



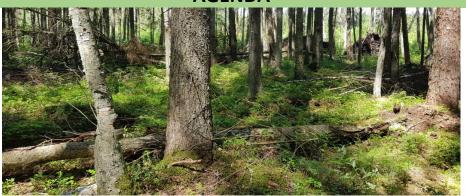
## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Old-growth forests: policy and practice

## October 10-11, 2024

10:00 am - 17:30 pm (EEST); 9:00 am - 16:30 pm (CET), hybrid

Co-organized by Latvian State Forest Research Institute Silava (Latvia) and Horizon Europe project FORWARDS

## **AGENDA**



## October 10

	October 10
10:00 (EEST)	Coffee
10:15	Welcome and opening
(10 min)	Jurģis Jansons, Director, Latvian State Forest Research Institute Silava, Latvia
10:25	Welcome remarks from William S. Keeton
(5 min)	Head of IUFRO working group on old-growth forests (USA)
10:30 (30 min)	Establishment of maximum biomass stock capacity of <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> forests at the level of global ecological zones
	Juan Alberto Molina-Valero, Postdoctoral researcher, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague
	(Czech Republic)
11:00	Monitoring and assessment of old-growth forest biodiversity in Poland: case study of the Białowieża Forest
(30 min)	Maciej Lisiewicz, Assistant Professor, Department of Geomatics, Forest Research Institute (Poland)
11:30	Protection, Management, and Monitoring of Old-Growth Forests: Insights from the Nature Conservation Agency
(30 min)	Gita Strode, Director of Department of Nature Conservation, Nature Conservation Agency (Latvia)

12:00	Carbon storages and fluxes in a chronosequence of Scots pine ( <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> ) stands		
(30 min)	Mats Varik, Researcher, Estonian University of Life Sciences (Estonia)		
12:30	to add book and an atomic of the material (Commate 200)		
(1 hour 30 min)	Lunch break and poster session (from 13:30)		
14:00	Old growth forests definition and indicators: a case study for beech forests in Europe		
(20 min)	Kris Vandekerkhove, Senior scientist on Forest Ecology, Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO) (Belgium)		
14:20	Latvia's perspective on defining old-growth forests		
(20 min)	Laura Ķēniņa, Researcher, Latvian State Forest Research Institute Silava (Latvia)		
14:40	Enhancing science-based knowledge on old-growth forests in Europe: Horizon project OptFor-EU and old growth forest research in Romania		
(20 min)	Any Mary Petritan, National Research and Development Institute in Forestry "Marin Dracea" (Romania)		
15:00	SafeNet – Safeguarding biodiversity and carbon-rich forest networks in Europe		
(20 min)	Jukka Forsman and Mikko Peltoniemi, Luke (Finland)		
15:20	Rewilding versus forest vulnerability: aligning natural dynamics and management for conservation and sustainability		
(20 min)	Sophia Djacenko, Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Milan (Italy)		
15:40	Scientific and conservation insights from old-growth forests in Slovenia		
(20 min)	Thomas A. Nagel, Assistant Professor, Department of Forestry and Renewable Forest Resources, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)		
16:00 (20 min)	Coffee		
Panel discussion			
16:20	Defining old-growth forests within the European Union Biodiversity strategy 2030		
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17:20	Concluding remarks		
(10 min)			
19:00	Social dinner		
October 11			
9:30-15:00	Forest site visit "Old-growth forests in Latvia"		