



Third Announcement

European Forum on Urban Forestry – 9th – 13th June 2015

Connecting the Street Tree to the Urban Forest Strengthening Nature for Living

Registration deadline approaching (15/04/15)

Brussels, at the centre of European policy-making, will host the 2015 European Forum on Urban Forestry. Brussels is also home to the Sonian Forest, a large 4,400 hectare urban forest that serves as the green lung for over two million people living in the Brussels agglomeration. Like many European urban forests, large and small, it is under heavy stress from urbanisation. Nevertheless, the Sonian Forest is providing endless services to the people living and working in Brussels and the forest is connected deep into the city through green wedges. Recently, Sonian Forest has been shortlisted as UNESCO candidate-Natural World Heritage site for its valuable beech stands.

Starting from the prestigious Tour & Taxis site, delegates to EFUF2015 will gradually connect to the heart of the Sonian Forest. This year's EFUF will focus on:

- Fragmented urban green infrastructure and its multiple function (ecological, recreation, climate change adaptation etc) and discuss strategic approaches to deal with this;
- Ways to re-connect urban green infrastructure using urban forestry techniques;
- Ways to re-connect citizens, stakeholders and local communities with urban green infrastructure and the urban forest;
- Innovative ways for financing urban nature;
- Building new networks and partnerships;
- Natura 2000 and the urban forest.

EFUF 2015 is being tailored to the needs of:

- Managers of strategic urban green spaces, green infrastructure networks and urban forests
- Leaders and members of environmental NGOs dealing with green infrastructure, urban greening and urban forestry, from the city regional to the local level
- Members of volunteer groups engaged in urban forestry or urban greening initiatives
- Members and staff of local authorities who see green infrastructure and urban forestry as part of their future plans.
- Researchers engaged in the study of strategic greenspace and stakeholder/public participation.



Registration

Is open from 15th of February through the **15th of April**. We only have 60 places available, we expect that these will be sold out soon. Register through <http://efuf2015.org/about/registration/>.

Registration Fees:

- **Full Conference Package: 400 EUR** (including all lunches, dinners, coffee breaks, conference materials, bus transfers and excursions, excluding the optional excursion on Saturday the 13th of June);
- **Full Conference Package excluding dinners: 250 EUR** (including all lunches, dinners, coffee breaks, conference materials, bus transfers and excursions, excluding the optional excursion on Saturday the 13th of June and excluding all dinners and the welcome drink);
- **Day Package: 125 EUR/day** (including lunch, coffee break, conference materials, bus transfers and excursions on one particular day, excluding the dinner of the day);
- **Optional excursion** (Saturday 13th of June): **75 EUR** (including bus transfer, excursion and lunch).

Accommodation

We have secured rooms at discounted rates in **Hotel IBIS Waterloo**, which is the suggested hotel for this Forum. You can book your room when registering (before 15th of April). Please do not contact the hotel directly, as they have no access to the rooming list, and as the hotel staff is not able to book your room at the discounted rate.

Information on how to reach the hotel from railway stations and airports is available on www.efuf2015.org.

Deadlines

- **Registration:** 15th of April
- **Due date registration fees:** 1st of May

Practical information

Dates: Wednesday 10th of June until Friday the 12th of June (arrival possible on Tuesday the 9th of June with welcome drink & welcome dinner, optional field excursion on Saturday the 13th of June)

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