

## **INNOVATIVE PATHWAYS FOR EFFICIENT INVOLVEMENT OF GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN IN THE FORESTRY SECTOR**

The forestry sector, traditionally dominated by men, is undergoing a transformative shift towards inclusivity and diversity. The project “Innovative Pathways for Efficient Involvement of Girls and Young Women in the Forestry Sector” aims to address the gender imbalance by creating opportunities and fostering an environment where girls and young women can thrive.

This initiative, co-funded by the European Union, seeks to tackle the challenges of labour shortages and declining interest among young women in forestry careers. By developing innovative career pathways, enhancing gender perspectives in forestry education and establishing supportive frameworks, we aim at significantly increasing the participation of women in this vital sector by 2030.

Our goal is to change the image of forestry to make the forestry sector more attractive and inclusive for future generations. By empowering and supporting young women, we bring fresh perspectives and innovative solutions to the industry, contributing to its sustainable development and resilience.

The international conference “Equality and diversity in forestry: Changing the image of forestry” brings together researchers, foresters and other professionals to exchange views, present good practices and discuss different options. Let’s use this unique opportunity and sow the seeds of change in forestry!

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