



## Hello, network!

We are happy to welcome both old and new readers to our quarterly newsletter! The purpose of this letter is to keep you updated on what is happening across the network and to share relevant topics. Don't hesitate to contact us with any input or ideas on what to highlight here!

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## Thank you for attending our webinar on data management!

We would like to start by thanking everyone who attended our webinar in June, and who helped us make it such an interesting and inspiring day! An extra thank you to our keynote speakers and panellists, providing us with insights into critical data management questions.

We started the day with asking *How to approach issues related to data access, reliability, and security?* With an inspirational talk, a panel discussion and reflections on data challenges in practice – we hope that you left the day with not just one, but several answers to this question.



[View the recorded webinar](#)



## Save the date: Webinar November 18th, 10–12 CET

What would you like the next webinar to focus on? At the moment we are working to decide on a theme for the webinar, and we would be happy to have your input! Which one of the suggestions below do you find the most interesting?

1. Education, including both students and workforce – how do we disseminate new solutions and ensure the capabilities necessary to use them?
2. Commercialisation – how do we advance solutions from prototype to commercial stage?
3. Organising a testbed – what alternatives for financing are there, and how can we work with different types of partnerships and networks complementing the testbed?
4. Other suggestions?

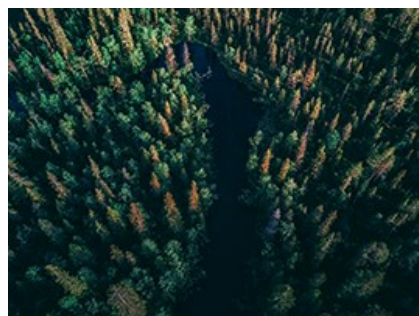
Please provide us with your input by the latest **September 10th.**

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## Digital Forest Academy – an initiative to advance the digitalisation of Swedish forestry

Digitalisation in the forestry sector is underway. [The Digital Forest Academy](#) is an initiative from [Mistra Digital Forest](#) to meet the need among forest companies to build digital competence, allowing them to take the next step in the digitalisation of Swedish forestry.

Erik Willén, working with the Digital Forest Academy, highlights the importance of the initiative: "One of the most critical bottle necks for a digital transformation of the forestry is the level of digital competence. This initiative aims to increase



the digital competence in the industry and hence put ourselves in a better position to take the great steps in digital development."

Want to learn more?

[Read the full interview with Erik](#)



## Open calls targeting the green and blue bioeconomy

Right now, forest researchers in the Nordic region can apply for three different categories of funding from **SNS**: networking activities for five years, networking activities for one year and research projects running for three years. The deadline for all of the open calls is September 30th 2021. [Here](#), you will find an overview of the calls.

Also, the **BlueBio ERA-NET Cofund** currently has an open call focusing on the sustainability and competitiveness of the blue bioeconomy in Europe. The submission deadline for the call is September 20th 2021, but there will be an additional call in 2022.

[More information](#)

## Blue bioeconomy actors in the Nordic and Baltic countries

In 2021, the Nordic Testbed Network has been expanded to include the blue bioeconomy. As part of this, we have conducted a mapping process to identify relevant actors within the blue bioeconomy in the Nordic and Baltic countries.

Starting with a desktop study covering 10 countries, we identified 114 actors spanning from private actors and science parks to research institutions and testbeds engaged in the blue bioeconomy. Following the mapping process, we have made contact with several new organisations engaged in digitalising the Nordic and Baltic bioeconomy. We are introducing you to some of them below – welcoming two new testbeds to the network!



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## Join us in welcoming two new testbeds to the network!

We are happy to introduce you to the **Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology (LIAE)** and **SITES, the Swedish Infrastructure for Ecosystem Science**.

### What do you hope to get out of your participation in the Nordic Testbed Network?

Anda Ikauniece, LIAE: "We hope to learn about new approaches through our participation in the Nordic Testbed Network. We believe that

inspiration for new ideas can come when looking from a different angle – be it forestry or agriculture!"  
Stefan Bertilsson, SITES: "By participating in the Nordic Testbed Network, we hope to share and exchange bioeconomy knowledge and technology as well as connect to stakeholders and other Nordic initiatives. We look forward to connecting with other participants at future network activities!"

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