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EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN FORESTRY: CHANGING THE IMAGE OF FORESTRY

24th and 25th October 2024, Portorož, Slovenia

Agenda, 24.10.2024

08:00-09:00 - Arrival of participants and registration

09:00-09:30 - Welcome speeches
- Eva Knez, State Secretary at the Ministry for agriculture, forestry and food of RS
- Gregor Danev, Director of Slovenia Forest Service
- Dagmar Karisch-Gierer, Chairwoman of WOFO International
- Nike Krajnc, Director of Slovenian Forestry Institute and Fem2forests Project Manager

09:30-09:50 - Rooted in Diversity: Women Changing and Shaping the Future of Science (Zarja Mušič)

09:50-11:15 - SESSION 1: WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW - A GENDER PERSPECTIVE
- Why not forestry? Comparative analysis of barriers and needs for inclusion of girls and young women in forestry (Mateja Karničnik)
- How a Massive Open Online Course ForGEDI can address students' motivations, hesitancies, and obstacles in forestry-related sectors (Todora Rogelja)
- The future of women's employment in peripheral industrial regions (Jani Kozina)

11:15-11:45 - *Coffee break*

THE MAIN AIMS OF THE CONFERENCE ARE
- **empower women in forestry**
- **strengthen international networking among women**
- **look for innovative ways and opportunities to involve young women in the forestry sector**

11:45-12:45 - SESSION 2: EDUCATION BASED ON EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN FORESTRY

- EDUCATION BASED ON EQUALITY– an example from adult education (Nevenka Bogataj)
- Uneven ground: navigating gender and diversity in the forestry sector (Barbara Öllerer)
- The FOPER project as a driver of the regional network in research and education in forest policy and economics (Mersudin Avdibegović)

12:45-13:45 - SESSION 3: CHANGING THE IMAGE OF FORESTRY BY THE INCLUSION OF WOMEN

- Rooted inequalities in Forest Education. Insights from a students' perspective (Nikolina Mencin)
- Beyond Stereotypes: The Evolving Role of Women in Forestry (Marija Jakopin)
- EMBOSCADES. Dones i bosc (Women of the Forest): Creating new spaces and values through women's perspectives in the forestry sector in Catalonia (Michel Curel and Francesca Famadas)

13:45-15:15 - *Lunch break*

15:15-16:30 - SESSION 4: NETWORKING OF WOMEN AS A KEY TO CHANGE IN FORESTRY

- The German Women in Forestry association: a success story (Birgit Homann and Christiane Lorenz-Laubner)
- I can - a campaign of women foresters in Mongolia (Khishigjargal Mookhorand Delgerjargal Dugarjav)
- Opening of umbrella WOFO- (Dagmar Karisch-Gierer, Iza Pigan and Ragnhildur Freysteinsdóttir, WOFO International)

16:30-17:15 - PANEL DISCUSSION: COOPERATION IS THE KEY FOR SUCCESS

- Alina Chifan (Egger Enterprise, Romania)
- Ragnhildur Freysteinsdóttir (Icelandic Forestry Association)
- Iza Pigan (Polish association of women in forestry)
- Delgerjargal Dugarjav (NGO 'Forest, sustainability and Women, Mongolia)
- Alenka Verbole, (Slovenian Women's lobby)
- Alexandra Sieber (Technical Forestry High School in Bruck/Mur, Austria)

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FIELD TRIP - 25.10.2024

8:45-9:00 Gathering of participants

9:00 Buss departures from Portorož

10:30 Arrival to Cerje - Monument of Peace and Observation Tower

10:30-13:00 Visiting the site and discussion about post fire restoration of
        Karst region - Slovenian forest service_ regional unit Sežana

13:00-14:00 Lunch at a local touristic farm

14:00-16:00 Visiting forests at Karst region

18:00 Return to Portorož

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Kongresni center Hotel Slovenija, Obala 33, 6320 Portorož, Slovenija

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The conference will be held in English. There will be no simultaneous translation.

COSTS

There is no conference fee, but participants have to manage their bookings and cover the costs of traveling and accommodation.

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Registration is open till 10th October 2024

Number of places is limited.

FOR REGISTRATION CLICK HERE

The conference is organised by the Fem2forests project and International umbrella organisation WOFO International.