

**Save the dates: 12, 13, 26 and 27 October 2021, 2-6 pm Eastern European Time**

**Online workshop with virtual field tours in Northern and Eastern Europe and North America**

**Dialogue on governance to develop sustainable forest landscapes for production of wood for energy and the bioeconomy**



This workshop will give you the opportunity to join virtual field tours in the Nordic and Baltic countries and in North America. Based on the tours and presentations by various experts, supply chain actors, and stakeholders, we will discuss the opportunities and challenges to managing forests in a sustainable manner and documenting it to international markets for sustainable products. We will explore various types of governance systems, and their usefulness and feasibility for different types of forest owners and actors in the forest-based supply chains.

The workshop will also introduce you to forest carbon modelling to gain an improved understanding of the different approaches and the challenges related to quantifying forest carbon balances and climate change impacts of various forest management systems and wood uses.

We hope that each participant will benefit from the knowledge, experiences and insights provided by the field tours, speakers, discussion panelists, and the other participants.

**Goal:** The goal of this workshop is to engage stakeholders and bring them together to discuss the benefits and challenges to governing sustainability within a forest management context, with particular emphasis on forest bioenergy. This includes the calculation and modeling of forest carbon and climate change impacts. Geographic focus will be on boreal and temperate forests in Northern and Eastern Europe, and North America.

**Intended audience:** A cross-section of forest sector and society involved with and concerned about the governance and documentation of sustainable forest bioenergy and bioeconomy supply chains, for example, forest landowners, wood pellet companies, wood chip producers, traders, private, state and federal foresters, forest industry, bioenergy utilities, state conservation organizations, public and private providers of relevant data for verification, academia, NGOs, staff of forestry certification systems and certification bodies, consultants, policy makers, and the general public.

**Organisers:**



## Programme:

<p><b>Sustainable forest management and bioenergy in the Baltic states</b> 12 October 2021, 14.00-18.00 Eastern European time (EET)</p> <p>Forest management for production of wood and biomass for bioenergy relates to a range of policy areas, with climate change, carbon and biodiversity aspects being some of the most discussed for the moment. With a focus on the three Baltic states, this session seeks to inform the discussion and explore the benefits and challenges of various strategies in how they balance goals for climate mitigation, biodiversity and wood production.</p>
<p><b>Verification of compliance with sustainability requirements for forest bioenergy</b> 13 October 2021, 14.00-18.00 Eastern European time (EET)</p> <p>In order to achieve the potential benefits of forest bioenergy, it is essential to be able to verify that the wood production and harvesting is compliant with agreed sustainability requirements. In this session, we will explore the strengths and weaknesses of different types of approaches to the verification of such requirements applicable to different types of forest owners, including the effectiveness, practicality, management complexity, costs, and capacity requirements.</p>
<p><b>How to calculate and model where and when forest bioenergy can help to save carbon emissions?</b> 26 October 2021, 14.00-18.00 Eastern European time (EET)</p> <p>There is great interest in quantifying how forests can contribute to climate change mitigation as a sink of carbon, and through production of wood to substitute fossil fuel intensive alternatives. In this session, we will discuss different approaches, methodologies and models to calculate the impacts of forest wood and bioenergy production on forest carbon and greenhouse gas balances. Questions include which approaches, methodologies and models exist; what are their advantages and disadvantages when used for different purposes; and what development is needed to increase their accuracy, make decisions with real impact, and increase their usefulness for the purpose of governance.</p>
<p><b>Research to underpin future policies related to sustainable forest management and wood end-uses</b> 27 October 2021, 14.00-18.00 Eastern European time (EET)</p> <p>Governance systems are more likely to be trusted and seen as legitimate, if rigorous science underpins their requirements. Based on the discussions in the previous three sessions of this workshop, we explore what are the most critical knowledge gaps to be addressed and establish collaborations to support policy and management decision-making related to sustainable forest management and the production of wood for multiple of purposes.</p>

**Where:** Online via Zoom. Link will be sent to registered participants.

**Registration details:** Forthcoming on the SNS Nordic Forest Research events website and a University of Copenhagen website.

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