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Tentative program

Tuesday, February 17, 2026	
CONFERENCE DAY	
• 8:00-9:00	Registration
Conference Session I	
• 9:00-11.00	Welcome and Program introduction Representative of the local organizer of the Transylvanian University in Brasov Magdalena Zborowska - chair of EU-PoTaRCh COST Action Keynote speaker's lectures Tănase Dobre, Oana Cristina Pârvulescu, Violeta Alexandra Ion: <i>"Effects of biochar obtained from vine pruning residues on plant growth"</i> Antonio Martin Chicote: <i>"Restoration of facilities for forest management and traditional activities. The "Mataca" furnace and the production of tar. Origin of the trade in the 18th century and history of the Royal Bitumen Factory"</i> Meinrad Pohl: <i>"Campfire as a teaching resource"</i>
• 11.00- 11.30	Coffee Break / Poster Session
Conference Session II	
• 11.30-13.00	Innovative tourism concepts aligned with forest heritage preservation Aleksandra Fostikov, Dorina Moullou, Zoë Hazell, Maare Paloheimo, Jakub Löffler, Sofia Henriques, Timo Särkkä, Gill Campbell: <i>„Place and role of PoTaRCh in culinary traditions in historical and contemporary times, with Country and Regional Case Studies: Greece, the Balkans, Finland, Poland, England, and Portugal"</i> Vítor João Pereira Domingues Martinho: <i>„Highlights from the literature on the relationship between tourism and the preservation of forest heritage"</i> Dunja Demirović Bajrami, Aleksandra Fostikov, Tamara Gajić: <i>„Re-imagining PoTaRCh Tourism Futures: Scenario-Based Foresight for Heritage and Bioeconomy Innovation"</i>

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	<p>Amélia Branco, Paula Soares, Sofia T. Henriques, Renata Costa, Joana Vieira: „Resin and Charcoal Educational Trails in Portugal: Integrating Traditional Activities and Sustainable Education and Tourism”</p> <p>Tomáš Krofta, Tomáš Kroupa, Tomáš Pavloň: „Cultural heritage sites in the Czech Republic - Selected Case Studies”</p>
13.00-14.30	Lunch
Conference Session III	
14.30-15.30	<p>White paper for policymakers and international organizations on PoTaRCh</p> <p>Theo Zachari “PoTaRCh as a Policy Bridge: Traditional Charcoal Landscapes for Bioeconomy Strategies, Forest Transformation, and Heritage-Led Sustainable Tourism”</p> <p>Serghei Sprincean “Correlation of human security with bioeconomy strategies for a sustainable social well-being”</p> <p>Paula Soares, Sofia T. Henriques, Amélia Branco, Joana Vieira, Renata Costa “Reinvention of the Portuguese Resin Industry: Surviving or Transforming?”</p> <p>Angela Lo Monaco, Rachele Venanzi, Eugenia Pauselli, Giovanni Alessandri, Pierluca Gaglioppa, Rodolfo Picchio “Prototype of a vertical mobile charcoal kiln: a multifunctional tool tailored for mountain enterprises”</p>
15.30-15.45	Coffee Break / Poster Session
Conference Session IV	
15.45-16.45	<p>Catalogue of production maps, archives, photographs, and other materials related to human and non-human actors and social-ecological systems</p> <p>Jakub Loffler, Jakub Brózdowski: „Torchwood as the Oldest Lighting Technology. From Paleolithic Hearths to Rural Homes of the XX Century”</p> <p>Taner Okan, Coşkun Köse, Nesibe Köse, Zoë Hazell „Contribution to European Charcoal Vocabulary: Turkish Terms”</p> <p>Diogo Moreno, Ignacio Pereda: „José Bonifácio de Andrada e Silva and Friedrich Varnhagen: Circulation of knowledge, adaptation and innovation in Portuguese forestry and tar sector”</p> <p>Anna Varga, Diana Berecz, Zsombor Gál, Gergely Papp: „Visual materials of charcoal burning as a research and educational tool”</p>

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Conference Session V	
16.45-18.00	<p>Poster session - short presentations – each 5 minutes</p> <p>Pille Tomson, Ragnar Saage, Pikne Kama: „Experiences from the excavation of charcoal-burning sites in sandy soils: pit and horizontal stack remains”</p> <p>Zorica Mojović, Nataša Jović-Jovičić: „From forest to innovation: engaging visitors through charcoal-based eco-technology supporting forest heritage preservation”</p> <p>Rahman Nurković: „Forest ecosystem conservation through rural tourism and ecosystem”</p> <p>Yaşar Selman Gültekin, Pinar Gültekin, Sezgin Türk: „Innovative Tourism Approaches Compatible with Forest Heritage Conservation: A Documentary Study on the Düzce Decauville Line”</p> <p>Beata Doczekalska, Mehmet Emin Ergün, İsmail Özlüsoylu: „Utilization of Biochar Derived from Red Pine Wood Residues as an Additive in Particleboard Production”</p> <p>Turgay Dindaroglu: „A Paraecological Approach Based on the Integration of Scientific and Local Knowledge in Non-Timber Forest Products Production”</p> <p>Alix Martinez and Eduardo Robles: „Biobased materials based on a novel tapping method for pine resin: linking forest heritage, sustainable transformation, and regional bioeconomy”</p> <p>Rachele Venanzi, Rodolfo Picchio, Angela Lo Monaco, Stelian A. Borz, Eugenia Pauselli, Giovanni Alessandri, Pierluca Gaglioppa: „Possible uses and applications of biochar and charcoal produced by slow pyrolysis kiln prototype”</p> <p>Luke Beesley: „Determination of the longevity of biochars in the soil environment by accelerated column leaching tests”</p> <p>Cristina Carosote, Ilaria Quaratesi, Ioan Calinescu, Petre Chipurici, Ioana Popa, Catalina Ionescu, Iasmina Maria Moza, Emanuela Carmen Beldean, Elena Badea: „From Oak Bark to Eco-Leather: Ultrasound-Assisted Tannin Recovery for Forest Bioeconomy and Sustainable Tanning”</p> <p>Aleksandra Fostikov, Sofia Teives Henriques, Nesibe Kose, Zoë Hazell: „Charcoal and the global energy transition in the iron industry”</p> <p>Ioannis Karapanagiotis: „Identification of tannins in textiles and paintings of the cultural heritage using HPLC”</p> <p>Alicja Młynarczuk: „The past under the microscope - SEM analysis of organic remains embedded in Neolithic wood tar”</p> <p>Hüseyin Sivrikaya: „Water Interaction of Wood treated with Bio-Oil from Charcoal Production”</p> <p>Tufan Salan, M. Hakkı Alma: „Ethno-Archaeological and Bio-Economic Dimensions of Forest By-Products in Turkey: A Comprehensive Review of PoTaRCh Resources”</p>
19.00 onwards	Conference Dinner



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Wednesday, February 18, 2026 WORKING GROUPS DAY	
9.00-10.30	WG Meeting - Session I <i>White paper for policymakers and international organizations on PoTaRCh and its links to bioeconomy strategies and forest transformation</i> WG Meeting - Session II <i>Catalogue of production maps, archives, photographs, and other materials related to human and non-human actors and social-ecological systems</i>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.30	WG Meeting - Session III <i>Innovative tourism concepts aligned with forest heritage preservation</i> WG Meeting - Session IV <i>Education Trail Across Europe</i>
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	WG Meeting - Session V <i>Joint meeting of all working groups on the links between the working groups</i>
15.30-17.00	Surprise Event
18.30	Evening with haiku <i>Zoë Hazell: From the Woods: A collection of short poems inspired by woodlands and their PoTaRCh products - potash, tar, resin and charcoal</i>
Thursday, February 19, 2026 EXCURSION DAY	
8.30-13.00	Transport to Harghita county and visit the centre for charcoal manufacturing
13.30-14.30	Lunch
14.30-16.30	Transport back to Brasov

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