



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

- 9.30am Registration open
- 10–10.45am **Welcome** – Manus Crowley, Chair of Pro Silva Ireland
Book launch – Sean Hoskins & Olive Leavy
- 10.25am **Celebrating 25 years of Pro Silva Ireland**
Robert Scott, OBE
- 10.45am *Coffee break*
- 11am–12.45pm Economic, environmental and social benefits of CCF**
- Session moderator: **Donal Magner**
- 11.00am CCF practice in Irish private forests**
Paddy Purser – CCF Forester
- 11.20am CCF practice 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, Janice Fuller, Áine Ní Dhubháin, Padraig O'Tuama, forester, & Ciaran Duggan, forest owner.





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Networking and discussion

2.00–4.00pm Forest resilience, policy and challenges

Session moderator: **Anna Browne**

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

Assoc. Prof. Dr. 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**

Panellists: Tomáš Vrška, Barry Delany, Manus Crowley, Jonathan Spazzi, Teagasc, & Ray Ó'Foghlú, Hometree

3.45pm **Closing remarks** - Liam Byrne, Pro Silva Ireland

4pm MEETING END

