

OUTILS POUR UNE GESTION RÉSILIENTE DES ESPACES NATURELS

At your service!

Are you looking for a reliable partner for training, communications, science popularisation, web, applications or project management to the benefit of living forests?

I'm once again very grateful to you for your extraordinary dedication and accuracy, with the publication of the second edition of the 'QD - Another way to manage the forest' guide. Knowing that you are involved in the project is a guarantee of success, but I wouldn't have dared believe that it would happen so quickly! Working with you and Christine was a pleasure.

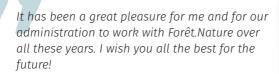


Georg Josef Wilhelm

Ministerialrat Referat Waldentwicklung, Naturschutz und Schutzgebiete im Wald









Honorary Director of the Luxembourg Administration for Nature and Forests







Back from the launch of a research programme in Bordeaux, there was some talk on CCF and an impressive amount of talk on Forêt.Nature. At least 5 people (a forestry expert - active in the Vercors and Chartreuse regions -, two NGO representatives - Canopée and France Nature Environnement - and at least 3 researchers) were almost dithyrambic about Belgium and the work of Forêt.Nature. Sometimes their eyes lit up when I told them I knew the association. From Askafor to the Mooc, to your technical tools, such a level of positive comments in your absence was impressive!



François Libois Professor Paris School of Economics Economic researcher, INRAE



Our areas of expertise

Forêt.Nature is a non-profit organisation composed by a multidisciplinary technical team that works to transfer knowledge (expertise) and skills (know-how) through continuous professional training, communications, websites, publications and scientific popularization work.

Forêt.Nature also promotes the development of continuous cover forestry (CCF) and manages national and European projects with our partners.

Our strengths

- The synergy of our different skill sets from forestry to communications
- 35 years of experience in continuous professional training for managers
- Recognised technical quality through the systematic evaluation of our training
- Availability of our tools, training, communications and web technology
- 24 years of research experience, from laboratory to in the field with universities
- 10 years of R&D experience in continuous cover forestry
- Recognised experience in financial management, team management and European projects
- Knowledge of areas and European forestry sector
- A team that undergoes continuous professional training with our EU peers

Our technical team



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Yolande Collard Training



Anne Crespin EU projects



Our projects

Five-year plan for forest research and science popularization work

SINCE 1999

The five-year plan for forest research and science popularization work links the DNF (Walloon Nature and Forest Administration) (SPW ARNE - Public Service of Wallonia for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment) with 3 scientific research partners (UCLouvain, ULiège and CRA-W - Walloon Agricultural Research Centre) and 1 partner responsible for working group coordination, science popularization, training and communication (Forêt.Nature) since 1999.

















CCF Convention and Pro Silva circular of the DNF

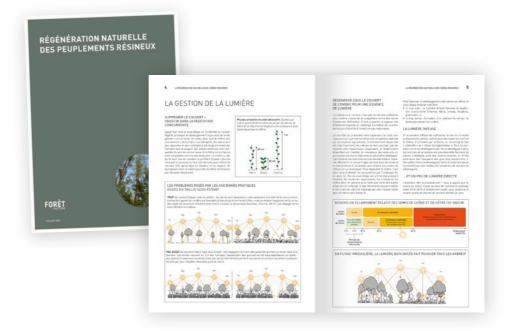
SINCE 2013

Forêt.Nature is partnering with the DNF (Walloon Nature and Forest Administration) to disseminate and implement the "CCF/Pro Silva" memorandum as well as provide technical support for foresters in the field.



Primarily, this involves support activities related to marking trees, technical thematic support, training modules and monitoring pilot plots.





ForestMoocForChange

2022-2025

Creation of the first international trilingual MOOC introduction to continuous cover forestry (CCF), to improve the level of information, knowledge and skills of forest managers and owners with regard to silviculture in order to impact their practices for the purpose of tailoring management in the face of climate change.

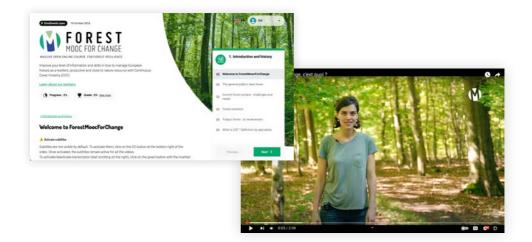


More than 15.000 participants to the first 3 sessions!











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SINCE 2017

Stemming from the research work (PQRVF) conducted by the teams of the universities UCLouvain and l'ULiège and the IT design and development work by Forêt.Nature, fichierecologique.be is available free of charge to all managers and owners.



This funding also allows for continuous professional training with 4 modules (introduction, pedology, indicative flora and integrated tools).







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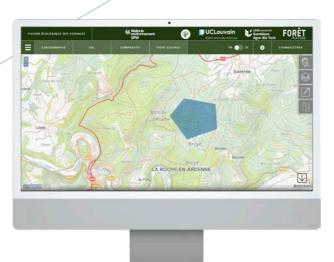
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Edges of biodiversity

2023-2025

The advantages of structured and diversified forest edges for biodiversity as well as forestry management have been demonstrated many times. However, these remain extremely rare in Wallonia. The potential for developing internal or external edges is therefore very significant.



The project has the overall objective of providing a proposed action plan for the development of structured and diversified forest edges based on the map of potential edges on WalOnMap and the implementation of "edge monitoring sections".





DeadWood4Forests Importance of dead wood for living, more resilient forests

2023-2025

The DW4F project aims to synthesise knowledge on the biological issues related to dead wood in and for production forests, notably to improve forest regeneration, to analyse the condition of the resource and perceptions in Wallonia, to evaluate the ecological and economic impacts of conserving amounts of wood as dead material, to propose a strategy, technological itineraries and content for training to raise awareness among all actors in the forestry sector. Recent pressures on energy use have further increased the urgency of this initiative to raise awareness.















ISKFORCLIM: Improved skills and knowledges to adapt forest to climate change

2024-2026

The Iskforclim project facilitates the permanent strengthening of technical expertise of the Forêt.Nature team in relation to adapting forest ecosystems to climate change.





EPIFOR

2024-2025

Mosses and lichens are excellent indicators of forest continuity and naturalness, as well as of the impact of climate change on forest biodiversity. The aim of the Epifor project is to develop a simplified tool for assessing these parameters using macrolichens and epiphytic bryophytes. Thanks to the Epifor tool, foresters will be able to better target the conservation issues linked to their stands and interpret the impact of specific silvicultural actions on forest naturalness.















ASKAFOR: Adapted Skills and Knowledge for Adaptive Forests



The Askafor project aims to reduce barriers to the development of continuous cover forestry (CCF) in order to increase the forest areas managed according to this silviculture practice:



- Capitalisation of practices and knowledge in a reference framework
- Dissemination of knowledge via training and educational tools
- Setting up an international network of reference forests
- Adaptation of an evolution simulator for forests managed using CCF
- Publication of technical renewal guides
- Sociological analysis of barriers to the development of CCF































Resilient Forest

2021-2024

The project sets out to encourage forest owners to think differently about forest management to regenerate their forests and focus on a forest that is more resilient to climate change.



The manager of the call for proposals is Filière Bois Wallonie and we are providing technical and communications support.





ISKFOR: Improved skills for better forest resilience

2021-2023

The Iskfor project strengthens the knowledge and technical expertise of the Forêt. Nature team in relation to resilient management of forest ecosystems.





TraineeForChange

2023

Forêt.Nature and the Parc Naturel des Sources are organising a week of free residential training for students, alumni and young project managers at the Parc Naturel des Sources to explore continuous cover forestry (CCF) and meet key forestry stakeholders who will share their experience and passion.













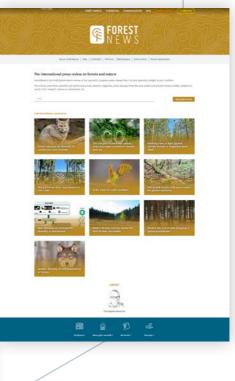


Our communication tools

Forest.News (in English) and Forêt.MAIL (in French)

Get the newest information on sustainable forest management, summarized for you by our team.







Videos





forestmoocforchange.eu

foretresiliente.be

Editions













Our governance

Forêt.Nature is a non-profit association, with 100% of its funds and income used exclusively to achieve its corporate purpose: the dissemination of knowledge and skills relating to the forest ecosystem, to all public and private stakeholders.

Our resources come from donations and from billing for the many services we provide in the areas of :

- consultancy, training, R&D and technical support,
- communication, editing, awareness-raising and the web.

Our agreements with the Belgian and European public authorities are based on competitive public tenders or calls for projects with a strict evaluation procedure.

Each of our projects is controlled both in terms of funds (results indicators and evaluations) and form (administrative, budgetary and accounting rules) based on ad hoc supporting documents in order to guarantee the best governance.

Our multi-disciplinary team works hard to ensure that our services are of the highest quality, of the highest integrity, on the cutting edge of technique, pragmatic and solutions oriented.

Our Board is made up of key figures from the public authorities and universities.

Our partners are leading organisations in their fields, with whom we work collectively on projects to promote living forests.



Contact **Anne Crespin** to discuss collaboration opportunities!



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