



# Forest skills to pay the bills!

## *The juncture of education and employment*

May 6th, 2022, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM (UTC +9)

### Background

The nature of employment and occupational demands in the forest sector keep changing, due to significant, overall changes in the sector including globalization, digitalization, changing societal demands and climate change. Newly evolving "green jobs" promote sustainable development as well as the general well-being of the people. Students will need adequate training to be equipped with the skills required for the new jobs, and to contribute to building a green, healthy, and resilient future with forests.

### About the session

The event will be organised as a 90-minute side-event at the 15th World Forestry Congress. First, an overview on the state of play of green forest jobs within the pan European region will be presented by the Thünen Institute (Germany). This is followed by a series of dialogues by four representatives of different stakeholder groups (employment, tertiary education, student and policy). Each dialogue is framed by a video, presenting results of the EFI-IFSA-IUFRO project "Global student networking and green jobs in the forest-sector".

After the panel discussion, FOREST EUROPE's "Grow Green Jobs Campaign" is introduced and the audience is invited to follow the campaign on Instagram. Ideally, new best practise examples of green jobs are tagged after the conference.

### Program

Moderation by Vera Steinberg – Policy advisor at Forest Europe

- Welcome
- Setting the Scene: Report "The Green Jobs in the pan European forest sector" by the Thünen Institute (Germany)
- Panel Dialogues with video interventions by the EFI-IFSA-IUFRO project, speakers:
  - Walter Katajamaki – Technical Officer Rural Economy and Related Sectors at ILO
  - Isabelle Dela Paz - Internal Councilor of IFSA
  - Sandra Rodríguez - Joint IUFRO-IFSA Task Force on Forest Education
  - Maureen Whelan - International Affairs, Canadian Forest Service
- Q&A
- Best practice examples: Introducing the "Grow Green Jobs Campaign" by FOREST EUROPE
- Wrap-up

### Further information

- [Thünen Report](#)
- [Global student networking and green jobs in the forest sector](#)
- [Grow Green Jobs Campaign](#)

