Invitation to the

33rd Session of the EFC Working Party on the
Management of Mountain Watersheds
(WPMMW)

Integral approach to the flood protection effect of the forest with special consideration of water and sediment retention

13th - 15th of October 2021
Traunkirchen, Austria or Online via ZOOM

The 33rd session will be held as a hybrid event. It is possible to participate on site or at home via stream (ZOOM). The link will be sent out one week before the event.

WALDCAMPUS Österreich / FOREST CAMPUS Austria

Forstpark 1
4801 Traunkirchen
Easily accessible by train
Train station 450 m or 6 min away

The session will be held based on Covid regulations in place at that time and may be adjusted based on the situation. Current measures include proof of whether vaccinated, recovered, tested, and mouth/nose protection (FFP2 mask) indoors (status 9/16/2021).

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Program


12:30-13:00 Arrival/ Registration at FORESTCAMPUS Austria in Traunkirchen (Forstpark 1, 4801 Traunkirchen)

13:00-15:00 Session of the Working Party – Part 1
• Welcome and Introduction
• Overview of Working Party and Working Groups
• Country Reports with focus on this year’s topic I

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-17:30 Session of the Working Party – Part 2
• Country Reports with focus on this year’s topic II
• Outcome since the last session:
• Publication “The protective function of forests in a changing climate: European experience”
• Presentation of the updated flyer of each Working Group
• Working Groups in the Working Party
• Reports of the Working Groups
• Strategy Discussion for each Working Group
• New members

17:30-18:00 Summary and Closing

18:15 Boat trip on the lake “Traunsee”

19:30 Dinner invitation at Hois’n Wirt

08:45-10:15 Final Session of the Working Party
- Action Plan for the next years
- A.O.B.

Conference on “Integral approach to the flood protection effect of the forest with special consideration of water and sediment retention”

10:30 Opening Session
Moderation: Florian Rudolf-Miklau (BMLRT/ Directorate III/4 – Torrent and Avalanche Control and Protective Forest Policy)

Welcome and (Keynote) Speeches:
- Florian Rudolf-Miklau
  Host and Current Chair of the Working Party
- Hermine Hackl
  FOREST CAMPUS Austria
- Ewald Rametsteiner
  Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Forestry Devision

11:00 Session 1 – Flood protection function of the forest – Scientific state of knowledge
- Jürgen Komma
  Technical University of Vienna (TU Vienna), Institute of Hydraulic Engineering and Water Resources Management
- Gerhard Markart* & Christian Scheidl**
  *Federal Forest Research Centre (BFW) of Austria, Institute of Natural Hazards
12:30 Lunch break

13:30 Session 2 – Flood protection in Austrian mountain watersheds – State of the art

• **Michael Schiffer**
  Austrian Torrent and Avalanche Control (WLV)

• **Stefanie Gruber**
  Forestry Devision of the State of Upper Austria (LFD)

• **Hellen David**
  Austrian Federal Forests (ÖBf AG)^

15:00 Coffee Break

15:15 Session 3 – Flood protection in mountain watersheds – International state of the art

• **Gian Battista Bischetti** & **Francesco Comiti**
  *University of Milan - Italy, Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Production, Landscape, Agroenergy**
  **University of Bolzano - Italy, Faculty of Science and Technology Italy**

• **Marc Pons**
  Andorra Research + Innovation

• **Laurent Bélanger**
  France - National Office of Forests (ONF), Directorate of forests and natural hazards

17:00 End of the conference
17:00-17:15  Summary and Practical Information for Evening Program and Excursion
- Cooperating Partners of the Austrian Protective Forest Hub
- Conclusion and closing words - Florian Rudolf-Miklau (Chair and Host)

18:00-18:30  Guided tour around the FOREST CAMPUS Austria

18:30  Dinner invitation at FOREST CAMPUS Austria

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9:00  Joint trip to Rindbach-valley
- Field excursion to Model-Watershed “Rindbach”
- Final discussion

13:00  End of 33rd session

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