

# Working Group: Forestry



# ERIAFF Working Group “Forestry”

- Coordinating Region(s): North Karelia/East and North Finland & Castilla y Leon
- Member Regions:
  - ERIAFF: Central Finland, Tuscany, Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur, Catalonia, Basque Country, Navarra, Extremadura
  - Non-ERIAFF: Calabria, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Abruzzo, Liguria, Harghita, Norrbotten, Västerbotten
- Main objective:
  - develop and implement regional, circular (forest) bioeconomy strategies;
  - assess the impacts of EU climate and energy policies and legislation have for the development of (forest) bioeconomy in the regions, provision of recommendations for policy makers;
  - create European forest-based value chains and contribute to the development of value-added products and services;
  - produce data on a regional level concerning the diverse values created by forest-based circular bioeconomy.
- Proposed activities:
  - Regions & bioeconomy strategies- event 23 October 2018, Brussels (date tbc)
  - Bioeconomy regions event Barcelona 13 November
  - European Raw Materials Week – session on forestry 15 November, Brussels



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- Next steps and involvement of ERIAFF Regions:
  - Setting up of core group driving the agenda
  - Preparation of the events of the autumn
  - Position on upcoming Commission non-binding guidelines on cascading use of wood
  - Position on EU Bioeconomy Strategy update (October/November 2018)
  - Produce regional data on (forest)bioeconomy
- Expected results:
  - Obtain a credible position as representative of forested regions on European platforms toward the EU institutions as well as other forestry stakeholders
  - Contribution to the upcoming EU policy developments, ensuring forested regions' voice is heard when EU policies and legislation is being drafted

