



## **Prof. dr. Vilis Brukas**

Vilis Brukas is professor in forest policy and planning at the Southern Swedish Forest Research Centre, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). Forest governance is the thematic core of his research and teaching.

The research spans various issues, with focus on the countries of the Baltic Sea region. Approaches to forest governance differ widely within the region, constituting an exciting venue for comparative analyses. The topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Mixes of policy instruments;
- Interface between policy and planning;
- Approaches to forest management across Europe;
- Forest governance in transition economies.

As a major engagement lately, Vilis Brukas has been the scientific coordinator of the EU Horizon 2020 project ALTERFOR "Alternative models and robust decision-making for future forest management". Involving 20 partners in 9 European countries, the project conducted 10 case studies (including Lithuania) with focus on implementing novel approaches of forest management. Vilis Brukas also coordinates IUFRO Working Unit "Forest policies in the Baltic and Central and Eastern European regions".