

FORADVISE Climate Change Adaptation & Forest Protection International Workshop

14 – 15 October 2026

Farnham, Surrey, UK

Context

Forests across Europe are increasingly exposed to the impacts of climate change, including extreme weather events, emerging pests and diseases, and changing site conditions. These pressures require advisory services to support forest owners, managers and practitioners with practical, science-based guidance that strengthens forest resilience and enables more proactive risk management.

This two-day workshop is designed as an interactive learning and knowledge exchange event. Participants will explore how forest advisory services can respond to climate-related risks, compare approaches from different European contexts, and reflect on how tools, practices and knowledge transfer activities can be adapted to support advisors in their own countries and regions.

Aim of the workshop

1. To update forest advisors on the latest state of play regarding climate change and forest protection advisory tools and approaches in a European context.
2. To share, discuss and review examples of good practice and decision support tools across Europe.

Provisional agenda

A more detailed agenda with speaker bios will be shared nearer the time.

Wednesday 14 October	
9:00 – 17:30 <i>Hotel conference centre</i>	Keynote: Science-Policy-Practice Interface: Moving towards proactive integrated risk management across Europe, followed by Q&A. <i>Marcus Lindner, Principal Scientist, EFI</i> Session 1: Towards more resilient forests - Presentation: Understanding the links between Climate change, pest and diseases and adaptative management. <i>Daegan Inward and Gail Atkinson, Forest Research</i> - Case studies interactive workshop: Assessment of climate change adaptation case studies with real-world examples of responses to extreme climatic events and threats.



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	Session 2: Decision support tools to support advisory services - Presentations - o ForestGALES. <i>Tom Locatteli and Kate Halstead</i> - o ClimEssences visualisation tool. <i>Thomas Pauti, AFORCE Climate Change Adaptation Project Lead, CNPF, France</i> - o TBC Session 3: Contingency planning at European level - Case studies interactive workshop: Early warning systems for pest and diseases Session 4: FORADVISE updates - Innovative approaches to knowledge sharing: FORADVISE Knowledge Transfer Pilots - Other updates Wrap up of the day
19:00 – 22:00 <i>Hotel restaurant</i>	Social dinner followed by pub-style quiz
Thursday 15 October	
08:30 – 9:00	Coach to Alice Holt (or earlier optional train trip to Bentley station with forest walk to Alice Holt Research Station)
09:00 – 15:30 <i>Alice Holt Research Station</i>	Climate change adaptation in practice - Welcome – <i>Bianca Ambrose-Oji, Chief Scientist, Forest Research</i> - Holt Laboratory talk: pest and disease mitigation with cutting-edge technology - Rotating groups: i) Alice Holt Adaptation Trail walk to see and learn from examples of climate change adaptation measures in a woodland typical of the southeast of England. ii) Poster sessions on hands-on experience of dealing with climate change risks and forest protection - Networking with forest scientists over lunch - Wrap-up and reflections of the day
15:00 – 15:30	Return coach to the hotel via Farnham Railway Station

Presentation of case studies and posters

If you are interested in presenting a case study during Session 1 on Day 1, or a poster on Day 2, please contact your [FORADVISE National Contact Point](#) or email info@foradviseproject.eu.

Location

Our base for the two-day workshop is a hotel with a conference centre located in the heart of [Farnham](#), a historic market town located 42 miles (68km) from London Waterloo train station (see map).

The workshop on 14 October will take place at the hotel conference centre which is located five miles (8km) from [Alice Holt Research Station](#) which we will visit on 15 October.

The Research Station was established in 1946 and is located in [Alice Holt Forest](#) (mixed broadleaf forest, open to the general public). It is home to [Forest Research](#), the research agency of the Forestry Commission, the [Alice Holt Adaptation Trail](#) and the state-of-the-art [Holt Laboratory](#) which allows scientists to identify pests and pathogens and undertake research to combat ongoing and potential pest and disease outbreaks.

Accommodation

The recommended hotel, where the event will also take place, is The Bush Hotel, an independent hotel welcoming guests since 1618. A number of rooms have been reserved until 18 August. Booking details will be shared once participants are confirmed and registered.

Registration

Participation is by invitation only. If you are interested in participating, please contact your [FORADVISE National Contact Point](#) or email info@foradviseproject.eu.

Organisers

This workshop is organised by FCRA within the framework of the [FORADVISE project](#).

