

# **ALPTREES Newsletter**

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#### **ALPTREES Handbooks**

With ten chapters each, these two Handbooks (number 2 and 3) provide scientific approaches and results about the situation of non-NNT species in Alpine Forest and urban areas. Selected NNTs that were already introduced in the Identification Handbook number 1 find additional in-depth information about legislative frameworks as well as expert opinions.

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#### **Online Training Course**

In this course, experts from ALPTREES take you on an exciting journey of discovery into the world of trees in urban, peri-urban, and forest ecosystems. The motivation is to discuss the controversial effects of negative and positive impacts of nonnative trees and to provide science-based technical guidance for the management and responsible use of nonnative trees. Everyone has a chance to learn in detail about the diversity of native and non-native trees species in the Alpine Space! http://www.non-native-trees.eu/course/

### Exhibition in Slovenia: DO TREES TRAVEL?

It started out as a school activity in September 2021, conducted in Skofja Loka by the Development Agency Sora, a member of ALPTREES, Slovenia. The Secondary school of wood engineering was taken to a field trip to the Kamnitnik area to learn about non-native tree species. This activity grew into one of the most creative activities we had so far on the ALPTREES project! An exhibition was held from 15th Feb to 25th March 2022, showcasing wood products created with invasive Non-Native and "overlooked" native wood species.

The students during this process of developing of wooden products got acquainted with a wide range of non -native tree species that "travelled" to the Alpine Space, prominently Black locust, Red oak, Ash-leaved maple and Tree of heaven. They were also introduced to some native tree species, that are rarely used in making wood products: silver birch, Scots pine, Wilde cherry, Black alder etc.



Designs created by Students

#### **Round the corner**

- Tree Talk Freiburg 27. April ALPTREES conference 2nd-5th May in Trento, Italy.
- Congress of Forest
   Pedagogues in Zürich,
   Switzerland from 11-13 May.
   Two teams from Slovenia
   will conduct workshops
   closely connected to
   ALPTREES.
- The registration is open. https://www.silviva.ch/ weiterbildung/ tagungen/ european-forestpedagogics-congress-2022/
- The City Nature Challenge from 29 April to 2 May. https://www.citynaturechallenge.at/
- BioBlitz by BFW in Vienna (20-22nd May 2022)





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#### **ALPTREES Policy Workshop**

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The ALPTREES policy workshop on
"Harmonization of policy processes in the Alpine
Space for thesustainable utilization and
management of Non-native trees for climate
change adaptation", was held online on 16th
March 2022. It was hosted by BFW, Austria and
FEM, Italy and had presentations from all the six
Alpine Space countries. The aim of this policy
workshop was to develop an understanding on
strategy and implementation of legislative
processes of NNTs in the Alpine Space. The
proceedings of the workshop will soon be shared
in the ALPTREES official website:

https://www.alpine-space.org/projects /alptrees/en/home

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#### **Podcasts and Blogs**

Our latest Podcast is out now! In our 12th and last episode, we talk about Tree Migration from South to North. Native and non-native tree species witness the tendency to migrate within the Alpine Space from South to North. Is this migration human-driven or due to climate change? We talk with experts from the field of biodiversity, climate change, tree genetics and forestry like Marjana Westergren, Franz Essl, Janine Oettel, and Nicola La Porta. Enjoy listening! https://youtu.be/f7LWSQgnhOw Assisted Migration of trees is being discussed as an option for adaptation of forests to climate change. As the name suggests it is the humanassisted movement of tree species within or beyond their native geographic range of forest trees. Find our colleague Reneema's blogpost on assisted migration on our ALPTREES Blog at alptrees\_blog\_renee\_hazarika.pdf



Source: Assisted Migration. Interreg SUSTREE project Policy brief no. 2 (2019)

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## Value of the wood of NNT and its usages

ALPTREES Report on implementation of educational activities in the field of using wood from non-native invasive tree species in cooperation with the Secondary School for Wood Processing and Forestry Maribor, with the aim of "making wooden products from the wood of NNTs alptrees\_d.t3.3.1-report-on-value-of-wood-of-nnt.pdf



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