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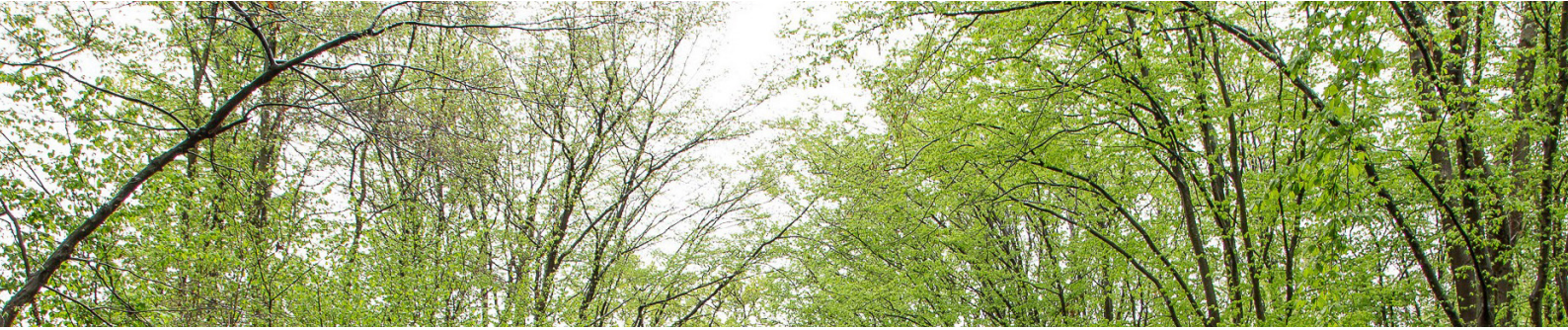


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1. NEW DATE FOR THE ALTERFOR FINAL CONFERENCE IN AUGSBURG, GERMANY

The final conference of ALTERFOR “STAND, LANDSCAPE, CONTINENT – EUROPEAN FORESTS FOR MULTIPLE BENEFITS AT MULTIPLE SCALES” was planned to take place in Augsburg, Germany on 6-8 April 2020. Europe-wide restrictions due to COVID-19, necessitated postponement of the conference. The organizing committee is delighted to announce the new date on 10-12 September 2020 (in Augsburg).

The conference aims to present and discuss the main project outcomes concerning novel approaches to forest management in Europe. The conference will constitute a venue for forest stakeholders to meet researchers from 10 European case studies and to discuss forest management options under various scenarios of climate change and demand for forest products. A half-day excursion to demonstration sites in “Augsburg Western Forests” will offer unique opportunity to see possibilities and challenges associated with forest management alternatives, using the Bavarian example.



2. ALTERFOR ROADMAP: HOW TO MAKE FORESTS FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Natural and social scientists collaborate in creating a roadmap outlining how to apply the alternative forest management at different scales to meet future challenges. Based on findings from ALTERFOR, the solution-oriented roadmap provides a springboard for action in the participating countries. It addresses different audiences such as scientists, forest management planners and practitioners, as well as public administration.

The roadmap will be available on the project website in July 2020: <https://alterfor-project.eu/deliverables-and-milestones.html>

3. REPORT ON SUPPORTING LOCAL AND NATIONAL NETWORKS FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT MODEL ALTERNATIVES

PROJECT RESULTS IN WP4:
REPORT ON SUPPORTING
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In a recently published report D4.2, the ALTERFOR researchers took a closer look at knowledge transfer activities that were undertaken in different case study areas (CSAs) in the course of the project. The report examines the capacity of local and national actors and their networks to elicit political support for enabling the implementation of FMM alternatives. The work has been directed by scientists at the Georg-August-University Göttingen, leading ALTERFOR Work Package 4 (implementation capacity).

Based on solid empirical data, such as the documentation of twenty stakeholder workshops with 706 participants and expert interviews, the report addresses the following research questions:

- Which actors could ALTERFOR inform in the respective CSA?
- Which actors could ALTERFOR engage in the respective CSA?
- What activities were triggered by ALTERFOR among actors in the respective CSA so far?

The report provides a comprehensive insight into the ongoing phase of knowledge integration and utilization (cf. RIU-Model) within the ALTERFOR project and draws conclusions for capacity building opportunities. One of the main findings is that ALTERFOR facilitated a broad set of different steering instruments that are used by specific actors or actor networks.

Please check the full text of the report for further details. The document is available on ALTERFOR website under: <https://www.alterfor-project.eu/deliverables-and-milestones.html>

¹Boecher and Krott 2014, 2016; Stevanov et al. 2013.

4. ALTERFOR WORKSHOP IN BRUSSELS

ALTERFOR plans a workshop in Brussels, involving representatives of different forest stakeholder organizations and officials from the European Commission. The event aims to encourage discussions about possible implications of applying alternative silviculture methods. Case study research and global and country-specific scenarios provide scientifically based knowledge to better assess these implications.

The main questions for the workshop (planned in September 2020) are:

- What route should European forestry take given the uncertainty of climate mitigation efforts?
- Will that route make a fair balance between timber production and other ecosystem services?
- How is it possible to find means to convince forest owners to turn to the innovative alternatives?

More details will follow soon on www.alterfor-project.eu

5. THE RECENT PUBLICATIONS BASED ON RESEARCH RESULTS IN ALTERFOR

Marques, M.; Juerges, N.; Borges, J.G. (2020); Appraisal framework for actor interest and power analysis in forest management - Insights from Northern Portugal. *Forest Policy and Economics*, Volume 111, 102049.

Schwaiger, F.; Poschenrieder, W., Biber, P.; & Pretzsch, H. (2019); Ecosystem service trade-offs for adaptive forest management *Ecosystem Services*, 39, 100993.

For further ALTERFOR publications please visit the project website: www.alterfor-project.eu/publications.html

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