

# FSC™ Forest Management Expert Course



Online Course – LIVE SESSIONS June 7, 9 & 14, 16 (GMT+2)

Learn to read the mind of your FSC auditor - or become one yourself! Our intensive FSC Expert trainings will equip you with the mindset and knowledge of an FSC auditor. Join our accredited FSC FM online course to fulfil formal FSC Forest Management auditor training requirements whilst gaining useful insight into the FSC FM system!

This FSC FM course consists of an **online content @Preferred by Nature Training Hub**, followed by **a 4-day intensive live sessions Training @Zoom**, covering the **FSC standards** and **systems** for **Forest Management certification**.

This FSC FM course is conducted in **English**. Please ensure that your language skills will allow you to fully engage in presentations, group exercises, discussions and examinations.

## FSC requirements for remote auditor training

Based on the derogation FSC-DER-2020-04 published on 23 April 2020, FSC currently allows to replace in-person auditor trainings with remote courses.

Preferred by Nature's online FSC FM course is a customised auditor training to meet the training demand during COVID-19 pandemic, considering the travel and safety restrictions, without reducing the quality of our regular in-person auditor trainings held worldwide.

The content and duration of the training will meet all the standard FSC requirements for auditor trainings and at the same time be adjusted to be presented and acquired via different virtual tools and training methods. To enable everybody to participate actively in the live sessions and group work, the maximum number of places is 12.

## Obtaining an FSC Auditor Training Certificate

Conditions for successful completion of the course are following\*:

- Completion of online modules at Preferred by Nature Training Hub
- Completion of self-study webinars at Preferred by Nature Training Hub
- Active attendance at live training sessions
- Successful completion of exam

Students must be present in 95% of live training sessions, actively engaged throughout the whole course and have participated in individual and group exercises.

*\*For the participants who are not looking to acquire the auditor qualification the exam and online modules' completion is voluntary. Regardless, we would highly recommend to complete the online part of the course beforehand as it will aid to a better understanding of content and overall learning experience at the live sessions.*

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## Trainers



### GERIMANTAS GAIGALAS

#### Lead Trainer

Forestry Director (Europe/Russia), *Lithuania*

Gerimantas is FSC Forest Management and Chain of Custody Lead Auditor with rich experience in forest management area.

Gerimantas has many years of FSC CoC auditing experience and has conducted over 100 audits. He has experience from Baltic countries, Italy, UK and Canada. In addition, he has PEFC Chain of Custody as well as SBP Lead Auditor qualification, and performs audits in the mentioned areas.



### SIARHEI MINKEVICH

#### Co-trainer

Forestry Senior Manager, *Belarus*

Siarhei is FSC Forest Management and Chain of Custody Lead Auditor, SBP Lead Auditor. He has a higher education in forestry, a Ph.D. in forest management and forest inventory, an academic title of Associate Professor in the specialty "Forest Science". Siarhei has many years of FSC FM, FSC CoC and SBP auditing experience in countries Belarus, Ukraine, Estonia, Lithuania and Russia.

+ Co-presenters worldwide

## Why should you take this course?

- **Online modules for self-study** that you can complete at a time of your preference before or during the training days
- **4 live training sessions** (GMT+2) with our Expert trainers and fellow participants
- Spread out over 2 consecutive weeks to offer more **flexibility**
- **Live group work** and presentation sessions
- **Online exam** you can take from home
- Electronic training materials for easy use
- A **certificate of completion or attendance** to prove your participation

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## Day 1

Tuesday, June 7

<i>Before Day 1 make sure you have completed</i>	<i>Time required</i>
<b>5 Open modules under FSC Expert Course bundle + have watched following self-study webinars on Training Hub:</b>	<b>2-3 full days</b>
Auditor Qualification and Behaviour	49 min
Forest Management Evaluation and Decision Process	35 min
Evaluation of Conformance	36 min
Report Writing and NCRs	30 min
Stakeholder Consultation	30 min
Total duration	180 min/ 3 hours

### 8.15 – 8.30 AM Check-in

8.30 – 9.00AM	Introduction to Course & Exam	Group
9.00 – 9.30 AM	<b>Exercise I: Personal introductions</b>	Individual
09.30 – 10.30 AM	Online Modules Review	Q&A

### 10.30 – 10.45 AM Break

10.45 – 11.00 AM	<b>Exercise II: Teamwork</b>	Group
11.00 – 11.45 AM	Q&A and discussion session	Q&A
11.45 – 12.15 PM	<b>Exercise III: Interview Preparation</b>	Group

### 12.15 – 1.00 PM Lunch

1.00 – 2.15 PM	<b>Exercise IV: Follow the Audit Trail</b>	Group
2.15 – 2.45 PM	<b>Exercise V: FSC Principles &amp; Criteria</b>	Group
2.45 – 3.15 PM	<b>Exercise VI: Stakeholder Consultation</b>	Group
3.15 – 3.45 PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i>	Q&A and evening discussion	Q&A

**Total duration 375 min/ 6.25 hours**

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## Day 2 Thursday, June 9

*Before Day 2 make sure you have watched the following webinars on Training Hub:*

Health and Safety in Forestry Work	22 min
Living Wages	17 min
Gender Equality	31 min
FPIC	34 min
HCVF	27 min
Ecosystem Services	31 min
<b>Total duration</b>	<b>162 min/ 2.7 hours</b>

8.30 – 8.45 AM	Daily Agenda Review	Group
8.45 – 9.15 AM	Day 1 Recap & Day 2 Prep – Q&A	Q&A
9.15 – 10.15 AM	<b>Exercise VII: Gender Equality</b>	Group

### 10.15 – 10.30 AM Coffee/Tea Break

10.30 – 11.30 AM	<b>Exercise VIII: FPIC</b>	Group
11.30 – 12.00 PM	<b>Exercise IX: Facts and implications</b>	Group

### 12.00 – 1.00 PM Lunch

1.00 – 2.15 PM	<b>Exercise X: HCV</b>	Group
2.15 – 3.30 PM	<b>Part 1 – Exercise XI: Forest Management Plan review</b> (to be continued as homework and at Day 3)	Individual/ Group
3.30 – 4.00 PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i>	< Evening > Q&A and discussion session	Q&A

### Homework

45 mins	<b>Exercise XV: Ecosystem Services</b>	Group
25 mins	<b>Exercise VI: Living Wages</b>	Group

**Total duration 445 min/ 7.4 hours**

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## Day 3 Tuesday, June 14

*Before Day 3 make sure you have watched the following self-study webinars:*

Auditing Community Aspects	33 min
Auditing Technology, Tips & Tools	18 min
Pesticides	28 min
<b>Total duration</b>	<b>79 min/ 1.3 hours</b>

8.30 – 8.45 AM	Daily Agenda Review	Group
8.45 – 9.30 AM	Day 2 Recap & Day 3 Prep – Q&A	Q&A
9.30 – 10.30 AM	<b>Exercise XI: Forest Management Plan review (continued)</b>	Group
<b>10.30 – 10.45 AM</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
10.45 – 11.45 AM	<b>Exercise XII: Auditing Planning and Preparation</b>	Group
11.45 – 1.00 PM	<b>Exercise XIII: Opening meeting, Forest Manager interviews</b>	Group
<b>1.00 – 1.45 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.45 – 3.45 PM	<b>Exercise XIV: Interviewing Stakeholders (part a and b)</b>	Group
3.45 – 4.30 PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i>	< Evening > Q&A and discussion session	Q&A

**Total duration 420 min/ 7 hours**

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## Day 4 Thursday, June 16

### Before Day 4

Exam preparation & individual Q&A	Individual
<b>Total duration</b>	<b>Individual</b>

8.30 – 8.45 AM	Daily Agenda Review	Group
8.45 – 9.15 AM	Day 3 Recap & Day 4 Prep – Q&A	Q&A
9.15 – 10.30 AM	<b>Exercise XV: Virtual Field Visit</b>	Group

**10.30 – 10.45 AM Break**

10.45 – 12.15 PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i>	<b>Exercise XVIII: Closing Meeting</b>	Group
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**12.30 – 1.30 PM Lunch**

1.30 – 2.00 PM <i>+15 mins flexibility</i>	< Evening > Q&A and discussion session Exam recap, Closing	Q&A
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**Total duration 240 min/ 4 hours**



**Exam 14:00 - 16:30 150 min**

Please note that participants must complete this individual exam online. Exam takers are monitored throughout the entire exam.

\*The agenda is subject to change. Trainers might adjust the topics and timeslots to better meet the needs of attendees and/or due to technical necessities. All modifications will be agreed upon jointly.

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