

*On March 25–26, 2026, the Poznań University of Life Sciences had the pleasure of hosting the international meeting of the Erasmus Forestry Network (ERFONET). Thirty-two representatives from 22 universities from 16 countries participated in the event, creating a unique space for exchanging experiences, building relationships, and developing cooperation in the fields of forestry and wood technology.*

*The first day of the meeting was filled with intensive scientific and organizational discussions. The event began with an official opening and a welcome by the organizers and ERFONET representatives. This was followed by a presentation of the activities of the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology, and a discussion of the structure and importance of the forestry and wood technology sector in Poland.*

*A particularly important element of the program were presentations by partner universities and new network members. The following universities presented their activities, teaching offerings, and research areas:*

- *University of Banja Luka*
- *L'École Supérieure du Bois*
- *University of Thessaly (Dept. of Forestry, Wood Science & Design)*
- *Università degli Studi di Palermo*
- *Salzburg University of Applied Sciences*
- *Mendel University in Brno*
- *Estonian University of Life Sciences*
- *Häme University of Applied Sciences*
- *University of Applied Forest Sciences, Rottenburg*
- *AgroParisTech*
- *Van Hall Larenstein*
- *University of Inland Norway*
- *Transilvania University of Brasov*
- *University of Ljubljana*
- *ENSTIB – Université de Lorraine*

*The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss the further development of the ERFONET network, opportunities for expanding cooperation, and initiatives supporting student and faculty mobility.*

*The program also included a tour of the Poznań University of Life Sciences campus and a meeting with university authorities, including Vice-Rector Prof. Piotr Ślósarz. Participants had the opportunity to better understand the university's infrastructure and its research and teaching potential.*

*The day concluded with an official dinner in the Old Town of Poznań, which, in a friendly and informal atmosphere, fostered integration among participants and further discussions about international cooperation.*

*The second day of the meeting was devoted to a full-day study tour, the aim of which was to present practical aspects of forest management in Poland.*

*The program included:*

- a visit to the Meteorite Morasko Nature Reserve, where nature conservation issues on the outskirts of a large city were discussed,*
- a meeting at the Goraj-Zamek – State Forest Promotion Center, during which the principles of forest operation and management in Poland were presented,*
- a drive through the Noteć River Valley and a visit to the Potrzebowice Forest District, where the characteristic features and challenges of one of the largest forest complexes in the country were presented,*
- a visit to the Research Station in Rzecin, run by the Poznań University of Life Sciences,*
- a tour of the STEICO wood processing plant – one of Europe's largest producers of wood fiber insulation materials.*



*The ERFONET meeting in Poznań was a unique event that demonstrated the enormous potential of international cooperation within the academic community. The intensive program, the high-quality presentations, and the participants' engagement made this a meeting full of inspiration, new ideas, and prospects for the future. We sincerely thank all participants for their attendance, active participation, and the time spent together!*