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# **Future development of the GFIS gateway**

## **Response to users' and partners' feedback**

## **El desarrollo futuro de GFIS**

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## What is the Global Forest Information Service – GFIS ? ¿Qué es GFIS?

1. Partnership to organize forestry information: Partners for the whole forest community of practise  
*Asociación para organizar información forestal*
2. Internet gateway that allows institutions to share forest-related information through a web portal at [www.gfis.net](http://www.gfis.net)  
*Una pasarela que permite compartir información forestal por un portal en [www.gfis.net](http://www.gfis.net)*

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## GFIS and CPF

- GFIS is a CPF initiative;
- It is led by IUFRO;
- CIFOR, FAO, IGRAF and the UNFF Secretariat are core partners;
- Hosted and developed by Metla;
- GFIS is open for partners outside CPF.



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## Where is GFIS – [www.gfis.net](http://www.gfis.net)?

- New users, information partners and features constantly
- News, Events, Recent publications, Job vacancies, Library and document collections and Datasets and databases;
- **Over 40 headlines daily**
- **Around 50 forest events** on the GFIS calendar and an event planner service
- The freshest and most popular information is displayed on the entry page;
- The entry page can be customized by users (languages and information boxes)
- Interface in English, French, Spanish, German, Finnish and Russian;
- **Over 170 information providers** and more partners will join
- Series of workshops around the world
- The solution is scaleable.

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## **GFIS Information exchange using RSS**

### **El intercambio de información GFIS vía RSS**

- RSS 2.0 - a simple, easy to understand format which can be used to publish frequently updated content
- Syndication: making web feeds available from a website to provide users with a summary of the website's recently added/updated content
- To use a feed you need to *subscribe* to it
- Aggregation: combining multiple feeds into single location for easy viewing

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## **Where is GFIS going to?** **¿Adónde está yendo GFIS?**

- Improved usability and layout – **Mejor usabilidad y diseño**
- New functions – **Nuevas funciones**
- New information types – **Nuevos tipos de información**
- Social media – **Medios de comunicación social**
  
- A gateway reform takes into account different users of GFIS and increases interaction

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## **Improved usability and layout & new functions** **Mejor usabilidad y diseño & nuevas funciones**

- Development of the layout and navigation
- Calendar with a clearer layout
- Sorting the search results by date, headline and information provider
- Making an RSS feed based on one's own search
- Providing information (separate items e.g. news, an event etc.) via a web form on the GFIS gateway without an RSS feed
- Translation tool for translating headlines

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## **New information types** **Nuevos tipos de información**

- Education resources – Recursos educativos
- Projects – Proyectos
- Experts – Expertos

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## **Social media**

## **Medios de comunicación social**

- For networking and sharing information
- GFIS\_net Twitter account with "official" forest-related tweets
- Facebook group to reach new GFIS users and to share forest-related information
- GFIS blog

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Welcome to use and provide  
information to GFIS!

Bienvenidos a utilizar y proporcionar  
información a GFIS!

***“Sharing forestry information  
around the world”***