



## INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

## 2021 Urban Forestry Days

23 Mar. 2021  
24 Mar. 2021

### Documents:

The European Forest Institute (EFI), the European Forum on Urban Forestry (EFUF) and the Horizon 2020 CLEARING HOUSE project invite you to two days of integrated activities on urban forestry (**March 23-24 2021**). This on-line event is targeted at advanced practitioners, established researchers, sector leading policymakers and those wishing to learn of the latest developments in Europe and beyond. A special focus for this conference is Sino-Europe collaboration. The conference will be run in English with Mandarin translation. Day one is themed on **integrated urban forest management** with a focus on the '*sustainable transition of cities*' and '*urban forestry and the pillars of sustainability*'. In addition to keynote speakers, '*a tour of management models*' with leading practitioners will cover different European bioregions and beyond. You can also attend a '*virtual fieldtrip*' with '*live stream Q&A*' from a peri-urban forest near Bonn in Germany.

Day two is themed on **urban forests and health infrastructure**. Keynote speakers will outline what medical science is telling us about forests as health infrastructure followed by a thematic workshop on '*forests and urban greenspaces in pandemic times*'. The second day will also see the **launch of EFUF 2021**;

a decentralised networking programme running from March to May 2021 with many diverse events. The new EFUF App will also be unveiled at the conference.

Metropolis will be participating in the session "The importance of urban forests for sustainable cities", on Tuesday, 23rd March 12.00-13.00 CET, please find the details of the session below:

### **The importance of urban forests for sustainable cities**

Moderator: Oscar Chamat, Research & Policy Officer Metropolis

#### **Background info:**

68% of the world population projected to live in urban areas by 2050, according to the UN. Urban forests and green spaces play a key role of sustainable cities. Leading representatives from cities and regions in Europe and beyond working towards more sustainable cities, they acknowledge the importance and various functions of "Green cities", containing Urban Forests, as well as sustainable buildings, recreation areas, supportive infrastructure, and putting great efforts to evolve sustainably to enrich the lives of those who inhabit it.

#### **Panelists:**

- Sami Lakkonen, Strategy Manager, City of Joensuu
- Antoni Farrero, Technical Management Office, Metropolitan Area of Barcelona
- Guirong Tong, director of Fuzhou Forestry Administration
- Mr. Rodrigo Ravena, Chief of Staff of the Green and Environment Secretariat, Sao Paulo City government
- Pierfrancesco Maran, Councillor for Urban Planning, Green and Agriculture, City of Milan

**You can register here.**

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**Please, visit the EFi and EFUF websites for further announcements.**

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