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## Policy Forum “Untapping the potential of non-wood forest products for Europe's green economy”

16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Online event

### Structure of the agenda

DAY 1: 16/03/2021	11.00-13.30 CET	SESSION I: Setting the scene - disclosing the potential of non-wood forest products.
	15.00-17.15 CET	SESSION II: Sustainable sourcing and secure supply of NWFP.
DAY 2: 17/03/2021	11.00-13.15 CET	SESSION III: Competitive and equitable NWFP value chains.
	15.00-17.30 CET	SESSION IV: Call for action.

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## SESSION I: Setting the scene - disclosing the potential of non-wood forest products

### High-level opening: Welcome & introductory statements

- Marc Palahí, Director, European Forest Institute (EFI)
- Ewald Rametsteiner, Deputy Director, Forestry Division, Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Joao Pedro Matos Fernandes, Minister of the Environment and Climate Action, Portugal

### A call for action to leverage non-wood forest products' potential

- Inazio Martinez de Arano, Head of EFI Mediterranean Facility (EFIMED)

### Presenting the Manifesto on NWFP

- Sven Walter, Senior Forestry Officer and Team Leader, Forest Products and Statistics, FAO

### Keynote – From Local to Global: The Enduring Power and Promise of Forest Goods


- Patricia Shanley, People and Plants International

### Perspectives from the value chains: the richness and diversity of NWFP

- Joao Rui Ferreira, APCOR (cork)
- Jean-Charles Savignac, Président d'honneur du Groupement européen Truffe et Trufficulture et de la Fédération française des trufficulteurs (truffles)
- Mariana Jorge Ferreira, Luresa Resinas SL / Grupo RB (resin)
- Jesús Quintá, president of IXP Castaña de Galicia - Alibós Galicia SL.(chestnut)
- Hamed Daly Hassen, Ministry of Agriculture of Tunisia (aromatic and medicinal plants)

### Open debate and conclusions of session I

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## SESSION II: Sustainable sourcing and secure supply of NWFP

### Introduction to the session

### Keynote - Sustainable Sourcing of Non-timber Forest Products: Why? What will it take?

- o James Chamberlain, USDA Forest Service and IUFRO task force on non-timber forest products

### Success cases for ensuring the supply of wild and semi wild forest products

- **Guaranteeing the supply of cork and the multifunctionality of *Quercus* forests**
  - o Antonio Paula Soares, Chairman of the European Commission Civil Dialogue Group on “Forestry and member of the board of Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF)
- **Information systems on prices and producers of NWFP in Portugal (cork, resin & pine nuts)**
  - o Cristina Pereira Santos, Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas (ICNF)
- **Inventory and management of wild mushrooms from EMI – examples of best practices**
  - o Fernando Martínez-Peña, Agri-Food Research and Technology Centre of Aragon (CITA) and European Mycological Institute (EMI)
- **Voluntary standards and certification supporting sustainable and beneficial trade in wild NWFPs**
  - o Anastasiya Timoshyna, TRAFFIC and IUCN Species Survival Commission - Medicinal Plant Specialist Group

### Wrap-up on the needed policy actions for long term conservation and supply of NWFP

- o Alvaro Picardo, Technical Adviser to the General Direction in Natural Heritage and Forest Policy of Junta de Castilla y Leon

### The potential contribution of the upcoming EU policies to the development of NWFP

- o Mauro Poinelli, Head of Unit “Environment, climate change, forestry and bio-economy”, Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

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## SESSION III: Competitive and equitable NWFP value chains

### Welcome address

- Vladimir Nikolić, Senior adviser, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Directorate for Forests, Serbia

### Introduction to the session

### Keynote - Competitive and equitable NWFP value chains, challenges and opportunities

- Davide Pettenella, University of Padua, Italy

### Success cases for fostering transparency, competitiveness and equitability of NWFP value chains:

- **The tax reform on "wild growing non-wood products" in Italy: lesson learnt and new opportunities for the forest sector**
  - Enrico Vidale, TeSAF Department University of Padua
- **Labour and fiscal policies supporting resin holdings in Spain**
  - Guillermo Fernández, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of Spain
- **Ecotourism in wild mushroom sector in Greece**
  - Vassilis Katsoupas, Kanela & Garyfallo, Vitsa Zagori, Greece
- **National Programmes for NWFPs in Turkey**
  - İsmail Belen, Foundation of the People CARing for FUture (CARFU) and Ministry of Agriculture and Forests of Turkey

### Key action on transparency and visibility of NWFPs

- Giulia Muir, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

### Wrap up on the policy actions needed to secure successful NWFP value chains

- Sara Maltoni, FoReSTAS (Regional Forest Agency for Land and the Environment of Sardinia, Italy)

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## SESSION IV: Call for action

### Introduction to the session

**The White Paper “Non-Wood Forest Products for people, nature and the green economy. Policy priorities for Europe. A white paper based on lessons learned from across the Mediterranean”**

- Inazio Martinez de Arano, Head of the European Forest Institute Mediterranean facility (EFIMED)

### Panel discussion and debate: views from National, European and international institutions

- Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director of the Natural Capital Directorate DG ENV, European Commission
- Alessandra Stefani, General Director of the Forest Department, Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Piotr Borkowsky, Executive Director of the European State Forest Association (EUSTAFOR)
- Lyubov Polyakova, Head of International Cooperation, Science and Public Relation Division, State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine and Acting Chair of FAO’s European Forestry Commission.
- Antonio Paula Soares, Chairman of the European Commission Civil Dialogue Group on “Forestry and member of the board of Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF)

### Bridging on future initiatives

- Chadi Mohanna, Director of Rural Development and Natural Resources, Ministry of Agriculture of Lebanon, and Chair of Silva Mediterranea

### Supporting the Manifesto on Wild and semi wild Products

- Sven Walter, Senior Forestry Officer and Team Leader, Forest Products and Statistics, FAO

### Conclusions of the Policy Forum

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