

Dear Beech-watchers,

It's often said that January is like a giant Monday, and it's officially over. We hope you've stepped into the new year as you wished. We have some important news to share with you very soon. That's why we're sending this special edition. It is short, to the point and full of the most important information.

The next newsletter will be released at the end of March, but we're already accepting great topics and ideas! If you have anything you'd like to share with the JMC community, please reach out to me at: martina.pipiskova@enviro.gov.sk.

With warm regards, Permanent secretariat

NOW, LET'S DIVE INTO THE URGENT UPDATES RIGHT AWAY!





IMPORTANT UPDATE

>>> LIFE CALLS FOR PROPOSALS 2025

The European Union's flagship initiative for funding projects to improve the environmental and climate, the LIFE programme, turns 33 this year. That is a third of a century of supporting innovative and ground-breaking work to make Europe a cleaner, greener and more sustainable place.

Here are a few notable events in the LIFE calendar for the year:

- LIFE Calls for proposals 2025
- LIFE Awards 2025
- The EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
- European Sustainable Energy Week
- LIFE at events







Don't forget to stay up-to-date with all LIFE news on their <u>LinkedIn</u>, or sign up for monthly <u>LIFE Newsletter</u>.



IMPORTANT UPDATE

>>> NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: BLOCKCHAIN SOLUTIONS FOR FOREST MONITORING

The European Forest Institute (EFI) has launched a new grant call aimed at leveraging digital solutions, including blockchain technology, to enhance forest monitoring across Europe.

Q OBJECTIVES & SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

This grant supports a project that will:

- Demonstrate how blockchain can ensure data integrity and build trust among stakeholders
- ✓ Advance knowledge on distributed information systems for forest monitoring
- Improve accessibility, reliability, and traceability of forest-related data
- ✓ Showcase practical digital tools for monitoring selected forest functions

AVAILLABLE FUNDING

- Maximum grant: €60,000
- Number of grants awarded: 1
- Project duration: Up to 12 months (latest start: September 2025)
- TAPPLICATION DEADLINE
- (h) 16 March 2025, 21:00 UCT+2

Click here for full update





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LINKEDIN **UPDATE**



>>> WE'RE ON LINKEDIN! JOIN US

Since January, we have launched official communication on LinkedIn, and we'd love your support! LinkedIn is no longer just about jobs and resumes - it's a space for building great networks, exchanging inspiration, reaching out to potential supporters, and so much more. If you're not on LinkedIn yet, we highly recommend it over other social platforms!

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US?

- Follow our page it's the first and easiest step! This helps us grow our community and reach more people.
- **Engage with our posts** leave a comment, like, or share. Every interaction boosts visibility and helps spread the word about our mission.
- **Suggest topics** we could share on our communication channel. Don't hesitate to send us a message directly on LinkedIn!

Link: our LinkedIn profile



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SAVE THE DATE

Poland

>>> JMC MEETINGS

21. 5. 2025 (WED) - Online JMC Meeting

6.-7. 10. 2025 (MON-TUE) on-site JMC Meeting in Poland. Be sure to reserve your arrival date for 5.10.2025 and departure date for 8.10.2025. You will be out of office for 4 days with our amazing group!!!

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>>> KINDLY REMINDER

THANK YOU to all the States Parties that have already sent their letter.

For those who have not yet had the chance, we kindly encourage you to do so, as this remains an important matter to resolve.

We appreciate your cooperation!

FINAL INFORMATION

On the last page, you will find a call for the **Doctoral Researcher in Forest Ecology Wanted!** All the details are provided there.

If we have important information that cannot wait until the next newsletter, we will issue a special edition.



Duration: four-years term appointment with possible extension

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Topic: Interconnections between climate change, biodiversity, and human well-being in old-growth and managed forest ecosystems

Location: Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague, CZ Research topic:

• The impacts of forest naturalness levels on human wellbeing indicators, multi-taxonomic diversity, and forest carbon storage across forest management and disturbance gradients.

Duties:

- · Data collection in the field
- · Analyze datasets and generate publication-quality manuscripts.
- · Collaborate with lab members on related projects.
- · Help process the human wellbeing indicators data. · Present the findings at international conferences. Qualifications.

Desirable skills:

- · Ability to independently design and conduct reproducible research.
- · Strong analytical and coding skills in R.
- · Excellent English communication skills, both oral and written.
- · Experience in combining ecological and social research methods.

· <u>Master's degree</u> in environmental psychology, ecology, forestry, environmental sciences, or related field.





<u>Salary</u>: monthly net salary from 1100 euros (28 000 CZK) + bonuses

Application:

Please send CV, cover letter and contact information for two references to Dr. Martin Mikoláš (mikolasm@fld.czu.cz) and Tom Knir (knir@fld.czu.cz).

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