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Network meeting: Clash when Forest Policy Meets Reality

How do we turn policy friction into constructive progress?
At the latest Nordic Network on Forest Policy meeting, participants dived deep into a known dilemma: how policy targets interact with the daily realities of forest management.
The participants suggested the creation of integration forums – spaces where researchers, policymakers, forest owners, and other stakeholders can openly discuss competing interests and jointly shape forest policy. Such forums could provide a more structured interaction between science, policy, and practice, helping to overcome today's fragmented decision-making processes.
The participnats also came up with more suggestions for cooperation and progress in forest policy!

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More suggestions from the participants



Strengthening Nordic Wildfire Management – insights from Kuopio, Finland

The Nordic Network for Forest and Vegetation Fires recently held a meeting at the facilities of the Emergency Services Academy Finland (Pelastusopisto) in Kuopio, Finland. Among other things, the network addressed the relevance of Nordic collaboration in relation to the EU's new Integrated Wildfire Risk Management Strategy, and identified the urban-wildlife interface as a crucial theme for further exploration. Great work that makes the Nordic region stronger in fire management!
Thanks to Pelastusopisto for hosting us during these two days, and for the demonstration of the automated wildfire containment and hose-laying system, MOOSE.

More about the Nordic Network for Forest and Vegetation Fires



Nordic Testbed Network Roadshow Highlights Real-World Testing

When the Nordic Testbed Network (NTN) carried out the third stop of its 2026 roadshow, practical applications and real-world test environments took center stage. The event was held in Saarijärvi, Finland, on 15–16 September in conjunction with the BioBoosters Demo Days, bringing together researchers, technology developers, testbed representatives, and agricultural stakeholders.

Over two intensive days, participants gained close insight into the operations at the Tarvaala Bioeconomy Campus and its Smart Bioeconomy Testbed, as well as a field visit to HRV Farm. The programme was designed to bridge the gap between innovation and practice: through live demonstrations, presentations, and networking, the focus quickly centered on the real needs of farmers and the role of technology in the future of agriculture.

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Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research:

Annual carbon balance in a hemiboreal

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The study examined how carbon sequestration changes as mixed silver birch–Norway spruce forests develop over time. By tracking carbon flows across stands aged 20–70 years, the researchers found that these fertile hemiboreal forests consistently acted as strong carbon sinks, with peak carbon uptake occurring in middle-aged stands. Tree growth was the primary driver of carbon sequestration, while soil respiration remained relatively stable across stand ages. The findings improve our understanding of carbon dynamics in mixed forests and provide valuable evidence for climate-smart forest management.

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