



ForestValue2

*We wish you all the best
in 2024!*

The ForestValue2 Joint Call 2023 results are now available

The call attracted considerable interest with a total of 21 proposals evaluated through independent international peer review. The total call budget is €6.8 million, including co-funding from the European Commission. This call focused on two topics:

- Resilient sustainable forest systems and management
- Sustainable timber building systems

Following the evaluation process, 4 projects were recommended for funding:

- CRESTIMB - Increased service life of innovative timber building systems (FI, IE, IT, NO, PL, SI)
- TiREX - Framework for smart condition reassessment of reclaimed timber to extend the service life of long-lived wood products using non-destructive testing and automated data postprocessing (ES, FI, LV, PL, NO, SI)
- SOSFOR - Unveiling sustainable operating spaces for European forests (DE, ES, IT, NO, RO)
- IFORPLAN - Innovative spatial forest planning for supporting resilient multifunctional forest management (EE, FI, PL, SI)

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ForestValue2 held its CSC and PSC meetings in Brussels on the 12th of December, 2023

On the 12th of December, 2023 ForestValue2 consortium partners spent an intensive day in Brussels. The day started with a ForestValue2 Joint Call 2023 Call Steering Committee (CSC) meeting to decide and select the proposals to be recommended for funding and the afternoon was dedicated to a Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting to discuss the first year (2023) activities and to plan the activities for 2024.

CSC meeting included topics such as reimbursement of the International Expert Panel, how and when National contract negotiations are expected, the start of the projects, communication and kick-off event. After an overview of the evaluation process that was prepared by FNR, a discussion of the ranking list followed and finally the participating funding agencies subsequently matched the ranked proposals to the available public funding and came up with a list of proposals to be recommended for funding.

The final selection results of ForestValue2 Joint Call 2023 projects recommended for funding were published on the 9th of January, 2024. The funded initiatives are poised to make significant contributions to the field and they are expected to commence in the early summer of 2024 at the latest, marking the beginning of an exciting journey toward sustainable forest management and timber building systems.

Following the CSC meeting, PSC was held. The agenda dealt with Work Programmes discussing Call preparation and implementation; Follow-up and monitoring of projects resulting from the join call; Other joint activities; Communication, dissemination and exploitation. It was agreed that the most important is how to take the best out of the JC, prepare for the Partnership for Cluster 6 and continue with good practices of Scientific cafes.



SCAR FOREST SWG preparing a new Candidate Partnership on Forests and Forestry

The [SCAR Strategic Working Group on Forests and Forestry Research and Innovation \(SCAR FOREST\)](#) is developing a European Partnership on forests and forestry since 2021. It follows the [EU Forest Strategy for 2030](#) objective to propose a research and innovation partnership on forestry.

The development has benefitted from the [EUFORE project](#), which started in November 2022, to develop a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for the Partnership. [ForestValue2 project partners](#) have contributed and are actively contributing to both processes.

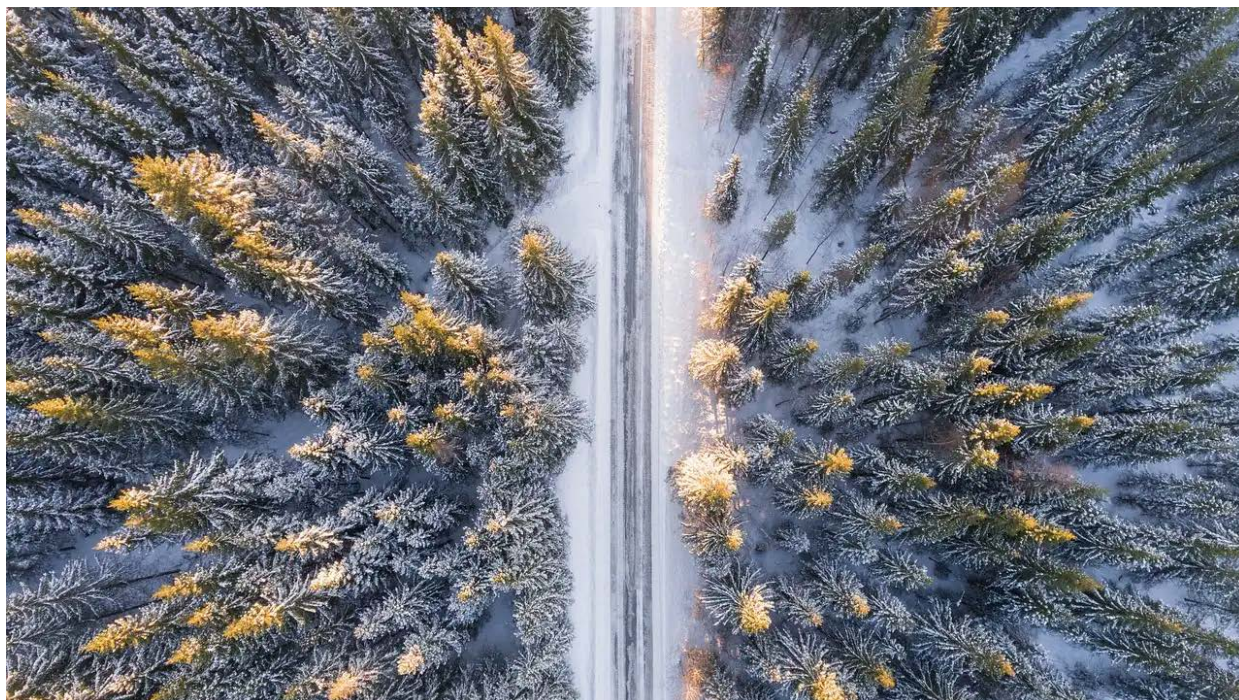
An important step was the submission of the partnership candidate idea in June 2023 to the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027. After providing a first list of potential candidate titles in April 2023, the Commission services presented [a list of 10 potential candidate partnerships](#), each with a descriptive fiche (concept paper) to the Horizon Europe Strategic Programme Committee (SPC) in July 2023.

The Commission services' final assessment dated 21 December 2023 shows that the Candidate European Partnership on Forests and Forestry for a Sustainable Future was supported by 24 MS. This strong support guarantees that **the Partnership on forest and forestry will be included in the final portfolio of additional European Partnerships**. The decision will be formalised with the adoption of the [Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027](#) in Q1 2024.

Next, each candidate Partnership is expected to prepare a longer version of the partnership description (called "proposal", recommended overall length 30-60 pages) based on a template provided by the Commission services. The document is to ensure that each Partnership proposal addresses the conditions and criteria set out in the Horizon Europe Regulation and the Draft Criteria Framework for European Partnerships. For the Partnership on forest and forestry, the document will be prepared by the SCAR FOREST Core Writing Group as decided in the SCAR FOREST SWG

meeting on 2 June 2023.

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Events related to the forestry industry in 2024

The new year has started with an announcement of several exciting events to look out for in 2024, here are some of them you might want to join:

- JANUARY: online, <https://www.plantedforests.org/webinar-lets-talk-about-planted-forests-registration-forest-risk-and-insurance/>
- MARCH: The roots of innovation – setting the course for innovation and sustainable growth in the forest sector <https://foresteurope.org/event/the-roots-of-innovation-setting-the-course-for-innovation-and-sustainable-growth-in-the-forest-sector/>
- MARCH: [International Day of Forests 2024](#)
- APRIL: UK, <https://ianswalkonthewildside.wordpress.com/2023/08/30/trouble-in-the-woods-2024-conference/>
- APRIL, Florence: 11th European Conference on Wood Modification <https://www.dagri.unifi.it/vp-911-11th-european-conference-on-wood-modification.html?newlang=eng>
- MAY: Geneva Switzerland, [45th session of the joint FAO/UNECE Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management](#)
- MAY, Zagreb, 26th European Forum on Urban Forestry 2024 <https://efuf.org/>
- MAY, Romania: SeedOrchards - TheKeyStageinForestTreeBreedingandSustainableForestManagement

<https://www.iufro.org/fileadmin/material/science/divisions/div2/20901/brasov24-1st-announcement.pdf>

- JUNE: XXVI IUFRO World Congress 2024 <https://iufro2024.com/>
- SEPTEMBER: SAVE THE DATE: Kick-off meeting in September 2024 in Berlin (for more information follow the [ForestValue2 website](#)).
- NOVEMBER: Geneva Switzerland, [Eighty-second session of the ECE Committee](#)



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