



# New Green Jobs in the Forest Sector

## Side Event

European Forest Week  
Warsaw, Poland



Tuesday, 10 October 2017  
Hour: 13.15 – 14.30  
Room Frezja

## DESCRIPTION

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The theme of Las2017 is: "Forests, our common good: Enhancing sustainable development in light of the Paris Agreement".

The transition to a greener economy offers important opportunities for new green jobs in the forest sector. Considering the worldwide megatrends affecting employment, European forests can give a new boost to green jobs, especially in rural areas.

During this side-event the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector – ILO/ECE/FAO Joint Expert Network will show results of their work (report on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector) and discuss the consequences of these findings.

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### **The side-event (75') is structured in 4 parts as follows**

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- 1 Green Forest Jobs: main findings and conclusions from the report "Green Jobs in the Forest Sector"
  - 2 Examples of Green Forest Jobs
  - 3 Discussion
  - 4 Conclusions and strategic recommendations
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The side event relates to the theme of Las2017 as it is about actual and future forest jobs and their potential in a green economy which is directly and indirectly linked to the major topics of the Week: Changes in society, in the natural environment and in technology require new forest skills and lead to the creation new Green Forest Jobs.

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## PLACE AND TIME

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Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2017

Novotel Warszawa Centrum

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## ORGANISATION

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The side-event is organised and facilitated by the

ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector –  
ILO/ECE/FAO Joint Expert Network

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## The Future of Green Forest Jobs!

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Major ongoing changes in society, the economy and technology influence global sustainability. These developments create opportunities for new technologies, investment and jobs (UNEP, ILO et al., 2008) and they lead not only to changes in the work perspective of green forest jobs but also offer excellent prospects for new or realigned job developments in this sector. To cater and be best prepared for such transformations there is a strong and urgent need to adapt and retrain the work force associated with forestry-related jobs.

The following definition of a *Green Forest Job (GFJ)* was developed by the ECE/FAO Team of Specialists on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector – ILO/ECE/FAO Joint Expert Network:

*A green forest job ...*

*... complies with the principles of Sustainable Forest Management*

*... contributes to the green economy,*

*... and is involved in the manufacture of forest products and/or in the performance of forest services.*

The present situation of forestry-related jobs was evaluated to identify and analyse the scope of traditional, current and potential future green forest jobs. Seven thematic areas were differentiated and 19 fields of activity associated with each area were identified. The thematic areas are: `Wood & Energy production`, `Agroforestry and Mountain forestry`, `Social & Urban Development`, `Forest Management, Inventory and Planning`, `Biodiversity & Ecosystem Functioning`, `Health & Recreation` and `Education & Research`. In total 31 examples of existing `current traditional`, `current non-traditional` and `new` GFJs from all over the world are described.

Driven by basic changes in society, the economy and technology, there is great potential for GFJs which goes beyond traditional forestry-related work perspectives. The forest sector needs to seize the opportunity to shape and play a part in the creation and development of new GFJs – now and in the future!

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