

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**
Malmö City Architect
The superdiverse city: diversity as a design strategy in Malmö

09:30 - 09:50 **Keynote 2 - Elin Einarsson**
Head of Section, Urban Environment, City of Malmö
Towards a Greener Malmö: Integrating Trees into Urban Development

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

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



	Session 1 Trees Under Pressure: Physiology, Stress and Survival in the City <i>Moderator: Cecil Konijnendijk</i>	Session 2 Future-Proofing Urban Trees: Diversity, Data and Decisions <i>Moderator: Rene Van der Velde</i>	Session 3 Urban Nature for All: Equity, Health and Inclusion <i>Moderator: Chris Baines</i>
10.30-10.45	Right Tree, Right Place – How Spatial Data Can Strengthen Urban Living Environments - <i>Tørres Rasmussen (Norway)</i>	Communicating the benefits of trees - <i>Gustav Nässlander (Sweden)</i>	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>Leah Johnstone (UK)</i>
11.06-11.21	Lessons learnt from a ten-year-long study of how a solitary tree interacts with the wind - <i>Ebba Dellwik (Denmark)</i>	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 (Germany)</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 (Poland)</i>
12.18-12.33	Urban trees tap deep: How urban density affects water uptake in Zurich's trees - <i>Sophie Emberger (Switzerland)</i>	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 1a - Urban sustainability (Long walk)**
Grönare Möllan, Folkets park, Davidshallstorg and more
Guide: Gustav Nässlander
Meeting point 1a

Excursion 1b - Urban sustainability (Long walk)
Grönare Möllan, Folkets park, Davidshallstorg and more
Guide: Johan Östberg
Meeting point 1b

Excursion 2 - Historic parks
Kungsparken, Slottsparken and Pildammsparken
Guides: Anna Peterson & Larsola Bromell
Meeting point 2

Excursion 3 - Modern plantings and sustainability (shorter walk)
Caroli, Nyhamnen/urbana skogen, Varvstaden, Citadellskajen and Malmö Live
Guides: Magnus Svensson & Patrick Bellan
Meeting point 3

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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 See next page**

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

10:30 - 12:30 **Parallel sessions 4-6 See next pages**



09:30 - 10:00

Poster Speed-dating

- Cyclic Performance Trees – Cooling and Biomass Production through Cyclic Tree Management
- *Carlos Arrufat Grümer*. Independent researcher. Germany
- Data-Driven Urban Forestry in Complex Public Spaces: Evidence from Gdańsk, Poland
- *Joanna Badach*. Gdańsk University of Technology. Poland
- EFIBioCities: Translating Urban Forest Research into Actionable Solutions for Resilient Cities
- *Simone Borelli*. European Forestry Institute. Italy
- AirBiD – The biological diversity of air shaped by urban green elements
- *Antonella Cristofori*. Research and Innovation Centre, Fondazione Edmund Mach. Italy.
- Reducing Light Pollution through Citizen Science and Policy-Oriented Urban Forestry Planning in National Park Forests of Brabant (Flanders, Belgium)
- *Bert De Somviele*. National Park Forests of Brabant. Belgium
- A CO₂ footprint of urban trees in Germany
- *Vera J. Hörmann*. Technische Universität Braunschweig, Institute of Geoecology, Braunschweig, Germany; Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI) – Federal Research Center for Cultivated Plants, Institute for Plant Protection in Horticulture and Urban Green, Braunschweig, Germany .
- Simulation of wind loading on urban trees to support planning and scenario-based design
- *Gustav Kettl*. Fraunhofer-Chalmers Research Centre. Sweden
- Tree health matters! - the European public awareness and urban tree biosecurity behaviour survey
- *Silvija Krajter Ostoić*. Croatian Forest Research Institute. Croatia
- Quantifying morphological complexity of urban tree crowns using 3D LiDAR data
- *Johanna Krischke*. Institute of Landscape Planning and Ecology (ILPÖ), University of Stuttgart. Germany
- Site- and species specific carbon storage in urban trees
- *Anna Levinsson*. SLU. Sweden
- Species-specific effects of artificial light at night on the seasonal physiology and growth of urban trees
- *Ermes Lo Piccolo*. Department of Agriculture, Food, Environment and Forestry, University of Florence. Italy
- QUERCON project: Participatory management of the Fagarè forest for the renewal of oaks
- *Mariateresa Montisci*. Freelance Professional Forester. Italy
- Regional Diversity in Forest Perceptions: Insights from Slovenia
- *Mojca Nastran*. University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty. Slovenia
- Urban tree assessment: exploring the potential of LiDAR data with field measurements in the city of Coimbra, Portugal
- *Leónia Nunes*. Centre for Applied Ecology "Professor Baeta Neves" (CEABN), InBIO, School of Agriculture, University of Lisbon. Portugal

09:30 - 10:00

Poster Speed-dating

- Improved Woodlands and Mental Health: A Longitudinal Scottish Study
- *Scott Ogletree*. The University of Edinburgh. United Kingdom
- From open landscapes to urban green: a long-term perspective on green space transformation in Kraków
- *Krzysztof Ostafin*. Jagiellonian University in Krakow. Poland
- Sustaining the urban natural capital development: an integrated digital platform in the Milan Metropolitan Area
- *Maria Chiara Pastore*. Politecnico di Milano, Dipartimento di Architettura e Studi Urbani - Fondazione Forestami. Italy
- Urban forest management and social cohesion: Case Study Čačalica Memorial Park
- *Marija Perkunic*. Academy of Applied Studies Polytechnic, Belgrade. Serbia
- A supply-demand framework for evaluating health-relevant urban green space equity
- *Eline Rega*. KU Leuven. Belgium
- Planting the future: simulating Miyawaki forest growth to quantify potential benefits
- *Tes Siarnacki*. University of Massachusetts Amherst. USA
- Linking Perceived Sensory Dimensions and Spatial Metrics in Urban Parks: Integrating User Perceptions and UAV-Based Landscape Analysis
- *Isidora Simović*. BioSense Institute, University of Novi Sad. Serbia
- Optimising tree planting to achieve 2050 targets
- *Eleanor Smith*. School of Earth and Environment, University of Leeds. UK
- Nature commons matter: valuing the social impact of bottom-up forestry
- *Federico Tonegatti*. University of Bologna - Ama Mater Studiorum. Italy
- Watering Smart, Not Hard: Evidence-Based Irrigation Strategies for Four Urban Tree Species
- *Jan Niklas Totzki*. Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. Germany
- èVRgreen: Nature-Based Solutions and ecosystem services as urban planning tools for climate resilience for the city of Verona
- *Giulia Vallone*. University of Padua. Italy
- Landscapes of encounter: practical approaches to manage zoonotic risks in urban nature
- *Eline van Remortel*. Wageningen Environmental Research. Netherlands
- Building capacity for Urban Nature Plans
- *Ian Whitehead*. EFI. Germany
- The Urban Forest as a 'Third Forest Type'
- *Eva Willemsen*. Amsterdamse Bos, municipality of Amsterdam. Netherlands

	Session 4 Counting What Counts: Turning Urban Tree Data into Impact <i>Moderator: Rik De Vreese</i>	Session 5 Building Resilient Urban Forests Through Governance and Collaboration <i>Moderator: Jerylee Wilkes Allemann</i>	Session 6 Urban Tree Access in Numbers: Equity, Cooling and Health <i>Moderator: Simone Borelli</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>Jean-Laurent Pfund (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>	From Recognition to Transformation: The Role of Growth Awards in Urban Forestry Leadership and Governance - <i>Ana Macias (Spain)</i>
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>	Connecting Research, Education, and Society: Innovative Approaches to Outdoor Learning in Urban Forests - <i>Urša Vilhar (Slovenia)</i>
12.12-12.27	Linking Urban Form, Population and Green Infrastructure for Climate-Resilient Cities - <i>Luisa Di Lucchio (Denmark)</i>	Integrating participatory mapping and ecological data to understand socio-ecological resilience in urban forests - <i>Angela Beckmann-Wübbelt (Germany)</i>	Neighborhood Greening Agenda in Arnhem - <i>Ali Saad (Netherlands)</i>

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

13:30 - 16:00 **Excursion 3 - Alnarp & The Landscape Laboratory**
Meeting point 1

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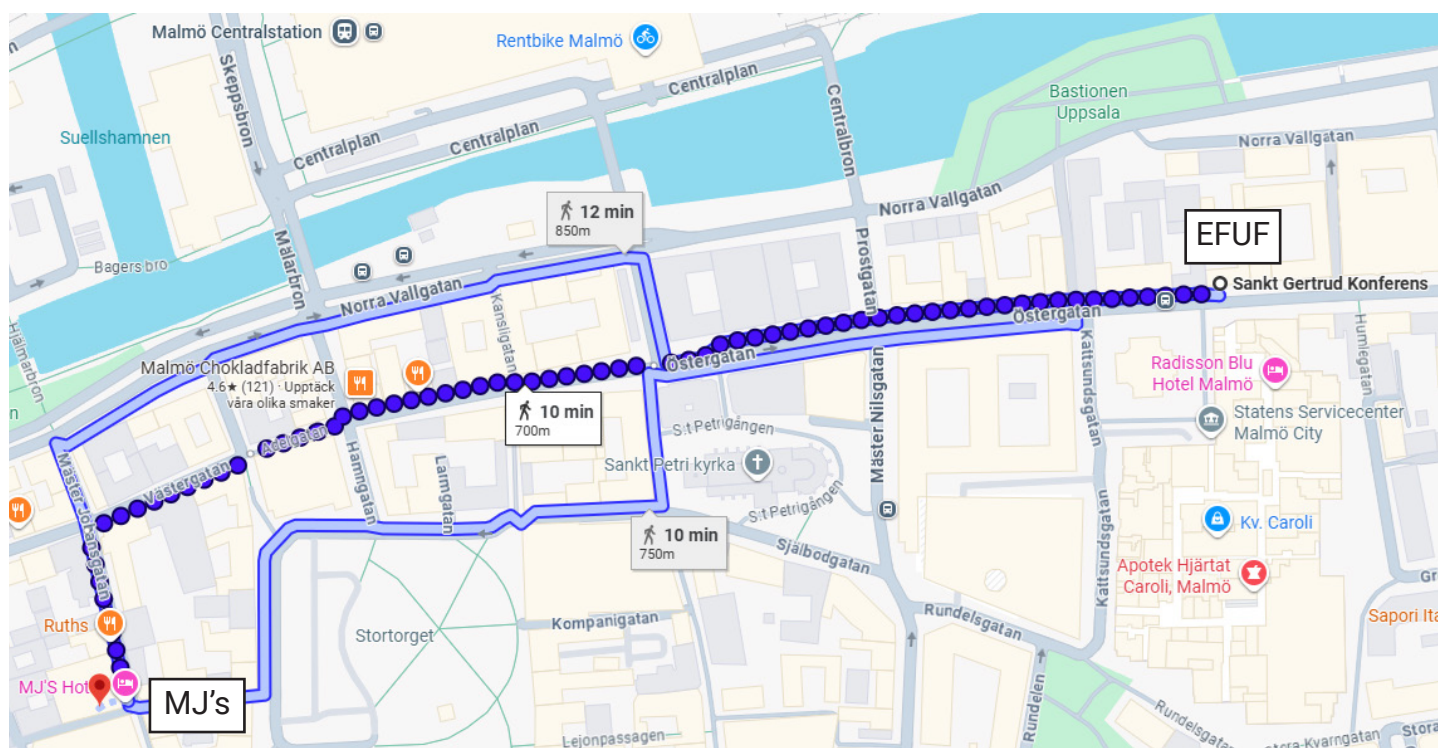
16:45 - 17:45 **Open Session with EFUF Association**

The meeting is open to all. You are encouraged to join the EFUF Association at the forum or online in advance at <https://efuf.org/efuf-membership-scheme> but membership is not required to attend this session. This is your opportunity to find out more about future plans.

Location: Sankt Gertrud, Malmö

19:00 **Conference Dinner at MJ's**

*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

Rooted in Society: Exploring the Societal Impacts of Urban Forestry

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**



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	Session 7 Rethinking Urban Forest Forms: From Tiny Forests to Living Labs <i>Moderator: Dirk Voets</i>	Session 8 Beyond Shade: Measuring the Environmental Performance of Urban Green <i>Moderator: Nerys Jones</i>	Session 9 Culture, Community and Climate: Putting Urban Forestry into Practice <i>Moderator: Alan Simson</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>	Exploring meaning of urban rewilding within transdisciplinary literature - <i>Georgina Mitchell (UK)</i>
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>Franscesco 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>	Evolving Priorities in European Urban Forest Management Plans: A Thematic Analysis of Policy Aims and Objectives - <i>Eugene McGee (UK)</i>

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 1

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