

Forest management in the regions of the Four Motors for Europe



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FRAMEWORK

2020 marked the ending of the current EU Forest strategy 2014 - 2020 that laid out the directions and the main objectives that structured all the forestry policies in the union. Currently a new strategy is being developed and it will have to take into account the increasing effects of climate change in which the dynamics of ecosystems are undergoing significant changes, especially due to the increase of extreme weather events, an increase in forest pests and stress factors as well as the increased risk of forest fires. Each region will have to face different challenges and will need to allocate resources and efforts on different areas to ensure the sustainability of their forests, their biodiversity and of their natural features at large as well as the livelihoods of the people that live and benefit from them.

Objectives

Present good practices, policy advances and lessons learned in the four regions regarding management and prevention of forest degradation, biodiversity conservation and rural development, while sharing the actions that may be already in place to tackle the future challenges of each region. Specifically:

- Which strategies have been implemented to ensure the support on rural communities while tackling the main challenges?
- What new and innovative forestry and added-value products have been developed?
- How have the regions ensured the protection of forests in a changing climate whilst promoting sustainable forestry management to mitigate against climate change?
- What innovative forest management strategies have been implemented?
- How are European forestry oriented funds used in our regions?
- Examples of good practices.

Programme

09:30h Opening

Ms. Anna Sanitjas, Director General for Forests, Government of Catalonia

09:40h Presentation keynote speech:

Mr. Marc de SMET, Policy Officer, DG Agriculture and rural development, European Commission

10:00h Catalonia: Advances in forest fire prevention, adaptation and mitigation efforts in the climate change scenario.

Mr. Enric Vadell, Deputy Director General for Forests, Government of Catalonia

10:15h **Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes**: The « Sylv'ACCTES » initiative.

Loïc Casset, General coordinator of the organization « Sylv'acces », and Matthieu Rousset, Responsable d'unité - Site de Clermont-Ferrand

10:30h **Baden-Württemberg**: “Model regions in Baden-Württemberg”. Establishment and implementation of good practices among the actors involved (Southern Black Forest, drought/bark beetle; Ortenau, storm; Northern Rhine Plain, forest fire).

Dr. Hartebrodt, Dr. Carolin Maier and Dr. Yvonne Hengst-Ehrhart, Unit ‘Forestry economics and management’ at the FVA BW (Forstliche Versuchs- und Forschungsanstalt Baden Württemberg).

10:45h **Lombardy**: Naturalistic management of forests made with “LIFE IP GESTIRE 2020”, an experimental, innovative and integrated project for the conservation of biodiversity in Lombardy, co-financed by the European Commission under the LIFE + Program.

Patrizia Digiovinazzo, ERSAF- Naturalist, and Gherardo Fracassi, ERSAF- Technical services for the agro-forestry sector

11:00h Debate, discussion and conclusions

11:25h: Closing statement

Ms. Muntsa Vilalta, Director General for Foreign Action, Government of Catalonia

11:30h End of the event

Simultaneous translation will be provided between French, German, Italian and Catalan.

