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Youths, gender and broad forest issues are focus areas of the SNS open call

With this call for researcher networks, SNS and [Forest BioEconomy Network](#) want to influence the Nordic forest sector by funding networks that explore youth's perspectives and inspire knowledge building among Nordic youth regarding the role of forests and forestry to mitigate climate change and climate change related damages. We also want to promote gender equality and highlight the importance of equal rights and opportunities by funding networks that directly address gender equality issues in the Nordic forest sector.

Likewise, we happily invite networks that relate to the following general focus areas of the [SNS strategy](#) to apply for funding:

- Forest resources as a base for value creation and rural development
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Safeguarding of forest biodiversity

Networks can apply for funds of maximum 200 000 SEK for activities over the course of one year (2024).

[Find all information here](#)

Join the excursion and workshop "Biotic threats to Pine stands in Northern Fennoscandia"

This upcoming excursion aims to compare and discuss the damages by ungulates and pathogenic fungi (in particular *Cronartium pini*) on pines in Northern Sweden and Finland. Invited experts include: Ke Zhang, Berit Samils and Fredrik Widemo (SLU, Sweden), Märtha Wallgren, Torgny Persson (Skogforsk, Sweden), Juha Kaitera and Ari Nikula (LUKE, Finland) as well as practitioners and managers from the two countries.

The excursion/workshop is organized by the SNS [TolerantTree network](#) and the Swedish Forest Agency. Deadline for registration: May 15th.



[Information and registration](#)

NorForSoil will enhance Nordic cooperation in forest soils

The SNS funded researcher network NorForSoil has held their kick-off meeting, and initiated the



work. The long-term goals for the network are to harmonize or "pair" existing forest soil monitoring data for meaningful cross-national analyses. This can advance science and its use as support for policy-making.

The network also aims to create a platform for continuous dialogue to develop and potentially harmonize future forest soil monitoring systems in the Nordic and Baltic countries by gradual convergence.

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Biochar in forestry – report from an SNS funded network provides a Nordic overview

Biochar is a promising way to store carbon in soil. Not only agricultural soil, but also forest soil. This report, written by members in the SNS network "Biochar in forestry", gives an overview of current and potential uses, production methods and facilities, legislation, current and future research as well as biochar properties and effects.

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