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EUROPEAN CHAINSAW CERTIFICATE



European Chainsaw Certificate is a product of EFESC

The European Forestry and Environmental Skills Council (EFESC) is an association that has been established in 2009 by the consortium of several European countries in order to address issues dealing with competences and skills regarding labour activities in forestry and the natural environment.

The idea is to offer a central information point for anyone who is dealing with labour activities in the outdoors and would like to improve his/her skills or competences or have them certified. The first product developed under the umbrella of EFESC is the European Chainsaw Certificate, ECC.



Following international organisations are involved:

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Every year hundreds of chainsaw related accidents lead to heavy injuries or even fatalities. Exact evidence based figures do not exist, but both experienced chainsaw operators and occasional chainsaw users are involved in these accidents. "Reducing chainsaw accidents in tree work" was an important issue at the International Congress of Forestry Training Centres held in Annecy (2007) in a Europe wide context which led to the idea to develop a European Chainsaw Certificate, ECC.



INVITATION

10th International meeting
on the establishment of the
European Chainsaw Certificate
and founding of EFESC
European Forestry and Environmental Skills Council

6-8th June 2011
at the international conference of forestry training centres
in Ossiach, Austria

The agenda will shortly be announced at:
www.europeanchainsaw.eu



In October 2009 the project "Evaluation and implementation of chainsaw operators' certification" started with 8 international core partners and many more supporting and contributing. The intention of this project is to make an operational European chainsaw certification system. Our aim is to set the standards and develop a scheme for examination procedures that are applicable in every European country and are supported by the industry, the forestry and arboriculture sector. Moreover in 2011 the labour market will be liberalised all over Europe and thus the need for a recognized proof of competence is going to increase drastically.

Target groups in this project are foresters, forestry contractors, arborists and landscaping contractors, but also other craft workers (eg. construction workers) that use chainsaws professionally.

In the past year draft European chainsaw standards have been set up and mock examinations have been carried out in several European countries, but we are still interested in your opinion. Because all input of organisations or individuals working with chainsaws is welcome, we hope to see you at the 10th international meeting where EFESC will be launched and the state of affairs on the development of the ECCertificate will be explained. This event is imbedded in the programme of the **3rd International Conference of Forestry Training Centres, 6-8 June 2011, Ossiach, Austria**

