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ANNUAL STATUS REPORT for CAR

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1. CAR titel	Nordic-Baltic Centre of Advanced Research on Forestry Serving Urbanised Societies II: CARE-FOR-US II
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3. Duration	1 January 2011 – 31 December 2015
4. CAR status	Does the CAR develop according to the plans? Please describe: During 2014 the CARE-FOR-US II has progressed according to plans. The work plan is continuously adapted according to emerging needs and opportunities, such as collaboration with EFINORD and the new COST Action FP1204 'Green Infrastructure Approaches', but the overall aims and frame for the network have remained the same. The scope and activities under CARE-FOR-US II is summarised in an interview with the coordinator Anders Busse Nielsen published in News and Views from Nordic Forest Research SNS 1-2014. http://www.nordicforestresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/nv_1_2014.pdf

<p>5. Activities during the reporting year</p>	<p>Expansion of the network. While CARE-FOR-US II has maintained and intensified its collaboration with other scientific networks no further partners have been added to those financially included in CARE-FOR-US II.</p> <p>Project meeting. April 28-29 the CARE-FOR-US II coordinator and EFINORD met in Umeå, Sweden to update the joint working plan (http://www.nbforest.info/news/efinord-and-care-us-networks-join-forces), and learn from EFI's experiences with Policy Briefs.</p> <p>April 29 the CARE-FOR-US II coordinator met with the Swedish National Forest Inventory team to plan a Feasibility study on expansion of the domain of National Forest Inventories towards urban forests (see more under section 6 below).</p> <p>20-21 November, an ordinary CARE-FOR-US meeting was held in Riga, Latvia. Focus of the meeting was scoping and time plane for delivery of Policy Brief(s) from each working group during 2015. The meeting also included an inspiring mini-seminar and excursion to the urban forest management in Riga.</p> <p>Work on Policy Briefs in the thematic groups. During 2014, The working groups have focused on developing scope, content, and time plan for delivery of Policy Briefs from the CAR's themes of Governance; Recreation and Tourism; Nature and Health; and Qualitative urban forest management.</p> <p>Urban Forests in Europe – What can NFI tell us? Together with COST Action FP1204 GreenInUrbs CARE-FOR-US researchers has finalised the preparation of a pan-European survey to establish a baseline understanding of how urban forest resources are either considered or presently recorded in National Forest Inventories. Data collection was initiated mid-February 2015, and will be finished in ultimo April 2015. The results will support further work on expansion of National Forest Inventories to include urban forests and to recognise their contribution to the quality of the urban environment and the well-being of urban dwellers.</p> <p>The survey is supported by EEA, FAO, EFI.</p> <p>Feasibility study on expansion of NFI Inventories towards urban forests Related to the NFI survey, Swedish NFI team (SLU), and CARE-FOR-US II has conducted a novel feasibility study on the potential expansion of the domain of NFI towards urban forest to explore if current data from the National Forest Inventory in Sweden can provide a valid national overviews of forest resources located in urban areas (tätort).</p> <p>International conference on urban tree diversity An international conference Urban Tree Diversity was held at SLU, Alnarp, Sweden on June 16-18 2014 (www.urbantreediversity.com). The conference was organized with CARE-FOR-US, IUFRO and ISA as financially and scientifically contributing partners. 125 researchers and practitioners participated in this successful conference.</p> <p>PhD course on 'Current Research on Urban Forestry in Europe' A PhD-course on 'Current Research on Urban Forestry in Europe' was organized as a back-to-back event to the urban Tree Diversity conference. Several senior CAR members lectured at the course and CAR PhD students participated.</p>
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<p>6. Results achieved during the reporting year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two project meetings with other organisations held in Umeå, Sweden - One CARE-FOR-US project meeting held in Riga, Latvia - International conference on urban tree diversity held at SLU Alnarp - Contribution to PhD course on current research on urban forestry in Europe - pan-European survey prepared to establish a baseline understanding of how urban forest resources are either considered or presently recorded in National Forest Inventories - Feasibility study on expansion of the Swedish NFI Inventory towards urban forests 										
<p>7. Publishing and communication during the reporting year International scientific peer reviewed journals, other scientific publications, short communications, web etc.)</p>	<p>Selected publications</p> <p>Van Den Bosch, C.K. and Östberg, J. 2014. Urban Tree Diversity. Programme and Abstract book for the international conference, 16-18 June 2014, Alnarp, Sweden. http://www.urbantreediversity.com/?q=programme</p> <p>Nielsen, A.B., Östberg, J., Delshammar, T., 2014. Review of Urban Tree Inventory Methods Used to Collect Data at Single-Tree Level. <i>Arboriculture and Urban Forestry</i> 40(2): 96-111.</p> <p>Nielsen, A.B., Annerstedt, M., Maruthaveeran, S., Konijnendijk, C.C. 2014. Species richness in urban parks and its drivers: A review of empirical evidence. <i>Urban Ecosystems</i> 17(1), 305-327. DOI: 10.1007/s11252-013-0316-1</p> <p>Fors, H., Molin, J.F., Murphy, M.A. & Konijnendijk van den Bosch, C.C. User participation in urban green space planning and management - for the people or the parks? Under 2nd review after revision by Urban Forestry and Urban Greening.</p> <p>Faehnle, M., Bäcklund, P., Tyrväinen, L., Niemelä, J., Yli-Pelkonen, V. 2014. How can residents' experiences inform planning of urban green infrastructure? Case Finland. <i>Landscape and Urban Planning</i> 130, 171–183.</p> <p>Van den Bosch, C.K. From Government to Governance: Contribution to the political ecology of urban forestry. In: Anders L. Sandberg et al. (Eds). <i>Urban Forests, Trees and Greenspace – A political perspective</i>, pp 35-46.</p>										
<p>8. Short economic report (overview) of the reporting year</p>	<p>Due late reimbursements of travels and submission of Partner fee from several of the partners, the economic overview below is tentative. Tentative figures are indicated with *</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="483 1491 1394 1666"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">DKK</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Salaries coordinators</td> <td style="text-align: right;">107735,98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travels and accommodation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8.195,74*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Partner payments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">36.003,94*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">151.935,66*</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		DKK	Salaries coordinators	107735,98	Travels and accommodation	8.195,74*	Partner payments	36.003,94*	Total	151.935,66*
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