bmnt.gv.at/">https://www.bmnt.gv.at/</a>]</th>
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| 09.00 – 09.10 | **Introduction and welcome**  
*Speaker to be confirmed* |
| 09.15 – 10.15 | **Presentations of jointly funded ForestValue projects**  
**Session 5.**  
- hardwood_joint – Innovative joints in hardwoods *(6 min)*  
  *Speaker to be confirmed*  
- FIREINWOOD – Improved fire design of engineered wood systems in buildings *(6 min)*  
  *Speaker to be confirmed*  
- InnoCrossLam – Innovative Solutions for Cross Laminated Timber Structures *(6 min)*  
  *Speaker to be confirmed*  
*Questions, open discussion (10 min)* |
| 10.15 – 11.55 | **Poster session, networking** |
| 12.00 – 12.35 | **News about European/ other research activities**  
- **FTP recent developments**  
  Johan Elvnert, Managing Director, Forest-based Sector Technology Platform  
  [http://www.forestplatform.org]  
- **EFI recent developments and EFI Network Fund**  
  Robert Mavsar, Deputy Director, European Forest Institute  
  [https://efi.int/] |
| 12.35 – 12.45 | **Summing up the seminar and closing**  
*Mika Kallio, ForestValue Project Coordinator, MMM* |
| 12.45 – 15.00 | **Lunch, networking** |
Registration

Registration is requested from each seminar participant, including ForestValue partners. **Registration is open until 26 April 2019.** Please register here:

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Registration_ForestValue_kick-off_Helsinki

Please note that the maximum number of participants is 120, so just make sure you register before all the 120 places are filled.

The seminar is free of charge including materials, admission to all sessions, coffee/tea during breaks and lunches.

Travel information

Airport train

The train connection between Helsinki city centre and Helsinki Airport takes about 30 minutes. There are two services: train I and train P. Schedules, ticket prices and routes are available at HSL website. At the airport you can buy a train ticket from the following spots (please note that it is not possible to buy a ticket in the train):

- HSL ticket automates (by the entrance of the terminals and train station)
- Alepa Grocery Store (T2 Arrivals Hall 2B)
- WH Smith (T1 Departure Hall and T2 Departure Hall)
- R-kioski (T2 Arrivals Hall 2A)
- Tourist information (T2 Arrivals Hall 2A)
- HSL Mobile Ticket app

Buses to & from the airport (i.e. Finnair City Bus)

Line 615 and the Finnair City Bus operate between Helsinki Railway Station and the airport.

The timetables of other trains and buses in the Helsinki metropolitan area are available in the HSL Journey Planner.

HSL buses as well as the Finnair City Buses, operated by Pohjolan Liikenne, drop off and pick up passengers only in front of T2 at Helsinki Airport.

From Helsinki railway station it is around 1 km by walk to the seminar venue.

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for their own hotel bookings. There are several hotels within a 10-minute walking distance to the seminar venue.

**Some hotels in downtown Helsinki within 1 km from the main railway station** (no rooms pre-reserved):

- Holiday Inn Helsinki City Centre
- Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Helsinki
- Original Sokos Hotel Helsinki
- Scandic Simonkenttå
- Hotel Arthur
Map of downtown Helsinki

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For updated information on the seminar and the ForestValue Research Programme, please visit: https://forestvalue.org/.