



Invitation to the

## **33rd Session of the EFC Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds (WPMW)**

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 Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Regions and Tourism and Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds cordially invite to the 33rd Session of the Working Party on Mountain Watersheds at the FOREST CAMPUS in Traunkirchen.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> 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**

### **13.10.2021    33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds**

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**

**14.10.2021    33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Working Party on the Management of Mountain Watersheds**

**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 Division

**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

- **\*\*University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) Vienna, Austria, Institute of Mountain Risk Engineering (IAN)**

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 Division 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 33<sup>rd</sup> session**