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New meeting in Portugal next week of FOREST-IN Project, on forestry education for small landowners

Is being held at the same time as BIOFORUM, a seminar on forest management

The village of Branca, in the Portuguese municipality of Albergaria-a-Velha, will host next week a new working meeting of the FOREST-IN project, which aims to promote good practices and forestry education among private forest owners, their managers and technicians, and other agents involved in sustainable forest management.

The working meeting, which will be held from 23 to 26 October, will have the participation of Cesefor, as a partner in this project, which has as partners the University of Aveiro (Portugal, coordinator of FOREST-IN), PEFC Spain, FSC International, Unimadeiras (Portugal), the Forestry Association of Galicia (Spain) and the Model Forest Association of Provence (France). Within this framework, Cesefor will report on the progress of the work with which it participates in this European initiative, which is consisting of the development and implementation of computer tools for forest owners.

In addition to the meeting of partners, on Friday 27 will take place an open event, BIOFORUM, on sustainable forest management that will address the challenges and opportunities of this sector in Portugal, at a time when the approach of new proposals and review of traditional practices is on everyone's lips after the tragic fires that this summer have devastated the Portuguese country, claiming almost a hundred lives.

BIOFORUM (www.forest-in.eu/event/bioforum) will not only propose alternatives and future scenarios, but also experiences on research, management, multifunctional uses of forests, use of forest resources, among other aspects. In this framework, the example of the Mycology Programme of Castilla y León (Micocyl) will be presented, in an intervention that will be carried out by the technician of this project in the province of Salamanca.

About the FOREST-IN project

The FOREST-IN project aims to promote good practices and forestry education through workshops and international technical visits, tutorials and the creation of a mobile application aimed at helping in the decision-making process for sustainable forest management. All this

integrated in a concerted strategy that involves the forest community and the general public. The pedagogical techniques will be innovative and personalized for the recipients of the project, and will be based on a model of horizontal and participatory learning.

FOREST-IN has been established as an international strategic alliance for forestry education and is funded by the Erasmus + Program, the main financial mechanism of the European Commission in the field of Education. The coordinator of this project is the University of Aveiro (Portugal), with these partners: Cesefor Foundation (Spain), PEFC Spain, FSC International, Unimadeiras (Portugal), the Forest Association of Galicia (Spain) and the Forest Model Association of the Provence (France).

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