

Report for annual networks

Submit the report to sns@slu.se by 24:00 CET, 1st of March the year after the network period.
The report should not exceed 2000 words.

Please adjust the size of the boxes to the length of your answer.

1. Title of the network:	Scandinavian Society of Forest Economics (SSFE)
2. Network number:	N2020-03
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Activities

4. Place of the activities:	ONLINE
Duration of the activities (start date, end date):	29-30 September 2020

5. Provide a short network summary, including:
<p>a) The purpose of the network/main problems/background</p> <p>The Scandinavian Society of Forest Economics (SSFE) was established in 1958 under the name of Nordic Forest Economics Seminar. The general objectives of SSFE are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote co-operation among forest economists in the Nordic countries - Promote planning and accomplishment of common Nordic research in forest economics and closely related areas - Promote co-operation on common Nordic actions for higher education in forest economics and closely related areas <p>b) A description of the main activities of the network</p> <p>SSFE held its 2020 Biennial Meeting as a virtual online conference on 29-30 September 2020. The Meeting was originally planned to be organized in Lehmonkärki Resort, Asikkala, southern Finland on 12-14 May 2020, but it was changed to a virtual format and postponed due to COVID-19 situation. The Meeting was organized in coordination with IUFRO WG 5.10 Online Conference 28-29 September 2020. The collaboration featured joint Keynote and mingling sessions. The Meeting also collaborated with SNS-CAR NOFOBE, which provided presentations for the meeting and held its internal meeting within the frame of SSFE2020. SSFE part of the joint event gathered 73 participants from 12 countries (Nordics 4, other European 5, outside Europe 3).</p>

Outcomes

6. Published outputs achieved as a consequence of the network (peer-reviewed articles, other publications)
<p>Hujala, T., Lähtinen, K., Malkamäki, A., Pynnönen, S., Toppinen, A. (eds.) 2020. Proceedings of the IUFRO WG 5.10.00 & Scandinavian Society of Forest Economics (SSFE) Online Conference, 28–30 September 2020. Scandinavian Forest Economics 49. https://www.ssfe-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Scandinavian_Forest_Economics_No_49.pdf</p>

7. Other practical outputs of the network (workshops, conferences, scientific meetings, policy recommendations, conferences, large-scale project applications, websites or databases etc.)

SSFE continued hosting a website at <https://www.ssfe-network.org/>

8. How and within which areas was the network beneficial for the Nordic region (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the autonomous areas of the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland Islands)?

SSFE provided an arena for Nordic and Baltic forest economics and policy researchers to present their latest research and get networked. The main areas of research disseminated and discussed comprised forest management and planning & forest owner perceptions, forest industry & forest products markets with an emphasis on wood construction, forest investments and forest sector competitiveness, optimization in theory and practice, and forest policy with foci on managing connections, analyzing impacts and adaptations, and studying emerging values from forests. In particular, SSFE provided a supportive opportunity for early-stage researchers, regardless of gender, to meet their Nordic peers, present their research, and receive feedback.

9. Provide a popular science piece for dissemination in SNS' various channels (maximum 700 words) *with emphasis on application of results and benefits for the Nordic society*.

Provide pictures (size at least 500x500 pixels and resolution at least 72 pixels) as separate files (.jpg). Include caption to each picture, including the name of photographer.

See the popular piece titled "**Nordic forest economists exchange and co-create sustainable scientific solutions to forest-based businesses and policies**" and associated pictures in separate files.

Participation and inclusion in the network activities

10. Participants								
Country	PhD students & Post-docs	Other researchers	Stakeholders	Communication officers	Gender			Total
					Women	Men	Other	
Denmark	1	2	-	-	2	1	-	3
Finland	15	12	1	-	17	11	-	28
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	2	5	-	-	1	6	-	7
Sweden	7	5	-	-	6	6	-	12
Estonia	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Latvia	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Lithuania	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Germany	5	2	-	-	5	2	-	7
UK	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
China	2	4	-	-	3	3	-	6
United States	2	3	-	-	1	4	-	5
Japan	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total	35	37	1	-	37	36	-	73

Economic report

11. Received grant from SNS (SEK):
200 000

12. Costs	SNS funding	Co-financing	Total
Travel and accommodation	2 867.07	775.00	3 642.06
Meeting costs	11 156.06	19 018.01	30 174.07
Communication (website)	5 467.80	1 478.01	6 945.81
Other costs (small gifts to keynote speakers, Honorary Fellow, and Best young researcher awardee)	945.64	255.62	1 201.26
Total SUM (SEK)	20 436.57	21 526.64	41 963.21

13. Allocation of SNS funding		
Country	Partner organization	% of total
Denmark	Copenhagen University	6.6
Finland	University of Eastern Finland	48.4
Sweden	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	14.9
Norway	Norwegian University of Life Sciences	10.3
Estonia	Estonian University of Life Sciences	4.7
Lithuania	Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry	4.7
Germany	Thünen Institute	10.3
Total SUM		100

14. Economic result (deficit or surplus)
Non-used SNS funding: 179 563,43 SEK (200 000 – 20 436,57)

Optional: Comments to the economic reporting
Co-financing consists of: i) Grant from Niemi Foundation (5524,22 SEK); ii) project organizers' lunches and costs of the meeting center premises during the two SSFE 2020 event (16 002,41 SEK), paid by University of Helsinki.
The SNS funding was allocated to project partners as follows: i) Travel and accommodation as well as other costs were all allocated to UEF the coordinator; ii) Meeting costs (technical support for ZOOM before and during the meeting) were allocated to project partners according to the number of participants from each partner country; iii) Communication costs (SSFE website hosting) were allocated to project partners equally.
A large amount of the grant was eventually left unused, because there were no travel cost reimbursements for participants in the online conference. SSFE Board considered launching a short-term scientific mission grant call for early-stage researchers, but that turned out unfeasible in 2021 because of fluctuating covid-19 situation in the Nordic countries. Therefore, the network grant could not be meaningfully used in the extended project period.

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge

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