

**SUSTREE Movie Documentation- Making and Premiere of  
“Borderless Forests”: A Brief Report  
(D.C.5.1)**

**Conservation and sustainable utilization of forest tree diversity in Climate change**

**SUSTREE project n° CE614**

**The objective of the SUSTREE project is to improve integrated environmental management capacities for the protection and sustainable use of natural heritage and resources.**

**Time and Location**

From 07.00 pm to 10.00 pm , 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Světozor Cinema, Prague, Czechia

**Organised by :**

Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague (CULS), Czechia

**Participants:**

SUSTREE members and invited guests from outside-the-project and students from Czech University

## **Background:**

SUSTREE is a cooperation project with 8 partners from 6 Central European countries (Austria, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia) aiming at the Conservation and sustainable utilization of forest tree diversity in climate change. Funded by the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme, SUSTREE actively promotes climate change adaptation of forests by fostering and enabling transnational adaptive management of forest seed and seedlings. SUSTREE partner Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CULS) produced the documentary movie Borderless Forests under the aegis of of the project as a part of one major deliverable D.C.5.1 (Movie Documentation on CE forests on CC and genetic resources).

The objective of the documentary film is to inform policy makers and a wider community (all target groups and beyond) about the challenges of climate change for forests and genetic resources in an articulate and concise way.

## **About Borderless Forests**

The documentary "Borderless forests", (movie in the link here <https://youtu.be/DcWzEt-U5xl>) is directed by Ms. Veronika Kastlova, from Studio Reaktor Company in Czechia. Made in two lengths ( long version of approx. 29 mins and short version of 9 mins) the documentary not only focuses on the issue of adapting European forest to climate change but also discusses the importance of selecting appropriate planting materials adapted to expected future climatic conditions. It highlights the fact that both, climate change and the natural distribution of tree species are trans-border issues. Hence, solutions to this problem should transcend national boundaries. The film features the opinion of experts across Central Europe involved in SUSTREE and otherwise, bringing forward the facts that the current regulation on trade and utilization of seed and planting materials in Europe are mostly designed at the national level. This is creating obstacles for the utilization of the best seed sources and planting materials which may not be locally available. Therefore assisted migration can be explored as a good option. The movie demonstrates different solutions and tools being developed in SUSTREE. Especially, assisted migration of tree seeds and seedling is being introduced and discussed with its pros and cons. The short version of the movie is here in the link <https://bit.ly/2LpGqxr>

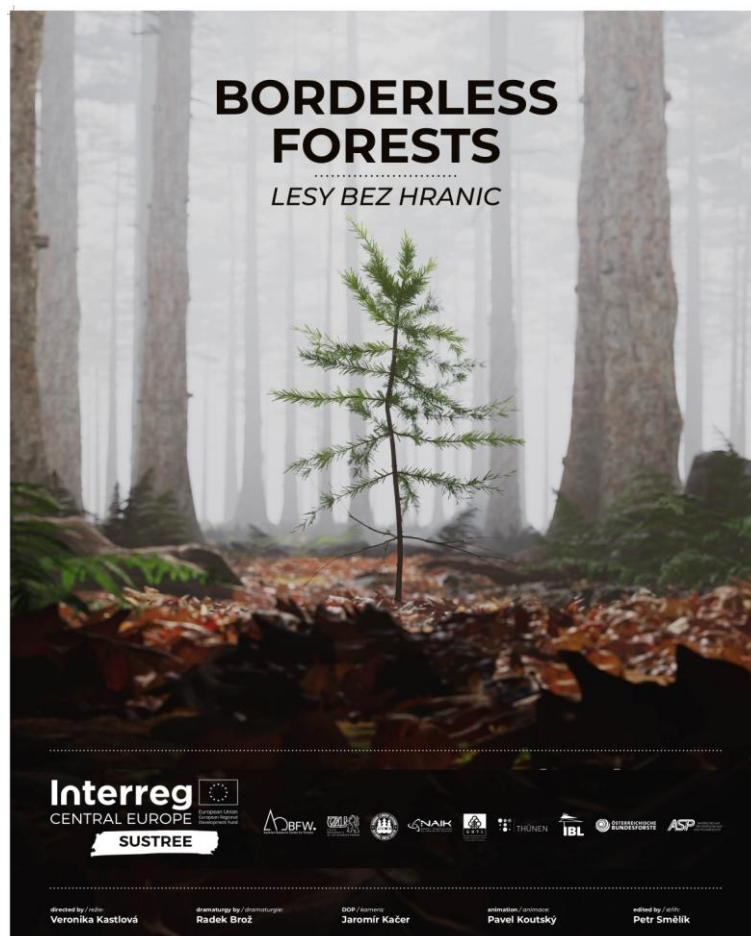
**Movie Shooting:**

The movie team travelled to most of the partner countries ( Austria, Germany, Hungary, Czechia etc) to shoot the forest landscapes and conduct interviews with the experts.



In picture we see the movie team in Schönbrunn, Vienna, in CULS, Prague, Czech and in Rax mountain area, Austria

**Movie Premiere in Prague on 28th March 2019:**



Official Poster of Borderless Forests

The film was premiered on 28th March 2019, in Svetozor Cinema in Prague, Czechia, to an audience of around 250 students and experts spreading the message of climate change impacts on forests and plausible solutions for the way forward. Dr. Silvio Schöler, SUSTREE-project coordinator introduced the project and opened the screening. The experts featured in the documentary and the movie team were felicitated at the end of the movie.



Pictures : At Svetozor Cinema



## Panel Discussion



An informal panel discussion was arranged at the end of the screening where the audience interacted with the SUSTREE experts putting forward their questions on the project and the contents in the movie. The film director Veronika Kastlova spoke briefly about the making of the movie and the challenges encountered during the cross country shooting. While expressing their views about the documentary at the end of the screening, most of the audience felt that the movie evidently showcased “cooperation” of the experts from across Europe, working together for developing forestry solutions, which is much needed for the current situation of climate change crisis.

More than 200 USB sticks carrying the SUSTREE documentary movie in English and one with Czech subtitles were distributed among the audience at the venue of Svetozor Cinema.



USB sticks held within wooden boxes, specially designed for the movie premiere in Prague

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After the panel discussion the SUSTREE members and the invited guests met at Café Adria at the vicinity of the theatre for drinks and informal networking to end the evening.



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Invitations for the movie premiere prepared by the Hosts CULS, Prague



On behalf of the entire creative team it is our pleasure to invite you to the first festive screening of a short documentary film

# **BORDERLESS FORESTS,**

about adaptation of forests to climate changes which will take place

on Thursday, March 28, 2019,  
from 7.30 p.m. at the Světozor cinema

Vodičkova 91/41, Prague 2.

We will be honored if you will join us after the projection for a drink to successful completeness of the documentary and small refreshment at the Adria café, Národní 36/40, Prague 2 (walking distance).

Kindly make a reservation of an honorary ticket at Martin Čabrada on [cabrada@fld.czu.cz](mailto:cabrada@fld.czu.cz) or at Veronika Kastlová on [veronika.kastlova@gmail.com](mailto:veronika.kastlova@gmail.com) before Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Looking forward to meeting you!