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The *FOPER* Partners and EFI agree to continue to strengthen their collaboration in forest policy and economics research and education for the mutual benefit of all parties.

FOPER, an EFI project funded by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, is significantly strengthening the forest policy and economics research capacity in South East Europe by educating researchers and growing local funding for policy relevant research.

All *FOPER* researchers are actively engaged in Collaborative Regional Research Teams lead by senior researchers from each of the *FOPER* partner organizations on topics of critical policy interest. These timely *FOPER* research projects are providing important scientific contributions in international and national scientific journals as well as policy relevant information, thereby expanding and strengthening these networks and collaborations.

New research capacity is emerging from the *FOPER* Master of Science in Forest Policy and Economics and the *FOPER* Doctoral College on 'Governance of Forests in SEE' as graduate students participate in the Collaborative Regional Research Teams and build strong networks while successfully completing their degrees.

To sustain this productive partnership on forest policy and economics research and education, the *FOPER* Partners and EFI jointly agree to cooperate in order to support forest policy and economics research on policy relevant topics of special interest in South East Europe, to ensure continuous professional development of researchers, and to sustain forest policy and economics higher education in the *FOPER* partner countries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

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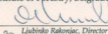
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