



Quo Vadis forest conservation and management in Europe?

Presentation of the findings of the Białowieża Science Initiative, open discussion and networking event

What is Białowieża Science Initiative?

The Białowieża Forest is a large forest complex recognised worldwide for its biodiversity, but also for a long-time history of conflict between different groups, namely conservation and forest sector groups.

The Białowieża Science Initiative led by the European Forest Institute (EFI) is unique in that it brought together 20 leading scientists with different perspectives on the conflict to review the available scientific knowledge related to this controversy, ranging from conservation, forest management, forest history, socio-economics up to governance and policy making.

During this event, the process and key findings of the initiative will be presented, followed by discussion on lessons learnt from Białowieża for the larger context of forest conservation and management in Europe, and the potential role of science in these issues.

Białowieża Science Initiative

Presentation of findings, science-policy discussion and networking reception

Organized by the **European Forest Institute**
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Representation of North Rhine Westfalia
Rue Montoyer 47, Brussels
15 May 2019 - 18:30

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| 18:30 | Opening words
Georg Winkel (EFI) and Thomas Haußmann (European Network Integrate) |
| 18:35 | Introduction to the Białowieża Science Initiative: approach, process and lessons learnt
Agata Konczal and Georg Winkel (EFI) |
| 18:45 | What is the scientific evidence? Key findings of the Białowieża Science Initiative
Malgorzata Blicharska (Uppsala University) |
| 19:05 | Open panel discussion: what can we learn from Białowieża for forest conservation and management in Europe? |

Participants:

- Chantal van Ham (IUCN, European Regional Office)
- Piotr Borkowski (Executive Director of EUSTAFOR)
- Thomas Haußmann (European Network Integrate)
- Jacek Hilszczański (Director of Polish Research Forest Institute)*
- Bart Muys (Head of Forest, Nature and Landscape Division, KU Leuven)*

Moderator: Iniazio Martinez de Arano, Head of the EFI Mediterranean Facility

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| 20:05 | Network reception |
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