



## Second Announcement

**European Forum on Urban Forestry – 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

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

**Registration open** (deadline: 15/04/15)

**Book your accommodation now** (deadline: 15/04/15)

**Call for abstracts open** (deadline: 10/03/15)

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 City Centre, delegates to EFUF2015 will gradually connect to the heart of the Sonian Forest.** This year's EFUF will focus on:

- Innovative ways for financing urban nature;
- Building new networks and partnerships;
- 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 citizens, stakeholders and local communities with urban green infrastructure and the urban forest;
- Natura 2000 and the urban forest – reconciling ecological qualities with urban use and urban impact.

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.

Detailed programme and all other relevant information is published on [www.efuf2015.org](http://www.efuf2015.org) (venues, latest version of the programme, travel tips, accommodation, ...).

### **Call for abstracts**

We invite your contribution for an oral presentation in one of the parallel session 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 citizens, stakeholders and local communities with urban green infrastructure and the urban forest;
- Natura 2000 and the urban forest – reconciling ecological qualities with urban use and urban impact.

You can **submit your abstract** through <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=efuf2015> before the **10<sup>th</sup> of March** (note you have to register yourself at this third service before being able to submit your abstract).

The abstracts should:

- be submitted through EasyChair;
- be in English (please have language checked when you are not fluent in English);
- limited to 400 words (no figures, tables or attachments allowed);
- be related to one of the themes in the call for abstracts.

Authors will be **informed** on the acceptance of their paper by the **8<sup>th</sup> of April**. At least one of the authors should register for the conference, and should have their fee settled by the 1st of May 2015, otherwise the presentation will be cancelled.

### **Registration**

Is open from 15<sup>th</sup> of February through the **15<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.efuf2015.org).

### **Deadlines**

- **Abstract submission:** 10<sup>th</sup> of March
- **Notification of decision on abstract:** 8<sup>th</sup> of April
- **Registration:** 15<sup>th</sup> of April
- **Due date registration fees:** 1<sup>st</sup> of May

### **Practical information**

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

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