

Form to submit a detailed proposal for an event at the 7th MFW

Proponent

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Description of the event

Type of event: X MFW session

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Title: Non-wood forest products for people, nature and the green economy. Recommendations for policy priorities in the Mediterranean

Content and format: this session is divided in three blocks.

The first block (30 minutes) introduces the linkage between entrepreneurship in NWFP and appropriate policies that allow these businesses to thrive, with special emphasis on the Turkish context. It includes a short presentation of the document *EU policy priorities for the sustainability of Non-Wood Forest Products: a white paper based on lessons-learned from around the Mediterranean*.

The second block (1 hour) presents five success cases on how adequate policies maintain the sustainability of NWFP value chains, secure competitive and equitable value chains, allow market transparency, data and information flow, and enable conditions for NWFP businesses to flourish.

Finally, the last block (45 min) is a joint debate of the sessions *Improving the value-chain of Mediterranean Wild Food Products (WFP): special insight into how certification, branding and labelling can upgrade the economic value of edible non wood forest products* and *Non-wood forest products for people, nature and the green economy. Recommendations for policy priorities in the Mediterranean*.

The two first blocks are oral presentations supported with audio-visual material. The third block is a moderated debate between the speakers and the audience.

IMPORTANT: as being discussed and agreed between the organisers of this session and the organisers of the session *Improving the value-chain of Mediterranean Wild Food Products (WFP): special insight into how certification, branding and labelling can upgrade the economic value of edible non wood forest products* (submitted by Marta Rovira, CTFC), we express our will host a common debate for both sessions. To facilitate this common debate, we highly suggest hosting both sessions back-to-back during the same half of the day (either as a whole morning or as a whole afternoon). This will allow attendees interested on NWFP to enjoy all the presentations and the debate around this topic in a timeslot of four hours, proposed as this:

Duration	Content
1 h 15 min	<i>Improving the value-chain of Mediterranean Wild Food Products (WFP): special insight into how certification, branding and labelling can upgrade the economic value of edible non wood forest products</i>
30 min	Coffee break
1h 30 min	<i>Non-wood forest products for people, nature and the green economy. Recommendations for policy priorities in the Mediterranean</i>
45 min	Common debate

Some practicalities:

- The order of the session can be switched depending on the overall agenda of the MFW.
- A proper title in the MFW agenda should be found for this half-day devoted to NWFP, while preserving the titles of both sessions.
- In the agenda of the MFW, it should be clearly expressed that the debate is common to both sessions, and attendees interested in NWFP should be highly encouraged to attend both sessions in order to have a stronger engagement in the debate.

Moderator: Eduard Mauri

Rapporteur: Giulia Muir

Provisional programme:

Time	Content	Speaker	Expected result
30'	BLOCK 1 – Setting the scene		
10'	Introduction and presentation of short video testimonials presenting the needs, challenges and innovations from entrepreneurs that can be solved through adequate policy support of NWFP.	Sara Maltoni and Alvaro Picardo (tandem presentation)	Inform the audience about the connection between businesses and policy, and how the first need adequate policies to flourish. – Pan-Mediterranean scope.
10'	The national Turkish context: the National Turkish Program on Non-Wood Forest Products.	Ismail Belen	Inform the audience about the connection between businesses and policy, and how the first need adequate policies to flourish. – Turkish scope.
10'	Brief presentation of the document <i>EU policy priorities for the sustainability of Non-Wood Forest Products: a white paper based on</i>	Sara Maltoni and Alvaro Picardo (tandem presentation)	Present the main structure and conclusions of this document.


	<i>lessons-learned from around the Mediterranean</i>		
60'	BLOCK 2 – Success cases from policy to practice		
12'	1 st success case on securing the sustainability of NWFP value chains: cork oak plantations establishment in Portugal and Spain to ensure future cork supply	Ramón Santiago Beltrán	Illustrate how policies can influence 1) securing the sustainability of NWFP value chains, 2) securing competitive and equitable value chains, 3) transparency, data and information flow on NWFP, 4) positive conditions for NWFP value chains, through success cases in different Mediterranean countries.
12'	2 nd success case on securing competitive and equitable value chains: associations of producers and the interbranch organisation for honey	Andreja Kandolf Borovšak	
12'	3 rd success case on transparency, data and information flow: the Turkish NWFP information system	Özgür Balci	
12'	4 th success case on enabling conditions: the adaptation of legal regulations and taxation system for mushroom and truffle harvesters in Italy	Alessandra Stefani and Davide Pettenella	
12'	5 th success case: empowering women harvesting non-wood forest products in Tunisia: perspectives and new approaches.	Ibtissem Taghouti	
45'	BLOCK 3 – Common debate on NWFP ^a		
45'	How the NWFP value chains can become stronger thanks to policy recommendations, certification, branding and labelling?	Moderator: Eduard Mauri	Attendees get a better understanding on how the right policies can enable the potential impacts of NWFP.

^a Common debate of the sessions *Improving the value-chain of Mediterranean Wild Food Products (WFP): special insight into how certification, branding and labelling can upgrade the economic value of edible non wood forest products* (submitted by Marta Rovira, CTFC) and *Non-wood forest products for people, nature and the green economy. Recommendations for policy priorities in the Mediterranean* (submitted by Eduard Mauri, EFI).

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Profiles: please provide a short biopic (< 100 words) and a photo of all panellists of your session, including the chair/moderator, the rapporteur and all speakers.

Role	Biopic	Photo
Moderator of the session and of the debate ENGLISH Covered by EFi eduard.mauri@efi.int	Eduard Mauri is junior researcher at the European Forest Institute's Mediterranean Facility since 2018. He holds a degree in Forest Management and M.Sc.A. in Forest Sciences from Laval University (Quebec City, Canada). For more than ten years he has developed applied research and knowledge transfer projects in silviculture and sustainable forest management in Canada, Spain and France. From 2018 to 2021, he assisted in the coordination of the project "Innovation Networks of Cork, Resins and Edibles in the Mediterranean basin" (INCREDIBLE). He also develops activities supporting innovation in forest circular bioeconomy at the Bioregions Facility of the European Forest Institute.	

Açıklamalı [EM3]: This biopic is adapted for this event and slightly from the one of the side event on fire prevention.




Açıklamalı [EM1]: Languages are indicative, some have to be confirmed.

Açıklamalı [EM2]: The coverage of the travel expenses is for internal use only!

<p>Rapporteur</p> <hr/> <p>ENGLISH</p> <hr/> <p>On-line</p> <hr/> <p>Giulia.Muir@fao.org</p>	<p>Giulia Muir is a non-wood forest product specialist for the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), where she has been working for over fourteen years. Giulia has a background in agroforestry, food security and environment. She received her PhD from the University of Padua (Department of Land and Agro-Forestry Systems), with a focus on the role of wild forest products in shaping more nutritious and healthy food systems. She also holds M.Sc. degrees from the University of Oxford and Edinburgh. Giulia's recent work focusses on improving knowledge and data on the contribution of wild foods and gathering to food security and nutrition, and supporting the development of sustainable and nutritious wild product value chains.</p>	
<p>Speaker #1</p> <hr/> <p>ENGLISH</p> <hr/> <p>Covered by FORESTAS</p> <hr/> <p>smaltoni@forestas.it</p>	<p>Sara Maltoni is Head of the Forest value chains and Cooperation Office at the Regional Agency for Forests and the Environment of Sardinia (FoReSTAS), a public Agency managing around 220.000 ha of forest land. After an MSc in Environmental Science and Technology at Imperial College (University of London) and a PhD in Monitoring and Management of Mediterranean forest ecosystems (University of Sassari) she gained research experience at the National Research Council prior to entering the state forest agency as a public officer in 2007. Her field of expertise mainly refers to cooperation projects on agroforestry and multi-resource forest management in the Mediterranean.</p>	
<p>Speaker #2</p> <hr/> <p>ENGLISH</p> <hr/> <p>Covered by Regione Toscana</p> <hr/> <p>alvaro.picardo@jcyl.es</p>	<p>Álvaro Picardo, forester, born in Madrid (Spain) in 1961. He works as Technical Adviser to the General Direction in Natural Heritage and Forest Policy of the regional government Junta de Castilla y León (Spain). His main activities include participation in the Castilla y León Forestry Law and in the main regional forest policy instruments. He has also developed his activity in the international arena, within the framework of the Standing Forestry Committee of the</p>	

	European Commission, the International Model Forest Network and ERIAFF, with a large involvement in the promotion of sylvopastoralism, fire prevention and non-wood forest products, participating in international projects like INCREDIBLE.	
<p>Speaker #3</p> <hr/> <p>TURKISH or ENGLISH</p> <hr/> <p>Covered by Turkish Ministry</p> <hr/> <p>ismailbelen52@gmail.com</p>	<p>Ismail Belen works for the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Turkey. Previously, he served as Deputy Director General of Forestry. From 2012 to 2017, he was the chairman of the FAO Committee on Mediterranean Forestry Questions. He has taken part in many national and international projects. After Faculty of Forestry, he completed two M.Sc. programmes on science and public administration. He attended to "Special Program for Senior Managers in Government" in Harvard University. He also actively works in NGOs. He works as the foreign relations consultant at the Chamber of Forest Engineers of Turkey. He is the President of the "Foundation of the People Caring for Future-CARFU" and The Platform of the Associations of Nature and Forestry (PLANFOR).</p>	
<p>Speaker #4</p> <hr/> <p>FRENCH</p> <hr/> <p>On-line</p> <hr/> <p>ramon.santiago@juntaex.es</p>	<p>Ramón Santiago Beltrán has a PhD in Forestry (2001). Between 1987 and 1997 he worked on the Forest Map of Spain. From 1997 to 2022 he has developed his activity at the CMC Institute from CICYTEX as an expert in cork production. He has carried out field work in northern Africa and southern Europe. His research and work topics are cork quality, debarking technologies and cork-oak afforestation. He has published 40 books, monographs, and book chapters, 23 vegetation maps, and 26 scientific articles. He has participated in 12 R&D projects funded by public calls and eight international cooperation projects on cork production. He has seven patents related to debarking technology and one to cork quality.</p>	

<p>Speaker #5</p> <hr/> <p>ENGLISH</p> <hr/> <p>On-line</p> <hr/> <p>andreja.kandolf@czs.si</p>	<p>Andreja Kandolf Borovšak is a food safety advisor at the Slovenian Beekeepers' Association. She has a doctorate of biosciences in the field of food. She has completed a national professional qualification for beekeeper and apitherapist, professional training in queen bee breeding, a course for honey evaluation at the Department of Food Science of the Biotechnical Faculty in Ljubljana, completed a program for a mentor in beekeeping, obtained a license as an advisor. She is a member of the International Honey Commission in the group for melissopalynological analysis. She actively participates in international beekeeping congresses such as Apimondia, Apimedica. She participates in the organization of round tables on honey quality, safety, and authenticity. She is part of the editorial board of the journal <i>Slovenian Beekeeper (Slovenski čebelar)</i>.</p>	
<p>Speaker #6</p> <hr/> <p>TURKISH or ENGLISH</p> <hr/> <p>Covered by Turkish Ministry</p> <hr/> <p>ozgurbalci08@gmail.com</p>	<p>Özgür Balci is the Head of Department for Non-Wood Forest Products and Services at the General Directorate of Forest, Turkey, since 2018. He graduated from Istanbul University, Faculty of Forestry, Department of Forestry Engineering and he completed graduate education at Süleyman Demirel University Faculty of Forestry in 2016. Between 2002-2018, he worked at the field as Forest Ranger in Bolu, Bursa and Ankara Regional Forestry Directorates. He served until October 2018 as the founding Division Director of the Herbal Products Branch Directorate, which was established under the Department of Non-Wood Forest Products and Services, which was created as a result of the restructuring of the General Directorate of Forestry in 2011. Mr. Balci is serving as the 47th Term Board Member of the Chamber of Forestry Engineers.</p>	

<p>Speaker #7</p> <hr/> <p>ENGLISH</p> <hr/> <p>On-line</p> <hr/> <p>a.stefani@politicheagricole.it</p>	<p>Chief of the General Directorate of Forestry at the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry (Direzione generale delle foreste del ministero delle Politiche agricole, alimentari e forestali) and former General Director of the National Forest Guards body (Corpo Forestale dello Stato), Alessandra Stefani has a wide experience in the governance of all forestry matters in Italy, coordinating activities such as the National Forestry Law n.34/2018 and the Italian Forest Strategy.</p>	
<p>Speaker #8</p> <hr/> <p>ENGLISH</p> <hr/> <p>Covered by UNIPD</p> <hr/> <p>davide.pettenella@unipd.it</p>	<p>Co-founder and member of the Etifor Scientific Committee, Davide Pettenella is a full professor at the Land, Environment, Agriculture and Forestry (LEAF) Department of the University of Padua, where he is teaching Forest economics. He has published more than 400 papers as a result of his research activities and field works carried out within programmes financed by the European Commission, FAO, European Forestry Institute, World Bank, and by Italian national and regional institutions. He is coordinator of the working group dedicated to the development of Italian national forest strategy, where non-wood forest products and ecosystem services play a key role</p>	
<p>Speaker #9</p> <hr/> <p>ENGLISH or FRENCH</p> <hr/> <p>Covered by EFI</p> <hr/> <p>ibtissem.taghouti@gmail.com</p>	<p>Ibtissem Taghouti is a researcher of rural economics at the Polytechnic University of Catalunya (Spain) and former assistant professor at the National Research Institute of Rural Engineering, Water and Forestry (Tunisia). She holds a PhD in Agri-food Economics from the Polytechnic University of Valencia (Spain) and she received her master of science in agri-food marketing from the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (CIHEAM-Spain). During the PhD, her research interests have focused on the impact of non-tariff measures and food safety standards on agri-food trade in the Mediterranean area. Lately, she has an extensive research experience in forest economics and</p>	

	<p>marketing of non-wood forest products. Her interests have expanded to the exploration of livelihood strategies adopted by small producers and rural development. She has also a broad research experience in adoption and impact assessment of improved technologies in crop and livestock production systems. She worked as a leader member or a coordinator in different international research projects in various Mediterranean countries.</p>	
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Practical arrangements

Language of the event: English

Need for interpretation

Between Turkish, French and English

Between Turkish and English

Between French and English

No interpretation

Açıklamalı [EM4]: To the organising committee: this has changed from initial submission (which only requested translation between Turkish and English).

Acknowledgement and consent

I confirm that our team will provide a rapporteur for our event. The role of the rapporteur will be to prepare a short (5 min) summary of the main outcomes of the event