



Postgraduate Course
Natural disturbances and restoration activities in European forests
Sunday 10 – Saturday 16 May 2026

Alpine Study Center of Tuscia University in Pieve Tesino, Italy

Preliminary Programme

Sunday 10-5- 2026	
16:00	Bus transfer from Borgo Valsugana EST Station to Pieve Tesino – CSALP (see travel section)
17:30	Check-in at CSALP
18:30	Welcoming address and welcome drink
19:00-20:30	<i>Dinner</i>
20:30-21:30	Poster pitches: introduction of participants
Monday 11-5-2026	
9:00-9:45	Opening lecture: “ European forests under natural disturbances” by Gert-Jan Nabuurs, Wageningen University & Research, the Netherlands
9:45-10:15	Discussion
10:15-10:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:45-12:30	Poster pitches: introduction of participants
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30-15:15	Lecture: “Mapping and monitoring natural disturbances” by Alba Viana Soto, School of Life Sciences, Technical University of Munich
15:15-15:45	Discussion
15:45-16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:00-17:00	Technical intro “European Forest Information SCENario Model (EFISCEN) forest model” by Gert-Jan Nabuurs and Marco Patacca, Forest Ecology & Management, Wageningen University & Research & Technical University of Munich

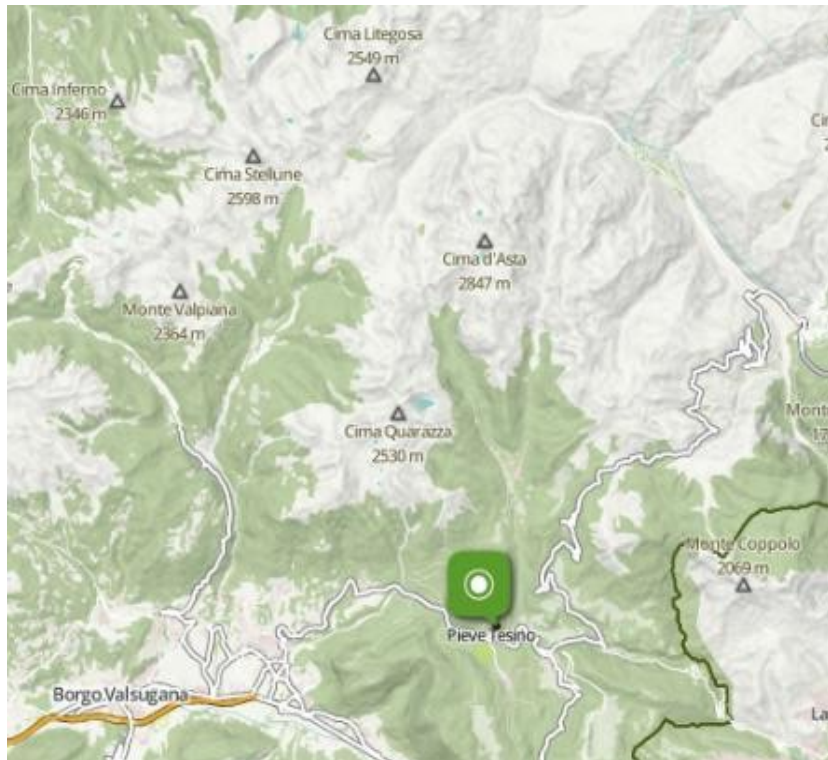
17:00-18:00	Presentation on group work assignment
18:00-18:30	Group work Brainstorming on the assignment
18:30-19:30	Free time
19:30	<i>Dinner</i>
Tuesday 12-5-2026	
9:00-9:45	Lecture: "Balancing salvage logging, cascading risk and Conservation" by Francesco Latterini, Institute of Dendrology, PAS, Poznan
9:45-10:15	Discussion
10:15-10:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:45-11:30	Lecture: "European forest tree species selection for forest restoration under future climate – Seed4Forest tool" by Debojyoti Chakraborty, Austrian Research Centre for Forests, Vienna and Albert Ciceu, Austrian Research Centre for Forests, BFW, Vienna
11:30-12:00	Discussion
	Some more posters?
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30-18:00	Group work
18:00-19:30	Free time
19:30	<i>Dinner</i>
Wednesday 13-5-2026	
9:00-18:00	Full day excursion organized by the Regional Forest Service of Trento Province, Dr. Francesco Latterini, Prof. Rodolfo Picchio. Topic: VAIA storm Aftermath: Forest Recovery, salvage logging and interventions to manage cascading bark beetle risks
Thursday 14-5-2026	
9:00-13:00	Half day excursion: Organized with the support of the Regional Forest Service of Trento Province. Reference persons: Dr. Francesco Latterini, Prof. Rodolfo Picchio Topic: Visit areas affected by VAIA storm with ongoing projects of forest restoration
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30-18:00	Groupwork
18:00-19:30	Free time
19:30	<i>Dinner</i>

Friday 15-5-2026	
9:00-9:45	Lecture: "Selection of adapted species and genotypes and importance of community richness and food web for resilience" by Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat, EFIMED Barcelona
9:45-10:15	Discussion
10:15-10:45	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:45-11:30	Lecture: "European forest rewilding as an option for restoration" by Giorgio Alberti, University of Udine
11:30-12:00	Discussion
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30-18:00	Group work , preparing final presentations
18:00-19:30	Free time
19:30	<i>Final dinner and fun</i> 😊
Saturday 16-5-2026	
9:00-12:00	Presentations of group work assignments
12:00-12:30	Wrap up
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	Bus transfer from Pieve Tesino to Venice International Airport, via Borgo Valsugana Est Train Station (see travel section)

Practical information

Location

The ELLS postgraduate course will be held in Pieve Tesino, a small village in the Province of Trento (Northeastern Italy), at the Alpine Research Center (CSALP) of the University of Tuscia ([Link to CSALP video presentation](#)). Recently renovated to host meetings and training courses, the facility is fully equipped with a conference room, meeting spaces, guest rooms, and WiFi access.



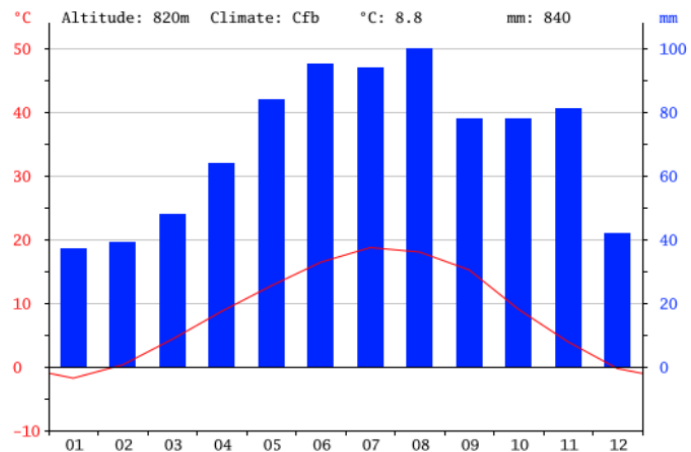
Pieve Tesino, situated at an elevation of 843 meters, sits on the southern slopes of the densely wooded Mount Silana, which acts as a natural barrier against cold northern winds. The town's name reflects its history as the site of the valley's primary parish church (the pieve).

Renowned as the birthplace of the illustrious Italian statesman Alcide De Gasperi, the village has become a popular destination, particularly during the summer. Despite its location on the front lines of the First World War—which resulted in significant damage—the town has meticulously preserved its historic center. Visitors can still admire magnificent medieval structures and stone portals, some of which date back to the 15th century.

Climate

Pieve Tesino enjoys a mild climate with consistent precipitation—including both snow and rain—throughout the year, peaking during the summer months. Under the Köppen-Geiger climate classification, this region is categorized as Cfb (Oceanic/Highland).

The town maintains an average annual temperature of 8.8°C, with annual precipitation totaling approximately 840 mm. During the summer, average daily temperatures typically range from a low of 15°C to a high of 26°C. However, as is characteristic of mountain regions, weather conditions can change rapidly throughout the day.



Student Accommodation

The Center provides shared accommodation in four-bed rooms, each featuring an en-suite bathroom. For your convenience, all bed linen and towels are provided.



Guest Accommodation

Single, double, and family rooms—all featuring en-suite bathrooms—are available for teachers and other guests.

Meals

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served at the Cima d'Asta restaurant (<http://hotelcimadasta.it/en>), which also provides packed lunches for scheduled excursion days.

Alternatively, the CSALP features an internal breakfast room equipped with a small kitchen. This space is available for guests who prefer to prepare their own simple breakfast using items purchased from local shops.

Personal equipment

Given the mountain environment and field activities at higher altitudes, your personal gear must include hiking boots, a waterproof jacket, and a warm pullover.

A small trekking backpack is also required. This will be used to carry your layers (pullover and jacket) as well as your daily field lunch.

Getting to Pieve Tesino

Pieve Tesino is located in the heart of the Trentino region, 52 km from Trento and 107 km from Padua. You can reach the village via the following transport options:

By Air

Venice Marco Polo (VCE): Take a **train to Padua**, then follow the rail instructions below.

Verona Villafranca "Catullo" (VRN): Take a shuttle or train to **Trento**, then follow the rail instructions below.

By Train

1. Via **Padua** (Rome–Venice or Milan–Trieste Lines): Transfer to the Padova–Trento line. Get off at the **Borgo Valsugana Est** station.

From there, complete your journey by bus via the Trentino Trasporti service (Bus line B405 or see private bus transfer below).

2. Via **Trento** (Brenner Line): Transfer to the Trento–**Padova** regional line. Get off at the **Borgo Valsugana Est** stations.

You can find the timetable and buy the train tickets on the web at: <https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>

Private Bus Transfer Schedule

Outbound: Sunday, May 10

- **Departure:** 16:00hr (4:00 PM)
- **Pickup Location:** Borgo Valsugana Est Train Station
- **Destination:** Pieve Tesino

Return: Saturday, May 16

- **Departure:** 14:00hr (2:00 PM)
- **Pickup Location:** Pieve Tesino
- **Destination:** Venice Airport (VCE), via Borgo Valsugana Est Train Station

Alternative Local Transport

If you miss the private transfer or prefer more flexibility, you can take the **Trentino Trasporti** local bus service:

- **Bus Line:** B405
- **Route:** Borgo Valsugana Est Station– Pieve Tesino
- **Timetable:** [link to timetable B405](#)