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Changing the Image of Forestry

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FOPER project as a driver of regional network in research and education in forest policy and economics

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The reasons behind FOPER project

The necessity of adapting the Western Balkans to the new political environment, market conditions and EU requirements

Respectable tradition in the biological and technical aspects of forestry, but a significant lack of scientific and professional capacities in the field of forest policy, economics, organization and legislation

Human resources as a key factor for the implementation of upcoming reforms in the society (including forestry sector)

The objective of FOPER project was to contribute to an improved basis of knowledge for the future generation of experts and leaders in forest related policies as well as in the development of forest management in the Western Balkans, to make an increased contribution to national economies, reduction of inequalities, environmental sustainability and cultural development



The uniqueness of FOPER Master Program

Still the only joint education program in forestry in the Western Balkans (regionally and internationally recognized diplomas)



The first Master's program in forest policy and economics in Europe



Still the only Forestry Education Program realized entirely in English in Southeast Europe



Obtaining expert knowledge and competence for a wide range of jobs and tasks (not only in forestry)



The basis for connecting the Western Balkans with the European educational and research network in forest policy and economics

The courses in FOPER Master Program



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<u>Course title</u>
Field Course I
Principles of science in natural resources management
Quantitative and qualitative methods in social science
Forest policy
Forest-related legislation
Communication, negotiation and PR in forest sector
Forest economics
Managerial economics in forestry
Forest policy analysis and evaluation
Public planning and governance in forestry
Methods of economic analysis
Forest products marketing

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<u>Course title</u>
Field Course II
Forest enterprise management
Environment policy and governance
Workshop on Policy Issues in Forest Sector
Applied project
International forest policy
Rural sociology and social issues in forest management
Small-scale forestry and joint forest management
Governance of change
Renewable energy and utilization of forest biomass
Accounting and business administration in forestry
Forest product markets, industries and trade
Forest products value chains and cluster management
Integrated ecological economics, policy, and modeling
Diversification into non-wood forest products and services

International teachers



Regional teachers and trainees



Teacher twinning, soft tutoring, small working groups...

Communication, negotiation and public relations in the forest sector



Former FOPER students/trainees – University teachers and researchers



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Former FOPER students – International organisations and government officials



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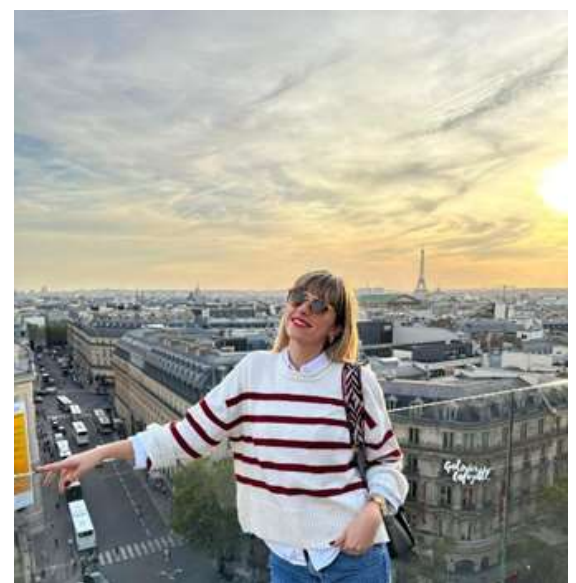
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- "I am proud being part of such a dynamic and supportive community"
- "I was in the right place at the right time when I got involved in FOPER"
- "FOPER was one of the main triggers that changed and shaped my career"
- "FOPER has provided me with a unique research network but has also led to long-lasting friendships"
- "A career is a marathon, not a sprint - I am still running my FOPER marathon"
- "FOPER was a life changer to me - it gave me a training in social sciences, as well as great network of people in the region and beyond, that were crucial for my research career"
- "FOPER had a transformative impact on my career"
- "FOPER experience helped me to gain confidence and the ability to work independently and simultaneously on multiple-tasks, while also mastering soft skills like teamwork and communication in a multicultural environment"
- "We are all part of the FOPER family"
- "FOPER's impact went far beyond my professional growth - it enriched my life personally, as I built lifelong relationships and friendships with colleagues from across the Western Balkans"
- "FOPER re-united young people from the post-conflict region"
- "FOPER helped me to figure out what I want to be professionally"
- "FOPER multicultural set up and the network created, enriched me with tolerance, respect, and abilities to engage in multi stakeholder's environment"







*...to Margaret from
FOPER network...*