

# Who we are

We are an informal and small (but active) team of project developers and researchers working within the School of Forest Sciences of the University of Eastern Finland in areas related to bioenergy, societal aspects of forests, and forestry education. While the core group is currently formed by Dr. Sari Pitkänen, Dr. [Javier Arevalo](#), Dr. Yohama Puentes, and Dr. Sabaheta Ramcilovik-Suominen, we collaborate (across disciplines and institutions) with researchers across the School of Forest Sciences, other units of the University of Eastern Finland, as well as our numerous international partners.

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- Professor Timo Karjalainen, International Forestry, School of Forest Sciences, UEF, Tempus project
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