



“Old-growth forests in the context of climate policy: what is and what is not an old-growth forest?”

international conference

Date: October 12-13, 2023

10:30 am – 16:30 pm (EET); 9:30 am – 15:30 pm (CET), hybrid

**Co-organized by Latvian State Forest Research Institute Silava (Latvia)
and H2020 project FORWARDS**

AGENDA



October 12

CET TIME	
9:30 (20 min)	Welcome and introduction to the project <i>Dr.silv. Jurgis Jansons, Director.</i> <i>Latvian State Forest Research Institute Silava, Latvia</i>
9:50 (20 min)	Towards strict protection of primary and old-growth forests in the EU <i>PhD Jose I. Barredo, Scientific Officer at European Commission</i> <i>Joint Research Centre.</i>
10:10 (20 min)	Old-growth forests in Europe: research progress and gaps. <i>Asst. Prof. Francesco M. Sabatini, University of Bologna, Italy (tbc)</i>
10:30 (20 min)	A new European level project on old-growth forests <i>PhD Jutta Beher, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis</i> <i>(IIASA), Austria (tbc)</i>
10:50 (20 min)	Defining old-growth forest indicators. <i>Dr. Kris Vandekerkhove, The Research Institute for Nature and Forest</i> <i>(INBO), Belgium</i>
11:10 (20 min)	Old-growth forests – C sequestration inference from N budgets. <i>Prof. Per Gundersen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark</i>

11:30 (20 min)	Old-growth forests in Norway and integration of forest naturalness into ecodiversity mapping. <i>Eivind Handegard PhD student, The Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO), Norway</i>
11:50 (20 min)	The carbon balance of old-growth forests in Finland. <i>Anu Akujärvi, Senior research scientist, Finnish Environment Institute, Finland</i>
12:10 (20 min)	Q/A session
12:30 (40 min)	Break
13:10 (20 min)	Old-growth forests in Latvia: European Aspen <i>Dr.silv. Aris Jansons Latvian State Forest Research Institute Silava, Latvia</i>
13:30 (20 min)	Old-growth forests in Italy <i>(tbc)</i>
13:50 (10 min)	Old-growth forests in Sweden <i>PhD Abhishek Lodh, postdoctoral researcher, Lund University, Sweden</i>
14:00 (10 min)	Research networks for science and policy dialogue <i>Horizon project FORWARDS</i>
14:10 (20 min)	Q/A session
Panel discussion	
14:30 – 15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>International organization & project's representative</i> • <i>Science representative</i> • <i>National policy representative</i> • <i>EU representative</i>
15:20 (10 min)	Concluding remarks
Concluding at 15:30 CET	
October 13	
CET TIME	
9:30-15.00	Forest site visit “Old-growth forests in Latvia”