

IUFRO Division 9 - Forest Policy and Economics

Research Group 9.06.00 Forest Law and Environmental Legislation

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Braşov, Romania

07-10 October 2025



**Transilvania
University
of Brasov**

17:00 Shuttle bus from Otopeni Airport to Braşov

Shuttle service will be available on Tuesday afternoon, 7 October, departing at 17:00 from Henri Coandă Otopeni international airport. Participants who wish to use this service are welcome to join, just let us know before September 30.

21:00 Official welcoming dinner

Dinner at [Restaurant Sergiana Mureşenilor](#)

28 Mureşenilor St., Braşov

Travel information*Travelling to Braşov*

You will probably land at the Bucharest airport Henri Coandă Otopeni. Website: <https://www.bucharestairports.ro/en/>

FROM BUCHAREST AIRPORT

Braşov is located in central Romania and can be reached by train (2h 40min from Bucharest North train station [Train itineraries - CFR trains timetable](#)). Henri Coandă Otopeni international airport is the largest and the closest international airport, which is located 12 km north of Bucharest. There is a direct train from the international airport to Bucharest North train station.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE FOR THE BUCHAREST AIRPORT

The transfer from/to Henri Coandă Otopeni international airport to/from Braşov can also be done by airport shuttle. They can pick you up at the airport/hotel and drop you in front of your hotel in Braşov/Henri Coandă Otopeni international airport. There are airport shuttles about each half hour in both directions, but the seat must be booked a couple of days before the ride (e.g., M&M Express, www.transferairport.ro/; Kron Transfer, <https://www.brasov-aeroport.ro/en/>; Direct Aeroport, www.direct-aeroport.ro).

There is also an international airport in Braşov (GHV), Braşov-Ghimbav International Airport, with a few international flights.

Accommodation in Braşov

The venue of the conference is (Sergiu Chiriacescu Aula of the Transilvania University of Braşov – see Annex 1). Here are a few hotels you might be interested in:

ARO PALACE (Special rate with the code IUFRO 2025)

27 Eroilor Bd., Braşov

Tel: +40 268 478 800; Website: <https://aro-palace.ro>

AMBIENT

27 Iuliu Maniu Street, Braşov

Tel: +40 268 471747; Website: www.hotelambient.ro

HOTEL ARMATII

5 Lungă Street, Braşov

Tel: +40 368 443 200; Website: <https://www.armatti.ro>

CASA IACOB

27 Matei Basarab Street, Braşov

Tel: +40 368 410 490; Website: www.casaiaacob.com



Day 2 – Opening and working sessions

At Sergiu Chiriacescu Aula of the Transilvania University of Braşov, Braşov, Romania.

09:00 **Registration**

09:30 **Opening and words of welcome of host organizations**

Līga Menģele-Stillere, IUFRO Unit Coordinator, State Forest Service, Latvia
Ioan Vasile Abrudan, Rector of the Transilvania University of Braşov
Alexandru Lucian Curtu, Dean of the Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering

10:00 **Forest Legislation: General Concept and Future Challenges**

Rastislav Šulek, Jan Lichy

10:20 **Compensation for Damage Caused by Difficulties in Agricultural or Forestry Management Due to Nature Protection and Compensation for Damage Caused by Specially Protected Animal Species, According to the Legal System of the Czech Republic**

Michal Hrib

10:40 **Networking coffee break**

11:20 **Shaping the Future of Romania's Forests: From Strategic Vision to the New Forest Code**

Bogdan Popa, Liviu Nichiforel, Aureliu-Florin Hălălişan, Nicolae Talpă, Ioan Vasile Abrudan

11:40 **Liability for Trees – a New Section of the Austrian Civil Code**

Peter Herbst

12:00 **The Revised FSC Risk Assessment for Romania: Navigating Due Diligence and EUDR Compliance**

Aureliu-Florin Hălălişan, Bogdan Popa, Liviu Nichiforel, Ionuţ Barnoaiea, Nicolae Talpă, Ioan Vasile Abrudan

12:20 **Strategic Analogies Between Chess and Forestry Legislation: Understanding the Role of Forests in Rural Livelihoods and Socio-Economic Development**

Vitalie Gulcă

12:40 **Balance Between Nature Conservation and Forestry at Different Property Levels (Public vs. Private) in Kosovo**

Qazim Kukalaj, Ibrahim Muja, Kemajl Kadriu

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **Assessing Global Changes in Forest Ownership: Pathways to Sustainable Management**

Üstüner Birben

14:20 **Adapting Forest Legislation to Include Emergent Technologies in Timber Traceability and Deterrence of Illegal Logging: Perspectives from Romanian Experience**

Laura Bouriaud, Dorin Pălie, Mihai Găşpărel

14:40 **Trends in Latvian Forest Sector Development under Current Legal Conditions**

Valdis Kalns, Aija Fala

15:00 **Analysis of Legislative Frameworks Governing Forest Management in Serbia**

Bojan Tubić, Marko Marinković, Ivana Vasić, Edita Brkić

15:20 **Navigating Prospects of Harmonising Forestry Laws and Policies in the East African Region**

Erick O. Osewe, Ibrahim Osewe, Ioan Vasile Abrudan

15:40 **Proportionality in the Sanctioning of Forest Crimes as Defined by the ECJ**

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16:00 **The Paradoxical Dynamics of Urban Forest Transformation: Perceptions, Policies, and Pathways to Resilience in Nigeria**

Michael Adedotun Oke

17:30 **Official dinner**

Dinner at [Restaurant Ceasu' Rău](#), 56 Iuliu Maniu St., Braşov



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- 09:00 **Innovation of National Forest Certification Standards: Alignment with the EU Deforestation Regulation**
Hubert Paluš
- 09:20 **The Evolution of the Legal Regulation of Hungarian Forestry**
Norbert Frank
- 09:40 **Ecosystem Service Supply and Societal Demand Across Forests of Different Protection Level and Ownership Type in Latvia**
Līga Liepa, Zigmārs Rendenieks
- 10:00 **The Economics of Forest Ethics: The Role of Ethics in Forest Management and Governance**
Yaoqi Zhang
- 10:20 **Networking coffee break**
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- 11:00 **Panel discussions - Synergistic approach with Forest Value2 Project, in person & online**
Breakfast Club - "Potential challenges on stimulating and facilitating communications among researchers and practitioners for a coherent forest management policy according to forest regulations and environmental legislation"
Opening – Ovidiu Badea, Scientific Director, "Marin Drăcea" National Institute for Research and Development in Forestry, Romania.
Invited scientific experts:
- Dr. Andreas Kleinschmit Von Lengefeld – CEO at Homo Silvestris Europae France – Moderator.
 - Bogdan POPA, Professor, Transylvania University of Braşov, Forestry Faculty and Forest Engineering, Braşov - **Competitiveness of the main actors in the Forest Based Sector in the context of the future EU environmental regulations** - Keynote speaker.
- Participants: scientists, early-stage researches, industry stakeholders (forest administration companies, wood harvesting associations, forest owners' organizations, national and natural parks administrations etc.*



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- 13:00 **Lunch**
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- 14:00 **Science-Policy Interface in the Elaboration of the Romanian Forest Code: Forest laws Analysis in Selected European countries**
Liviu Nichiforel, Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu, Bogdan Popa
- 14:20 **Climate Change and Protection of Forests in Serbia and Surroundings**
Nataša Tomić-Petrović
- 14:40 **Will the "Major" Amendment to the Forest Act from 2025 Increase the Adaptation Capabilities of Czech Forests to Climate Change and Current Societal Demands?**
Michal Hrib
- 15:00 **Political Processes in Carbon Market Governance in the Context of the Bioeconomy (Forestry and Agriculture Sectors)**
Ieva Ličīte, Dina Popluga, Andis Lazdiņš, Rogier Schulte
- 15:20 **Governance Trends and the Agency of Forest Owners in Romania: Forward or Backward?**
Mihai Hapa
- 15:40 **Harmonizing Customary Law and European Legal Frameworks: A West African Perspective on Sustainable Forest Development**
Umaru Kamara
- 16:00 **Bridging Customary Law and Forest Governance: A Guinean Perspective on Legal Pathways for Sustainable Forest Development**
Aissatou Diallo
- 16:20 **Final remarks**
- 19:30 **Farewell party**
Dinner at [Hotel Aro Palace](#), 27 Eroilor Bd., Braşov
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Day 4 – Field trip

14:00

Visit of a *Transylvanian fortified church, Lempeș forest, and Sânpetru teaching and research station*. Locations are about 10 km from the conference venue. Lunch is offered at Sânpetru experimental station.

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*Meeting Point: In front of **Hotel Aro Palace** at 09:00.*

*Returning Point: In front of **Hotel Aro Palace** at 14:00.*

15:00 Shuttle bus from Braşov to Otopeni Airport

Shuttle service will be available on Friday afternoon, 10 October, departing at 15:00 from [Hotel Aro Palace](#). Participants who wish to use this service are welcome to join. Further details during the conference.

The location of the event is in the Sergiu Chiriacescu aula of Transilvania University of Braşov.
Address: 41A Iuliu Maniu Street, Brasov, Romania.

