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Forest and ecosystems information in the heart of development

The national forest strategy of Finland 2025 displays the most important goals of near future for the forest sector. Forest data and platform economy are the key emphasis of the strategy, where the aim is to improve forest, ecosystem and environmental data accessibility, durability, utilization, and connectivity with other data sources. Accessibility of high quality, up-to-date and more accurate geographical Information, is the key driver for digitalization. Thus, it makes possible the development of new tools and services for forest and nature management.

Finnish Forest Centre is a national promoter of forest management and utilization, as well as of the upkeeping of the forest diversity. Its tasks are related to execution of the Forest act, development of forest-based livelihood and management of forest data.

Finnish Forest Centre collects and updates forest and nature data, and produces services of it for the forest owners, other actors and for all that are interested of the open forest data. Data use and delivery is regulated by the Finnish law, of for example the Law of forest data management system. Data is also used internally in the Finnish Forest Centre, to deliver statutory tasks.

At the moment, assignments related to the 2nd generation's Inventory Program 2020-2025, are ongoing around Finland. Besides of data collection, development, and up-taking of new systems for up-to-date information, is ongoing with forest sector actors. For example, by collecting data from harvesters. Additionally, a research of how forest and nature data could be collected, updated, and shared at the end of 21st century, is starting.

Finnish Forest Centre plays an active role in regional and national networks. The aim of the co-operation is to provide better service for forest owners and for other customers. The lead partner of ConnectdByBiobord-project, JAMK University of Applied Sciences, is a co-operation partner of Finnish Forest Centre in Central Finland. We are interested to take part in the hackathon, related to forest data, and utilize the results in the development of the actions of the organization.

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