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**EUROPEAN STATE FOREST CONFERENCE 2018** - *Societal and environmental challenges of Mediterranean forests*

14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Tempio Pausania (Sardinia)

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**FoReSTAS** the Regional Forest Agency for Land and Environment of Sardinia & **ANARF** Italian National Association of Regional Forestry Activities

information and booking : <https://www.eventbrite.it/e/biglietti-european-state-forest-conference-2018-42530487834>

## Draft PROGRAMME and Conference outline

The Southern borders of the EU are at the forefront of **climate change effects**, including increased drought severity, increased probability and intensity of **wildfires**, decreased **resilience** to pests and diseases as well as **extreme weather conditions**. Nonetheless, the century-old relationship between forests, man and climate has forged the structure and composition of these ecosystems to allow the provisioning of **goods and services** which integrate wood production with **non-wood forest products**, such as **cork**, animal products, honey and mushrooms. The **landscapes** deriving from this interaction are unique, and together with **Sardinia's breathtaking beaches**, are greatly appreciated by visitors from all over the world.

The leading topics of the conference will be on how to deliver the **multifunctionality of forests**, their provisions of **Ecosystem Services** and **non-wood Forest products**, and the need for **adaptation to Climate Change** of forest ecosystems.



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**On the 15<sup>th</sup> May**, an entire field day will showcase Mediterranean forest management practices in cork oak stands, coastal pine stands, degraded habitats for biotic and abiotic factors and multifunctional management. The visits will be accompanied by presentations explaining environmental threats, management constraints and future development prospects.

**On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May**, major policy makers at the EU, National and Regional level, together with forestry CEOs, professionals, experts and scientists will discuss how the political agenda tackles the challenges and supports the strengths of the European forest sector in a Mediterranean context, given the current trends of climate and land use change. Keynote talks will be given on the main conference topics followed by parallel sessions.

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## Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May

Arrival and Transfer to hotel

Optional visit to the Giant's Tomb dating to the Bronze Age (*for those arriving late morning or early afternoon*)

ExCom members: EUSTAfor Executive Committee meeting (closed meeting)

Networking drink hosted by Antonio Casula (Director General Forestas)

Dinner and cultural programme

## Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May (*field day*)

*Ing Alberto Negro – President ANARF*

*Per-Olof Wedin – President EUSTAfor*

Field visits show casing: Cork Oak stand management and NWFP,  
Wild Fire management in view of CC, Silvo-pastoral systems

Visit to local Cork Factory Molinas and to a local Winery

Gala Dinner (typical Gallurese meal)

Opening of the conference  
EUSTAfor and its mission

*Presentations by Forestas Agency University of Sassari, AGRIS and National Research Council*

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## Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May (*conference day*)

Opening of the conference

Enabling active forest management in Italy in the face of climate change and for rural development

Challenges and opportunities for forestry in Mediterranean areas

The EU policies to support multifunctional and resilient forests

Adaptation of European forests to climate change

Mediterranean forests & multifunctionality. Natural

Capital financial facility and NWFP

Parallel Sessions:

Parallel Session 1 : **Climate Change Adaptation**

Parallel session 2: **Valuing Ecosystem Services & Non-Wood Forest Products**

Concluding remarks

*Forestas Administrator*

*Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry*

*EU Parliament perspective*

*EU Commission, DG AGRI Director General (tbc.)*

*Sardinian Minister for the Protection of the Environment*

*University*

*Experiences from other EUSTAfor members and work group discussion*

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*Piotr Borkowski – EUSTAfor Exec. Director*

***Buffet Lunch***

Visit to the coastal Pine Stand on the beach of Rena Majore and sand dune stabilization. Hiking on the panoramic trails of Rena Majore.

Post conference dinner and social event

## Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May (*final day, departures*)

Optional Visit to the Monumental Olive tree of Lago del Liscia