

PRO SILVA MEMORANDUM TO ADMINISTRATORS

It has been announced at the Pro Silva Board meeting of 1st December 2017 that **Lucie Vitkova** is stepping down as Pro Silva Administrator due to private reasons. She declared her situation in a letter for resignation on November 20th 2017.

Alexander Held (MSc Forestry, age 42) currently working in different projects at EFI Bonn, who has a lot of international contacts as well as experience in project management, will join the team. He will support the network of Pro Silva.



We all want to thank Lucie for her support over the last 3 years and to welcome Alex to the team.

We will publish a CV of Alex on our website soon.

A Held, 42, married, 2 Children, 1 dog. - Alexander Held holds MSc in Forest Science from Freiburg University, Germany. His forestry education started already at a young age with his Forester-Grandfather in the forest districts of Welden and Zusmarshausen near Augsburg (<http://naturpark-augsburg.de/wp-content/themes/naturpark/img/karte-large.jpg>). After university Alex worked at the Fire Ecology working group of the Max-Planck Society (GFMC). He worked with the Global Fire Monitoring Center GFMC in Europe and southern Africa. He joined the European Forest Institute EFI in 2012.

At the EFI, Alex works on the establishment of the European Forest Risk Facility, where the exchange of expertise and knowledge, mutual assistance and cooperation in Europe is the tool to create more resilient landscapes. He was also involved in the "Integrate" projects at EFI, dealing with disturbance and biodiversity in managed forests (<http://www.integrateplus.org/> and <http://www.integrateplus.eu/>)

His interest and expertise is in fire, silviculture and deer management. He serves in the Hunting Advisory Board of the district "Breisgau Hochschwarzwald" to represent the ÖJV. In addition, Alex is coordinating the hunting education of the Freiburg Hunting Association.

The ProSilva principles and network are great examples for resilient forestry in a changing world and complement the aims of the EFI Resilience Programme.

Eckart Senitza

President