



Veteran Tree Network

Securing the future of veteran trees in Europe

15th Oct 2014




Välkomna!

- Welcome
- Bien venidos
- Ongi etorri
- Bun venit
- Welkom
- Velkommen
- Dobro došli
- Bien venu





Securing the Future for Veteran Trees across Europe

15th October 2014

Venue: Kustafsen Tresten AB, Kustafsen 37, 461 83, Trullskålen, Sweden
Evening venue: Scandic Nerora Hotel, Storgatan 47-49, 461 28 Trullskålen, Sweden

Programme

8:30 Registration and welcome with coffee, tea and sandwiches

10:15 Introduction to the day and presentation of the VETree project
 Vikki Bengtsson, Pro Natura, Sweden
 European perspective on the importance of veteran trees
 Fred Green, Ancient Tree Forum, UK
 Cultural and historical values of veteran trees in Sweden
 Mikael Skotte, Swedish National Heritage Board, Sweden
 Protection of Veteran Trees in Sweden
 Peter Berglund, Environmental Protection Agency, Sweden

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 Managing veteran trees as a landscape asset
 Chas Smithells, County Administration Board of Shropshire, Sweden
 Specialist management demands skilled tree workers - a European perspective
 Tereza Vilanova, and president of the European Arboricultural Council, Croatia
 UKVA "Veteran Trees in the UK" project - veteran trees in urban environments
 Linda Trenchard, HM & Aigars Ojars, Trullskålen 37, Sweden
 Veteran trees in Romania & World partners in Spain Transilvania
 Mircea Cazan, member of Romanian Parliament and Lucian Holban, Director of Evropean Association, Romania

14:00 COFFEE/TEA

15:00 VETree video premiere
 Challenges for us - securing the future of veteran trees in Europe
 Jif Butler, National advice on veteran trees for the Woodland Trust, UK

15:45-17:15 Talk and video VETree Sweden with trees and management discussion
 18:00-21:00 Evening buffet: Swedish catered at the Scandic Nerora Hotel, with other dinner speakers



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Vocational Education Training on Veteran Trees



Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation Fund

Vikki Bengtsson
Pro Natura





VETree

The VETree project

- 75% financed by the EU Leonardo da Vinci TOI programme in Sweden
- Total 350,000 € (1/11/2012 – 31/12/2014)

Partners

Pro Natura
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Project aims

- to improve the vocational training framework at a European level in veteran tree management
- To produce high quality teaching materials freely available




Target groups

- Landowners, farmers, foresters, ecologists, advisors, arborists.....
- Different levels of knowledge in different countries



Training needs

- Why are veteran trees important?
- When and what management is appropriate?
- Risk/habitat?
- Roots!
- Protection
- Next generation

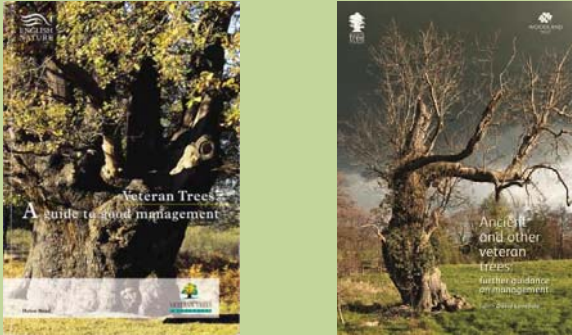


What have we achieved?

- Collated existing background material
- Foundation course – several pilots
- 3 Advanced course pilots
- Short films
- Web-based training
- Dissemination



Lots of translation!!!



What have we achieved?

- Some new words
- An argument of arborists
- Incontinent holes!
- Saproxylic humus!



LifeLong Learning Programme

Films

- Crown reduction
- Haloing
- Land management
- Managing risk
- Decaying wood
- Pollarding in cycle
- Veteran fruit trees
- David Lonsdale



LifeLong Learning Programme

What have we achieved?

- 48 people are VETree trainers
- More than 50 have done a one day course
- More training courses planned
- Mentoring system
- On-line learning
- Continued development?



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Sweden



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Belgium



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Spain





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We need your help

- What do you see as the major threat to veteran trees in your country?
- What are the potential solutions to secure the future of veteran trees in your country?