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DIVERSITY IN URBAN FORESTRY

BRINGING PEOPLE, TREES,
AND IDEAS TOGETHER

PROGRAMME

EFUF



**European Forum
on Urban Forestry**



Welcome to Malmö

We are delighted to welcome you to Malmö, a vibrant and forward-looking city in the heart of the dynamic Öresund Region, closely connected to Copenhagen via the Öresund Bridge. As Sweden's third largest city, with a population of over 350,000, Malmö is known for its diversity, openness and rapid development.

Over recent decades, Malmö has undergone a remarkable transformation from an industrial city into an international example of innovation, sustainability and green urban development. Today, the city is widely recognised for its work in sustainable planning, climate adaptation and the integration of green infrastructure.

Parks, urban forests, waterfront landscapes and green corridors are essential elements of Malmö's identity and play a key role in shaping a resilient and liveable city. These environments support biodiversity, contribute to improved public health and offer accessible nature experiences for both residents and visitors.

The overall theme of EFUF 2026, "Diversity in Urban Forestry – Bringing People, Trees and Ideas Together", reflects many of the qualities that define Malmö today. The city's approach to urban development highlights the importance of ecological, social and cultural diversity, as well as collaboration across sectors and disciplines.

We hope that Malmö will provide an inspiring setting for exchange, learning and new ideas as we explore the future of urban forestry together.

Johan Östberg and the conference organizers



TUESDAY 26 MAY

LOCATION: CITY HALL - RÅDHUSET
Stortorget 2, 211 34 Malmö

18:00 Icebreaker. Complementary from the City of Malmö
(max 100 people)

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

LOCATION: SANKT GERTRUD KONFERENS
Östergatan 7B, 211 25 Malmö

08:00 - 08:45 **Registration & Coffee**

08:45 - 09:00 **Welcome & practical information**

09:00 - 09:10 **Andreas Schönström**
Municipal councilor for the Social Democrats

09:10 - 09:30 **Keynote 1 - Finn Williams**
City Architect of Malmö City

09:30 - 09:50 **Keynote 2 - Elin Einarsson**
Head of Section, Urban Environment, City of Malmö

10:00 - 10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:30-12:30 **Parallel sessions 1-3 See next page**



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	Session 1 Trees Under Pressure: Physiology, Stress and Survival in the City <i>Moderator: Waiting confirmation</i>	Session 2 Future-Proofing Urban Trees: Diversity, Data and Decisions <i>Moderator: Waiting confirmation</i>	Session 3 Urban Nature for All: Equity, Health and Inclusion <i>Moderator: Waiting confirmation</i>
10.30-10.45	Right Tree, Right Place – How Spatial Data Can Strengthen Urban Living Environments -Tørres Rasmussen (Norway)	Communicating the benefits of trees - <i>Gustav Nässlander</i> (Sweden)	Global perspectives on tree equity - <i>Livia Shamir (Italy)</i>
10.48-11.03	Fifteen Years on the Footpath: What Dublin's Street Trees Reveal About Growth, Space and Urban Futures - <i>Tine Ningal (Ireland)</i>	Accumulation of particulate matter and metals in six species in the urban environment – a case study from Gothenburg - <i>Jenny Lindén (Sweden)</i>	Tree Equity for Hartlepool - <i>Roddy Shaw (UK)</i>
11.06-11.21	Waiting confirmation	Species Diversity and Growth Responses of Urban Trees under Climate Stress - <i>Leila Parhizgar (Germany)</i>	Barriers and systemic gaps hindering fair distribution of urban nature benefits among vulnerable populations - <i>Rik De Vreese (Belgium)</i>
11.24-11.39	Pruning increases invertebrate populations across growing zones dependent upon average temperatures, tree size, and degree of built environment - <i>Stella Dee (USA)</i>	New methods and tools to increase urban forest diversity and resilience - <i>Annick St-Denis (Canada)</i>	A Socio-Economic Perspective on Access to Urban Greenspace (UGS) - <i>Kjell Nilsson (Sweden)</i>
11.42-11.57	After the Malmö Tree Vandalism: What Can We Learn About Helping Damaged Trees Recover? - <i>Johan Östberg (Sweden)</i>	From Global Assessment to Urban Action: Safeguarding Tree Diversity in Urban Environments - <i>Malin Rivers (UK)</i>	Co-creating indicators for Assessing the Socio- Political and Socio-Cultural Aspects of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) - <i>Gerd Lupp (Portugal)</i>
12.00-12.15	Exploring Spatial and Seasonal Diversity of Tree- Associated Communities in Urban Forests Using Environmental DNA - <i>Zoe Petridis (Germany)</i>	Guardians of Urban Trees: A European Network for Urban Tree Biosecurity (UB3Guard) - <i>Johanna Witzell (Sweden)</i>	From Pixels to Planning: A Multi-Scale Data Framework for Urban Forest Resilience and Climate Adaptation - <i>Aleksandra Zienkiewicz</i> (Poland)
12.18-12.33	Urban trees tap deep: How urban density affects water uptake in Zurich's trees - <i>Sophie Emberger</i> (Switzerland)	Tree Crown Detection on Historical Orthophoto Images: A Comprehensive Review - <i>Blaz Klobucar (Sweden)</i>	Birmingham, a super- diverse city for both people and trees. How are Birmingham's newest urban trees settling in? - <i>Deanne Brettle (UK)</i>

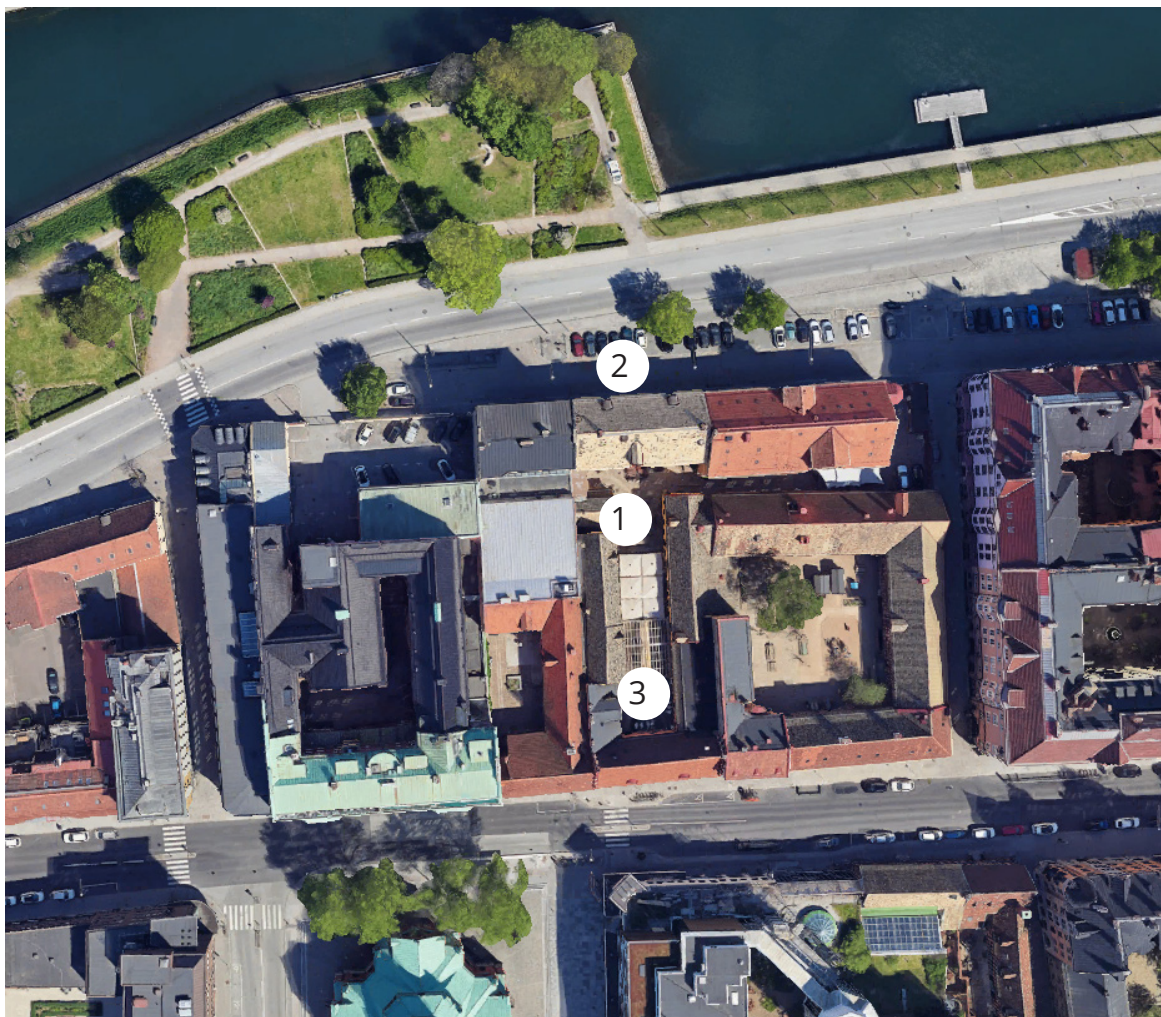
12:45 - 13:30 **LUNCH**

13:30 - 17:00 **Excursion 1 - Historic walk**
(spaces are limited)
Johanna Spjut & Larsola Bromell
Meeting point 1

13:30 - 17:00 **Excursion 2 - Urban sustainability walk**
(max 80 people)
Magnus Svensson & Patrick Bellan
Meeting point 2

13:30 - 17:00 **Excursion 3 - Modern plantings and sustainability**
Gustav Näslander
Meeting point 3

17:15 - 18:30 **China/EU Meeting (By invitation only)**
Location: *The Tree Office*
Stortorget 27, 211 34 Malmö



THURSDAY 28 MAY

LOCATION: SANKT GERTRUD KONFERENS
Östergatan 7B, 211 25 Malmö

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration & Coffee**

09:00 - 09:30 **Keynote 3 - Björn Wiström**

Urban Forestry Researcher at SLU

*Alnarp Landscape Laboratory – young minds and old
references in the search for creative management*

09:30 - 10:00 **Poster Speed-dating**

10:00 - 10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:30 - 12:30 **Parellel sessions 4-6 See next page**



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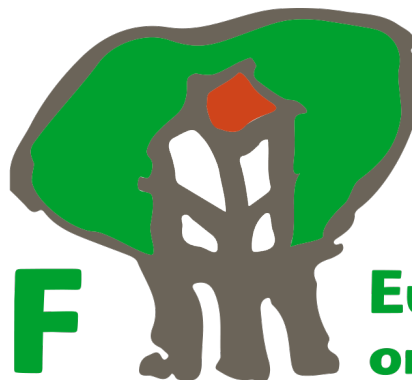


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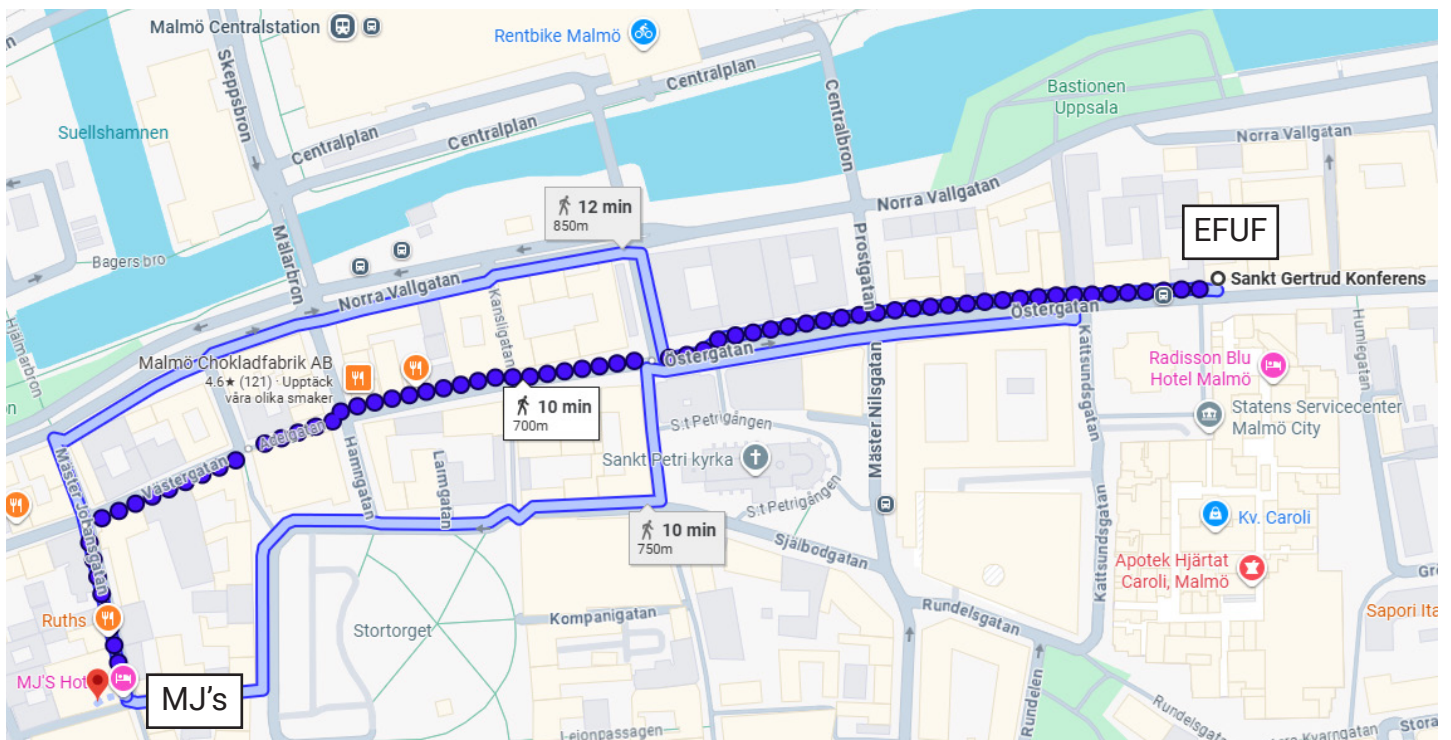
	Session 4 Counting What Counts: Turning Urban Tree Data into Impact <i>Moderator: Waiting confirmation</i>	Session 5 Building Resilient Urban Forests Through Governance and Collaboration <i>Moderator: Waiting confirmation</i>	Session 6 Urban Tree Access in Numbers: Equity, Cooling and Health <i>Moderator: Waiting confirmation</i>
10.30-10.45	Open-source GIS street tree inventory: multi-criteria assessment for neighborhood-scale urban forestry management in Rome - <i>Lorenzo Rotella (Italy)</i>	1–2–3: Oslo’s New Tree Strategy - Three Core Goals – with Preservation as Goal Number One - <i>Siril Stenerud (Norway)</i>	Five years of the 3+30+300 principle: lessons learnt and future perspective - <i>Cecil Konijnendijk (Netherlands)</i>
10.47-11.02	From parking spaces to micro-forests: A GIS-Based Suitability Analysis for Heat-Resilient and Biodiversity-Positive Urban Development – A Swiss example - <i>Michael Kahler (Switzerland)</i>	Resilience and Adaptation in Urban Forest Governance: Thirty Years of the Mersey Forest - <i>Anna Lawrence (UK)</i>	Bridging the Gap Between Science and Practice in Urban and Community Forestry: Assessment of the 3+30+300 rule in Washington, DC - <i>Kasey Yturalde (USA)</i>
11.04-11.19	Turning Remote Sensing into Targeted Urban Tree Care: Evidence from 587,026 Trees in Copenhagen and Lisbon - <i>Miloslav Kaláb (Czechia)</i>	Urban Forest Metrics & the UNECE Urban Forest Compass: A European Standard for Greener, Healthier Cities - <i>Kenton Rogers (UK)</i>	Quantifying street-level visible tree exposure: Implications for health and equity - <i>Melissa Kelley Lee (Belgium)</i>
11.21-11.36	Playful Technologies for Equitable Forest Engagement: Insights from the PlayFair Forest Network - <i>Philip Chambers (Finland)</i>	Business ecosystems around urban forest related nature-based solutions: case of the three Finnish cities - <i>Anne Toppinen (Finland)</i>	Waiting confirmation
11.38-11.53	Building cross-sectoral and inclusive urban forest management partnerships - <i>Dimitri Athanassiadis (Sweden)</i>	How do specific site and soil characteristics impact urban tree growth? - <i>Yasha Magarik (Germany)</i>	Cooling efficiency of urban green spaces affected by heat, humidity and solar radiation - <i>Eva Beele (Belgium)</i>
11.55-12.10	Missing the Forest for the Trees: A New Way to Think about Urban Forests - <i>Josh Behounek (USA)</i>	From Urban Tree Removal to Circular Materials. Technical and Policy Pathways for European Cities - <i>Paul Hickman (USA)</i>	Waiting confirmation
12.12-12.27	Linking Urban Form, Population and Green Infrastructure for Climate-Resilient Cities - <i>Luisa Di Lucchio (Denmark)</i>	Waiting confirmation	Waiting confirmation

12:45 - 13:30 **LUNCH**

13:30 - 16:00 **Excursion 3 - Alnarp & The Landscape Laboratory**
Meeting point 2

16:30 - 17:45 **EFUF Association Annual General Meeting**
The meeting is open to all but only members can vote on decision papers.
It is possible to join EFUF Association at the forum or online in advance at
<https://efuf.org/efuf-membership-scheme/>
Location: Alnarp

19:00 **Conference Dinner at MJ's**
(max 100 people)
Location: MJ's Restaurant
Mäster Johansgatan 13, 211 21 Malmö



FRIDAY 29 MAY

LOCATION: SANKT GERTRUD KONFERENS
Östergatan 7B, 211 25 Malmö

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration & Coffee**

09:00 - 09:30 **Keynote 4 - Sharon Jean Philippe**
Professor of Urban Forestry, USA

09:30 - 10:00 **Keynote 5 - Liisa Tyrväinen**
Research professor at Luke
*From Research to Practice: Mainstreaming Nature-Based
Solutions for Well-Being in Nordic Cities*

10:00 - 10:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:30 - 12:00 **Parallel sessions 7-9 See next page**



	Session 7 Rethinking Urban Forest Forms: From Tiny Forests to Living Labs <i>Moderator: Waiting confirmation</i>	Session 8 Beyond Shade: Measuring the Environmental Performance of Urban Green <i>Moderator: Waiting confirmation</i>	Session 9 Culture, Community and Climate: Putting Urban Forestry into Practice <i>Moderator: Waiting confirmation</i>
10.30-10.45	Urban Tiny Forests in a Hyper-dense City: Planning and Governance Insights from Long-term Miyawaki-Method Projects in Tokyo - <i>Tomoko Takeuchi (Japan)</i>	Urban Forestry and Air Quality: When Trees Help and When They Don't - <i>Hai-Ying Liu (Norway)</i>	Between Belief and Biodiversity: Rethinking Danish Churchyards in Urban Forestry - <i>Fanny Møller (Denmark)</i>
10.47-11.02	Urban Mini Forests in Austria - Living Laboratories - <i>Erik Szamosvári (Austria)</i>	Quantifying air pollution removal by tree species in a periurban temperate forest through FlorTree Model: The case study of Parco Burcina natural reserve, Italy - <i>Alessio Santosuosso (Italy)</i>	Diverse Governance Pathways for Urban Green Spaces: Insights from Korea and Germany - <i>Jaewon Son (Germany)</i>
11.04-11.19	Microforest, a new tree planting design in the city: how is it influencing the activity of vertebrates? - <i>Lucas Roger (France)</i>	Can benefits from bushes, plant beds and green walls equal that from urban trees? - <i>Jenny Lindén (Sweden)</i>	Waiting confirmation
11.21-11.36	Worlding trees: Reflecting on placemaking, reciprocal care and multi-species commons in the 'Bos op Poten' Living Lab, Handelsplein Rotterdam - <i>Rene Van der Velde (Netherlands)</i>	Social preferences for retrofitting shoreline armouring into green-blue infrastructure - <i>Wendy Chen (China)</i>	Citizens' willingness to participate in the management of urban green spaces: The case of Umeå, Sweden - <i>Pedro Obregon Santander (Sweden)</i>
11.38-11.53	Reinventing Urban Nature - The Science of Tree Choice in a Warming World final - <i>Francesco Ferrini (Italy)</i>	The Canopy Plan of the City of Liège, Belgium : a tree-based innovative climate adaptation strategy for citizens and a powerful tool to improve the functional diversity of a public urban forest - <i>Thomas Halford (Belgium)</i>	Waiting confirmation

12:00 - 12:10 **Presentation from the City of Leipzig, hosts of EFUF 2027**

12:10 - 12:20 **European Young Urban Forester of the Year award 2026**

12:20 - 13:30 **LUNCH**

13:30 - 17:00 **Excursion 4 - Östra kyrkogården & Millennieskogen**
Millennieskogen Guides: Patrick Bellan & Charlotta Gard
Meeting point 2

