

INVITATION

**Workshop on future cooperation possibilities between Russian and European institutions
At the St. Petersburg Forest Technical University (FTU)
Sunday July 7th, 2013 at 16 o'clock**

Back-to-back with the EFI/FTU/UNIPD summer school in St. Petersburg, 8-12 July 2013
"Russian Forest Governance in a European Context – issues at stake and ways forward"

Welcome to share information and ideas about future cooperation possibilities between Russian and European institutions around the forest-based sector and forest governance issues, on research and innovation as well as on research and policy support. Come and bring your input, share your ideas and priorities for the future cooperation!

At this very moment there are quite many windows of opportunity open for strengthening the cooperation and initiating also new joint actions. To trigger the discussion, for example the following initiatives will be briefly introduced:

- Cooperation between the FOPER "Western Balkan Forest Policy, Economics and Governance Education and Research" and the FORPEC "Forest Policy and Economics" Master Program at FTU
- EFI ThinkForest event on "Emerging opportunities for EU-Russia cooperation on forest-based sector governance" in December 2013 in connection with the European Forest Week 2013
- EFI Project Centre on Forest Policy and Governance in Russia (RUSFOR)
- SUMFOREST Era-Net "Tackling the challenges in sustainable and multifunctional forestry through enhanced research coordination for policy decisions" 2013-2016
- EFI initiative on foresight analysis "European and Russian Forest Sectors: Understanding emerging opportunities, challenges and synergies"
- "Qualifications Framework for Sustainable Forestry and Lifelong Learning – SUFAREL" cooperation on a summer school in 2014, possibly on forest sector foresight & Russia
- Idea for a training cooperation on "Policy and governance on natural resources management" originally planned for TEMPUS
- Finnish-Russian Cross-Border University (CBU) and UEF/Joensuu & FTU/St.Petersburg & Moscow campus
- EU & Russia year of Science 2014 possibilities for bioeconomy, forests, risk management etc. related themes
- Horizon 2020 EU framework programme for research & innovation (2014-2020)

The workshop will take place at the **FTU premises (St. Petersburg, Institutsky per. 5) on Sunday July 7th starting at 16 o'clock**. The discussions will continue over an informal dinner at the near-by restaurant MamaLiga (27 Engelsa prosp.) from 20 o'clock onwards. The dinner will be sponsored by FOPER (Western Balkan Forest Policy, Economics and Governance Education and Research) initiative. For practical arrangements, **please confirm your participation to anastasia.glazunova@efi.int by July 3rd** at the very latest. If you want this invitation to be distributed further, please let us know the contact details and we can spread the news. We are expecting some 15-20 persons to join the workshop and contribute to the work at this phase.

We are looking forward to learn about your activities and ideas for the future cooperation.

Warmly welcome.

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