



Continuous Cover Forestry

Delivering Timber, Biodiversity and Climate Resilience for Ireland

Celebrating 25 Years of Pro Silva Ireland

14th March 2025

Johnstown Estate Hotel, Enfield, Co. Meath

AGENDA

9.30am Registration open

10am Meeting open & Book launch

A brief history of Pro Silva Ireland and an introduction to CCF

Robert Scott, OBE

10.45am Coffee break

11am-12.45pm Session 1: How CCF delivers economic, environmental and social benefits

Session moderator: **Donal Magner**

In this session, we focus on the progress in CCF management in private and public forests over the past 25 years, research on CCF management and how CCF is delivering for timber production, the environment and for people in Ireland.

11.00am CCF practice in Irish private forests

Paddy Purser – CCF Forester

11.20am CCF delivering in the State forest

Dr. Janice Fuller – Coillte

11.40am Twenty-five years of research into CCF in Ireland

Prof. Áine Ní Dhubháin – School of Agriculture and Food Science, UCD

12-12.45pm Panel discussion and Q&A

Panellists: Paddy Purser, Áine Ní Dhubháin, Janice Fuller, Padraig O'Tuama, Ciaran Duggan



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Networking and discussion

2.00-4.00pm **Session 2: Challenges and opportunities**
Delivering for the future: resilience, policy and challenges

Session moderator: **Anna Browne**

In this session, we focus on forest and climate resilience, lessons from Europe, the implications of EU and Irish policy on CCF into the future, as well as challenges and opportunities.

2.00-2.20pm **CCF and forest resilience in the face of climate change: the European Perspective**

Tomáš Vrška – President Pro Silva

2.20-2.40pm **Irish and EU policy**

Barry Delany – Director of Forestry, DAFM

2.40-3.00pm **Challenges and future for CCF in Ireland**

Manus Crowley – Chairperson Pro Silva Ireland

3.00-3.45pm **Panel discussion and Q&A**

Theme: Solutions to the challenges

Panellists: Tomáš Vrška, Barry Delany, Manus Crowley, Jonathan Spazzi

3.45pm **Closing remarks**

Liam Byrne

4pm **MEETING END**

