

Invitation

Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic Mr Marian Jurečka
and the
Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture of Germany Mr Christian Schmidt
have the honour to invite you to the

International Conference on “Integration of Biodiversity Enhancement in Sustainable Forest Management in the framework of the EU Forestry Strategy”

within the framework of the Strategic dialogue between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Czech Republic.

The project Integrate+ of the European Forest Institute provides the scientific basis for this conference (for more details please visit: www.integrateplus.org). The conference will present ongoing cross-boundary work in the important field of integrating nature conservation in forest management and provide the opportunity to discuss further steps at all levels.

The State Enterprise - Forests of the Czech Republic (Lesy České republiky, s.p.) co-organizes the event.

Venue: Prague, Czech Republic, 6th October 2016 (start at 8 a.m.) till 7th October 2016 (end at 3:30 p.m.)

Participants are kindly requested to register at www.cesles.cz/EUForestryStrategy until **5th September 2016**. Practical information is annexed to the invitation.

Co-organized by

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 5th October 2016

Arrival of participants

Thursday, 6th October 2016

8:00 – 18:00 Field trip

Discussion on the integration of biodiversity enhancement in sustainable forest management (SFM), including management of Natura 2000 sites, and other related issues, such as relations between game management and SFM; visit to a newly established Integrate+ demonstration site - introduction to the concept of the conservation of microhabitats, practical examples, demonstration of the training software.

20:00 – 22:00 Reception at Parkhotel Prague

Friday, 7th October 2016

1st block

10:00 – 10:15 Opening speech by Mr Marian Jurečka, Minister of Agriculture of the Czech Republic

10:15 – 10:30 Speech by Mr Christian Schmidt, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture of Germany

10:30 – 10:50 Speech by Mr Marc Palahí, Director of European Forest Institute (Presentation of EFI, its mission, activities, support to policy and decision making in the field of forests and forestry)

10:50 – 11:05 Coffee break

2nd block

11:05 – 11:35 Keynote speech on integrative approaches for biodiversity conservation in sustainable forest management

11:35 – 13:00 Views of stakeholders (5 presentations)

- Perspective of research: microhabitat development in forest stands
- Forest owner's perspective: State Forest Enterprise in Ebrach, Bavaria and its biodiversity concept
- Forest owner's perspective: Forests of the Czech Republic, state enterprise
- NGO's perspective
- Presentation of the Integrate+ project and the demonstration sites established in the Czech Republic

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

3rd block

14:00 – 15:00 Roundtable discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Conclusions (summary of co-chairs)

A final agenda will be published at the registration website in due time.