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Helping to build an ambitious European forest research and innovation area

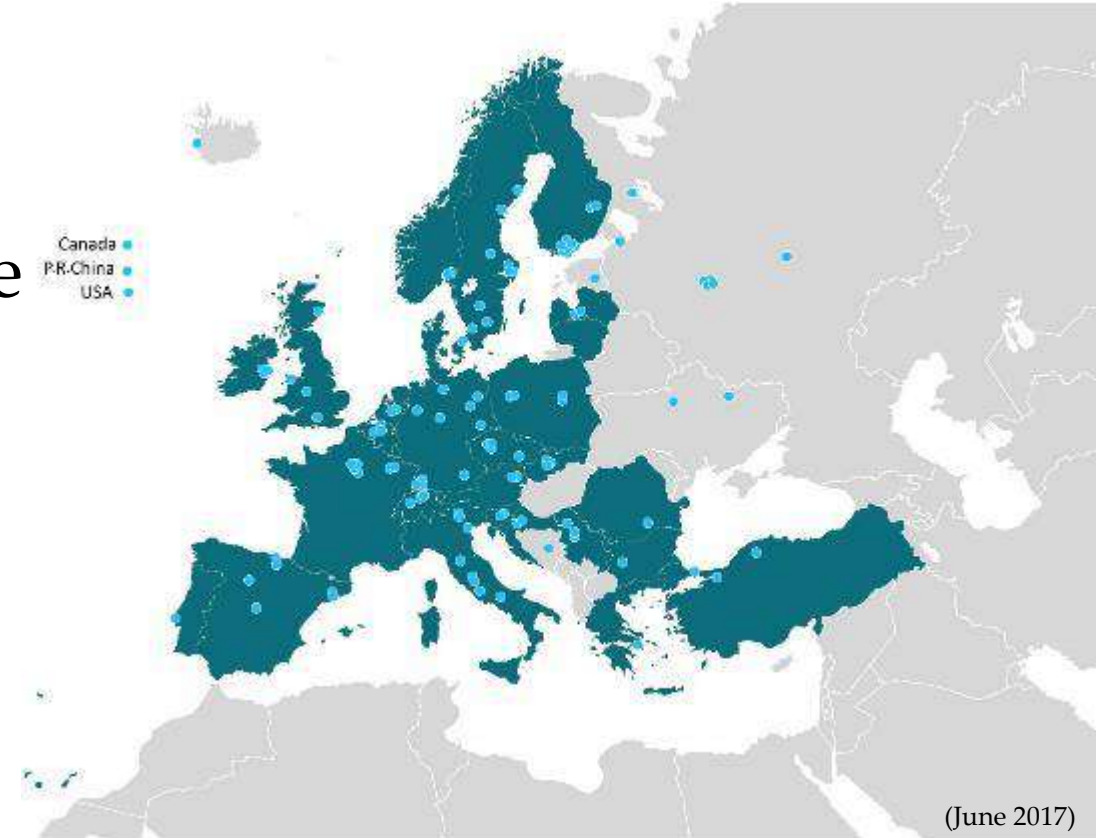
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About EFI

- International organization
- **29 European States** have ratified the Convention on EFI.
- EFI has **113 member organisations** in 37 countries.



EFI's strategic areas and topics

VISION

A world where forests significantly contribute to sustainable wellbeing

MISSION STATEMENT

Connecting knowledge to action



An ambitious forest research and innovation area

- We aim to provide European forest research organisations with the resources, capacities and infrastructures they need to maximise their scientific and societal impact.

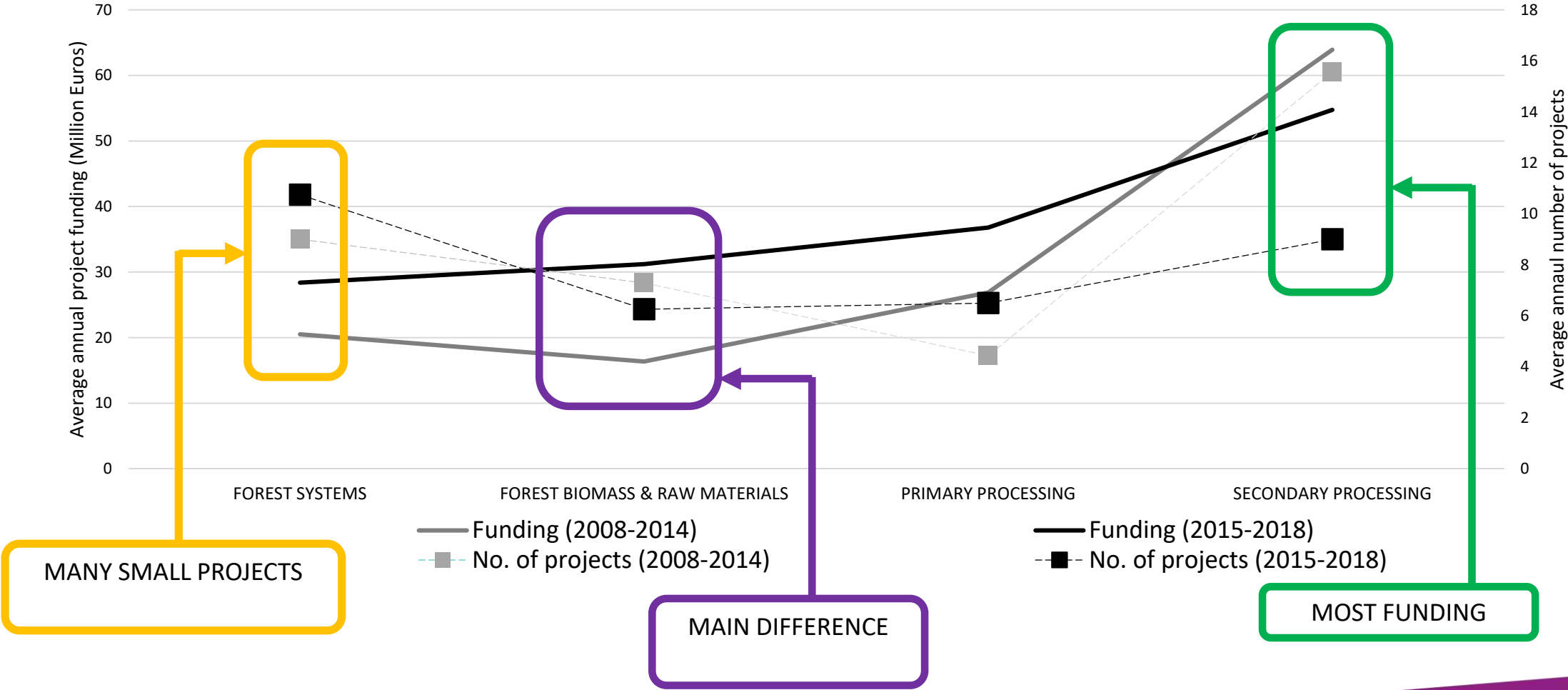


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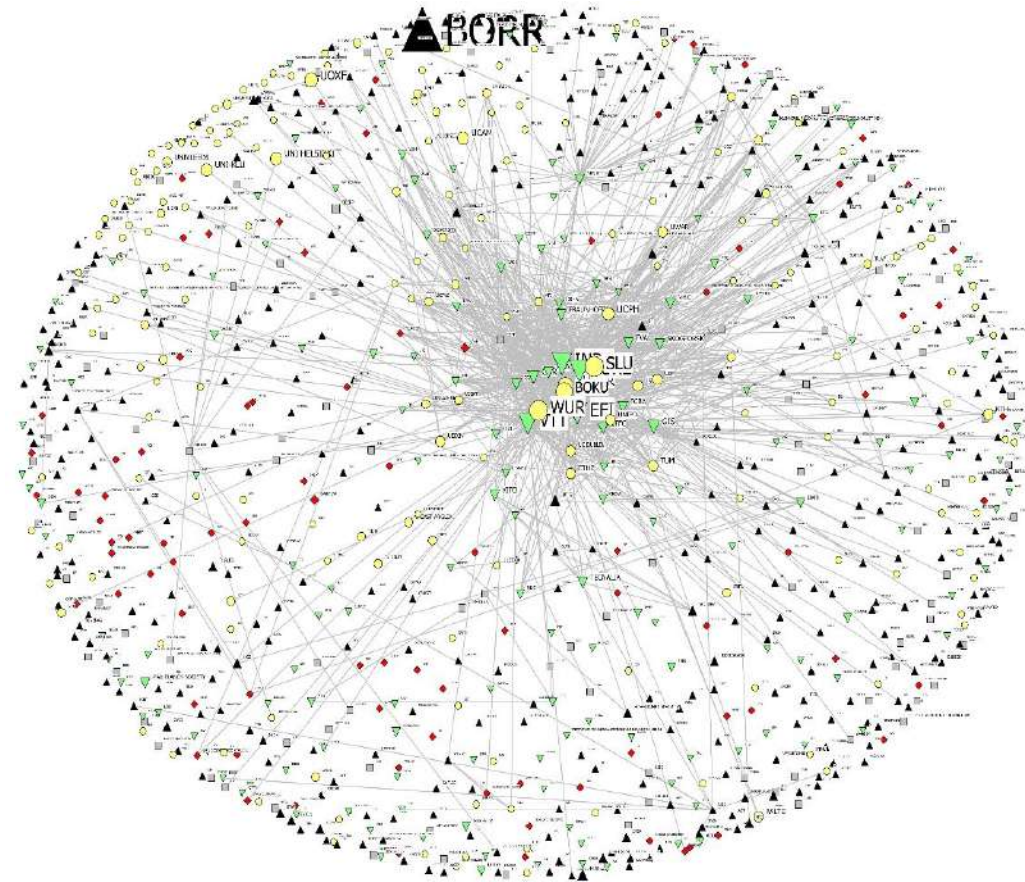
EU funded forest related projects








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Cooperation between organisations



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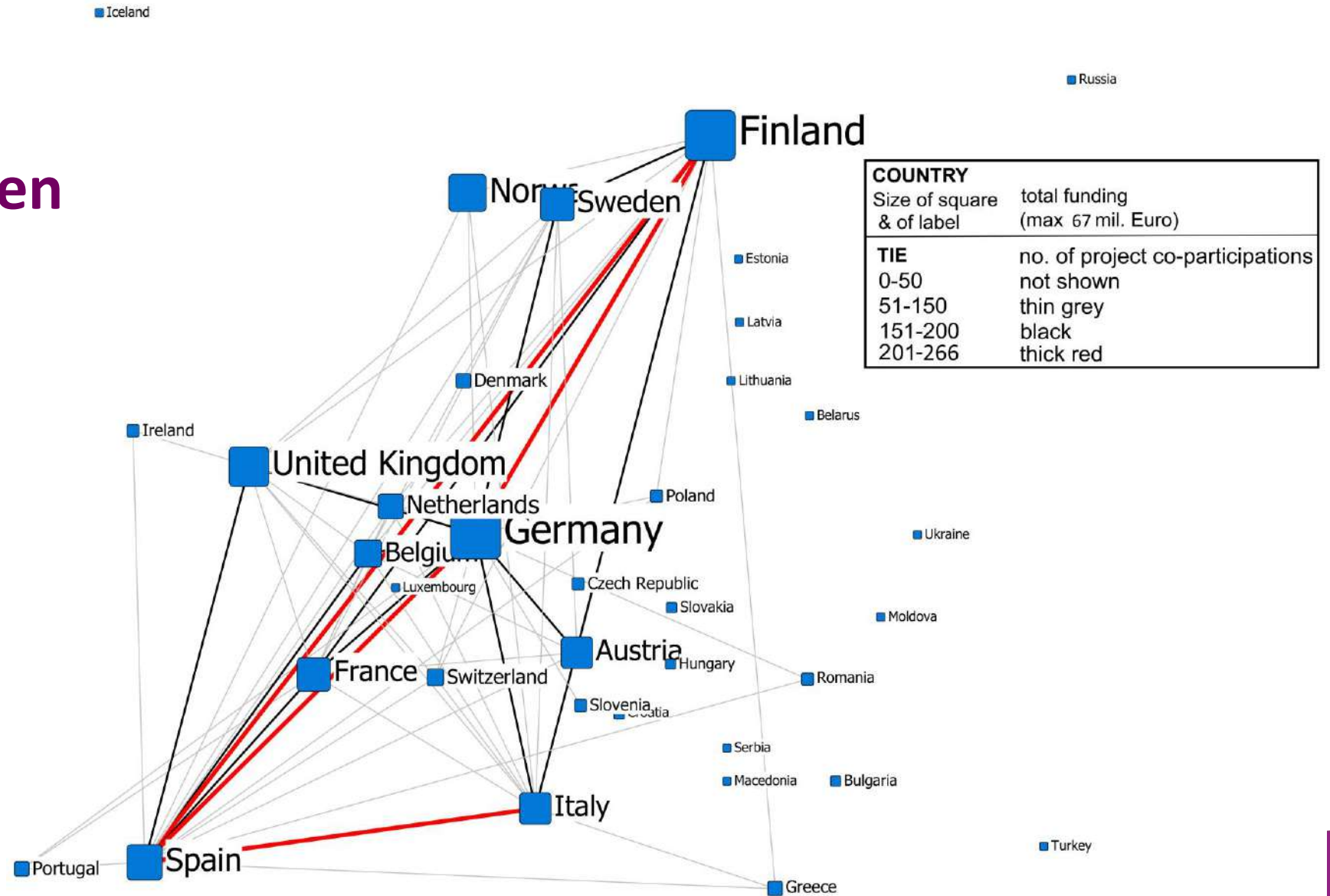
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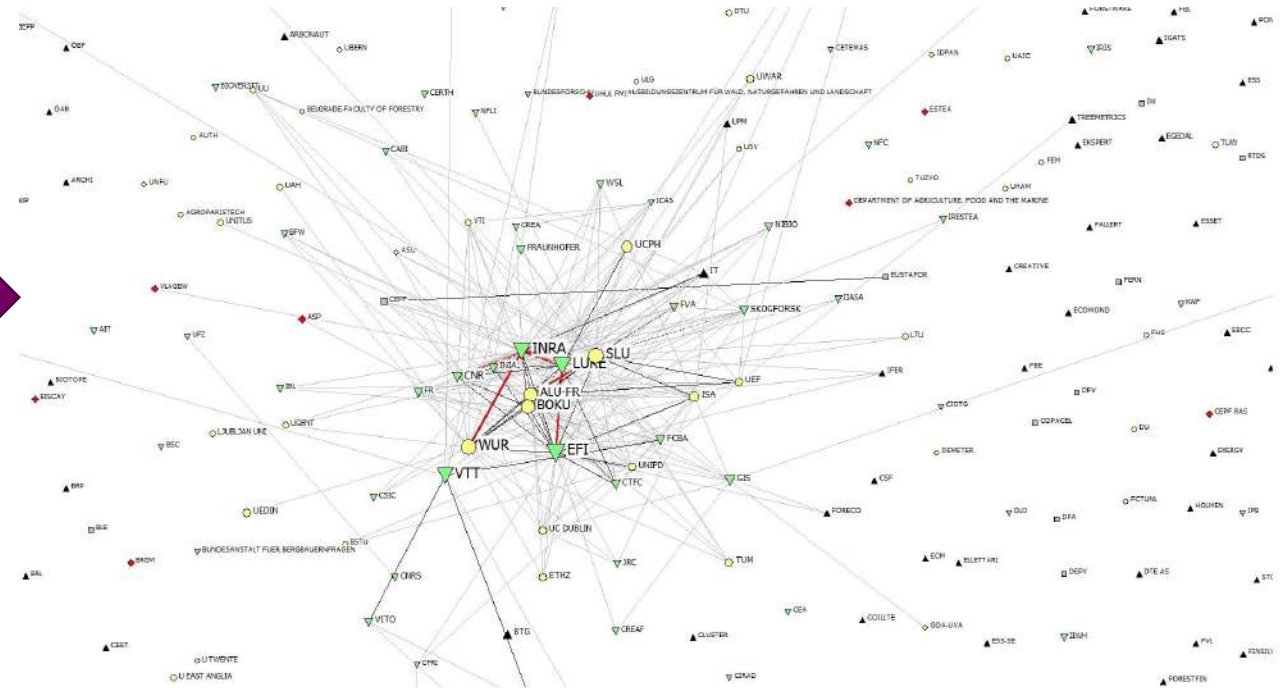
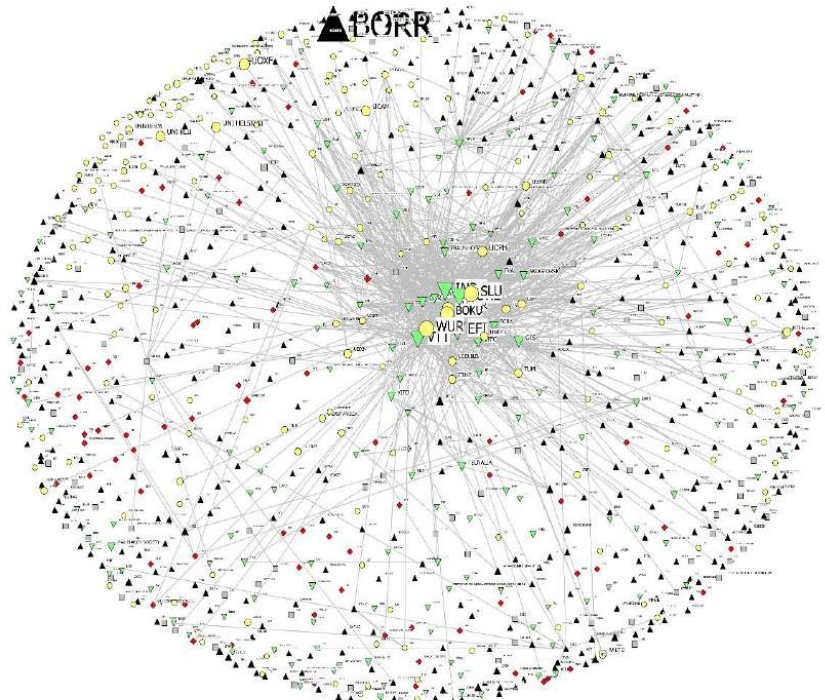
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- EFI plays a central role

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- TIES (no. of project partnerships)
- 0-2 Not shown
 - 3-5 Thin grey
 - 7-9 Thin black
 - 10-11 Thick red

EFI instruments

- **EFI Short Scientific Visits** - European mobility grants
- **EFI-IUFRO Young Scientists Initiative** - intercontinental mobility grants
- **EFI Network Fund**

EFI Network Fund aim

**Support transnational cooperation
and
strengthen involvement of institutions from Eastern Europe**

What is funded?

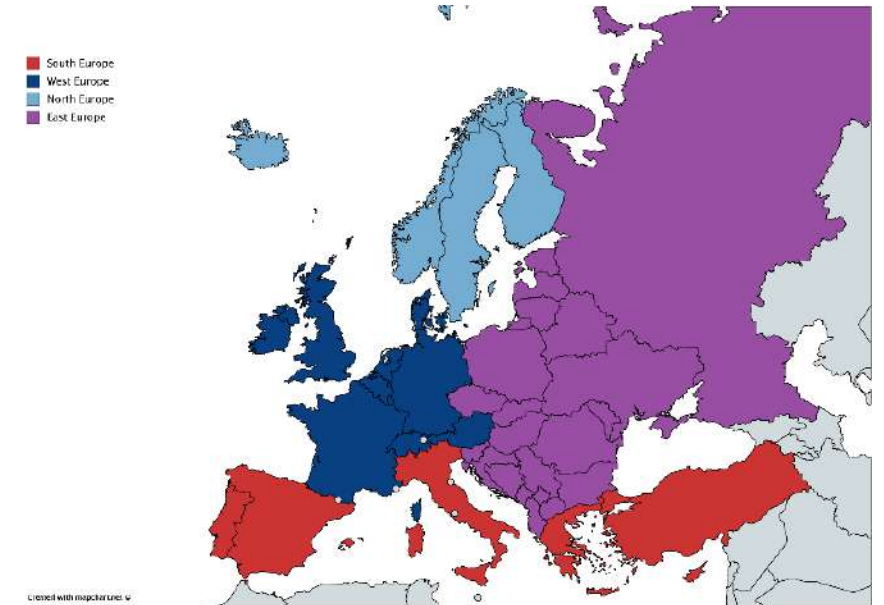
- The EFI Network Fund supports **transnational** activities, like **joint research initiatives, knowledge networking, capacity building**, aiming at:
 - common understanding/definition of the subject matter [SEP]
 - comparison of models, scenarios, simulations, methodologies, etc. [SEP]
 - specific tangible output that cannot be achieved without international coordination
 - Dissemination of research results [SEP]
 - Fostering knowledge exchange and the development of joint research agendas
 - Bringing knowledge to specific target groups (e.g., young researchers, regional focus)

Focus on EFI strategic themes

- EFI Network Fund Actions shall address one or more topics within the EFI's strategic themes
 - Bioeconomy
 - Resilience
 - Governance

Who can apply?

- Exclusively for **EFI associate and affiliate member organizations**
 - at least 4 EFI Member Organisations from at least 4 different European
- Others can join but no reimbursement



Funding

- The requested EFI Network Fund Contribution does not exceed 100,000€.
- Funded by EFI membership fees (app. 175 k€/year) and other donations
- 2 calls planned
 - 1st for the period 2018-2019 (400 k€)
 - 2nd for the period 2020-2021 (600 k€)

EFI Network Fund (1st call statistics)

- 17 application received
- 5 projects funded (39 institutions from 19 countries):
 - **Forest Management Scenarios for Adaptation and Mitigation** - Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (Christopher Reyer)
 - **Perceiving the Forest-based Sector in the Bioeconomy** - Albert-Ludwigs University Freiburg (Daniela Kleinschmit)
 - **Engaging owners of small private forests in active management** - Austrian Forest Research Center (Robert Jandl)
 - **Wind risk to European forests under climate change** – UK Forest Research (Tom Locatelli)
 - **The future of a forest-based bioeconomy in Central-Eastern and South-Eastern Europe** – BOKU (Bernhard Wolfslehner)



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