



# EFIB News January 2025



We begin this newsletter by wishing you all a good start to the year.

In this first EFIB News, we update a few dates.

The first will take place on the 15th and 16th in Évora (Portugal) within the program

## **LIFE ALNUS TAEJO**

15 January, New date for submission of papers to the  
**5th Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week**

15th of January, the last day to submit papers for the new edition of the **EGU**

30 January: New deadline for abstract submissions

## **SBEE2025**

## **Soil-Bio And Eco-Engineering**

We look forward to meeting you at one of these important events.

*This year as always our wish: we will renew the desire to contribute, in these uncertain times, with improving the understanding of man with nature and man with HIS nature. For peace, always, and for the Earth too.*

# WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CONFERENCES from EFIB MEMBERS

## Seminário Restauración de ecosistemas de ribera y técnicas de Bioingeniería Homenaje a nuestro socio y amigo Prof. João Paulo Fernandes

This specialised seminar on the restoration of riparian ecosystems and Soil and Water Bioengineering techniques used in the LIFE Alnus Tajejo project is aimed at students, professionals in the sector and technicians from institutions related to the natural environment, and will take place on 15 and 16 January 2025 at the Colégio do Espírito-Santo of the University of Évora.

The seminar will pay tribute to Prof. João Paulo Almeida Fernandes, who was Professor of the Department of Landscape, Environment and Planning of the School of Sciences of the University of Évora, first president and founding member of the Portuguese Association of Natural Engineering APENA, and member and collaborator since its origins of the European Federation of Soil and Water Bioengineering EFIB.

**LIFE ALNUS TAEJO**  
CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF MEDITERRANEAN ALDER FORESTS PRIORITY HABITAT IN WESTERN INTERNATIONAL TAJO RIVER BASIN  
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### SEMINÁRIO RESTAURO DE ECOSISTEMAS RIPÍCOLAS E ENGENHARIA NATURAL

*Homenagem a Prof. João Paulo Almeida Fernandes*

Colégio do Espírito-Santo da Universidade de Évora  
17 15-16 janeiro 2025

## ¡inscrições abertas!

Registo gratuito até atingir a capacidade total:  
<https://bit.ly/inscrip-seminario-evora-25>

Organização:  
UNIVERSIDADE POLITÉCNICA DE RAÍMIGOS, Montes, ambiente, cese for, ctaex, ecoSALIX, UNIVERSIDADE DE ÉVORA

Colaboração:  
PHYTOS, EFIB

Mais info: [lifelalnutajejo.eu](https://lifelalnutajejo.eu)

O projeto LIFE20 NAT/ES/000021 recebeu financiamento do Programa LIFE da União Europeia

[Free inscriptions in : https://bit.ly/inscrip-seminario-evora-25](https://bit.ly/inscrip-seminario-evora-25)

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[PORTUGUESE PROGRAM](#)

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**SBEE2025**  
**6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on**  
**Soil-Bio And Eco-Engineering**  
**The Use of Vegetation to Improve Slope Stability**  
**Xalapa, Mexico, 30 June – 4th July 2025**

**NEW CALL FOR PAPERS extended TILL 30 January 2025**

**CONFERENCE TOPICS**

- *Root-soil interaction*
- *Soil biodiversity and soil structure*
- *Slope degradation*
- *Soil erosion and conservation*
- *Riverbank and coastline protection measures*
- *Integrated catchment management with an emphasis on eco-engineering*
- *Slope stability modelling*
- *Vegetation and ecology*
- *Nature-based solutions*
- *Plant growth versus engineering*
- *Soil bio- engineering, earth stabilising and retaining techniques*
- *Land restoration*
- *Risk management and decision support systems*
- *Benefits and liabilities in slope and erosion control*

The conference will take place at the university of Veracruz in Xalapa, Mexico a field excursion will be organize the unique geology and vegetation of this volcanic region.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Abstract submission for talks and posters – 30 January 2025**

**Notification of acceptance – 28 February 2025**

**Early bird deadline for payment of registration fees – 15 April 2025**

**Deadline for payment of registration fees – 29 June 2025**

**[PROGRAM](#)**

## OTHER WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CONFERENCES



The 5<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week (5MPCW) will be held from April 7 to 11, 2025, at St. Raphael Resort & Marina in Limassol, Cyprus. This congress aims to bring together specialists and enthusiasts in the research and management of nature, focusing on the conservation of wild plants and their habitats around the Mediterranean.

The 5MPCW aims to build alliances for plant diversity conservation in the Mediterranean.

**Abstract Submission Deadline: 15 January , 2024**

<https://cyprusconferences.org/mpcw2025/submission/>

### Organizers



Frederick University



Nature Conservation Unit



Ministry of Agriculture,  
Rural Development and  
Environment



IUCN / SSC / Mediterranean  
Plant Specialist Group

## Session on nature-based and bio-based or inspired solutions to mitigate the effects of landslides and erosion at EGU25 - European Geosciences Union

Vienna from April 27 to May 2, 2025

**EGU General Assembly #EGU25**  
27 April-2 May 2025

Call for abstracts *Deadline*  
**15 January 2025 (LINK)**

### NH3.13: Nature-based and bio-based or inspired solutions for geohazard mitigation on slopes and streambanks

Conveners: V. Capobianco, A. Fraccica, M. Cecconi, Z. Mao, A. Leung

**EXPERIMENTAL**

**NUMERICAL MODELLING, CASE STUDIES**

**REGULATIONS, GOOD PRACTICES, DESIGN, REVIEWS, DATA REPOSITORIES**

**NGI** **ISPRA** **Università degli Studi di Perugia** **INRAE** **THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

The objective of the session is to stimulate the interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge on nature-based (such as use of vegetation, capillary barriers,...), bio-based (such as MICP calcite induced by microbial activities, biopolymers, ...) or bio-inspired (root-shaped anchors for soil reinforcement...) solutions for the mitigation of risks related to hydro-geological disasters, with particular attention to landslides and erosion on slopes and streambanks.

Contributions will range from:

- experimental studies (lab and field testing or monitoring)
- numerical analyses and upscaling of results
- tools, design approaches, best practices, manuals, and guidelines
- National and European policies
- case studies and soil bioengineering applications

The session has been organized by :

*Vittoria Capobianco, Alessandro Fraccica, Manuela Cecconi, Zhun Mao, Anthony Leung.*

(NGI - Norwegian Geotechnical Institute, ISPRA – Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, University of Perugia - Italy, INRAE – French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology).

More information and the session description can be found in the attached flyer and here: [Session NH3.13](#)

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **January 15, 2025 - 13:00 CET**.

Further information on abstract submission is available at: [EGU25 - How to submit an abstract](#)



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