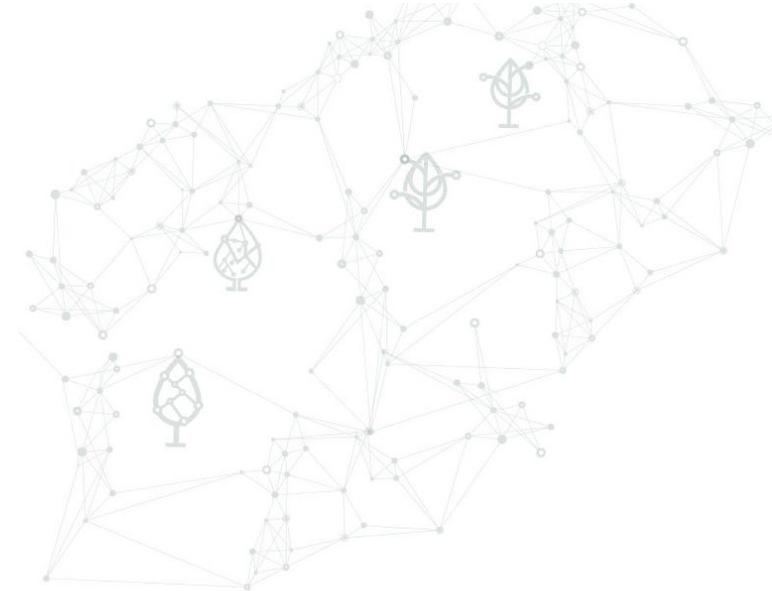


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Innovations and networking in European Forestry



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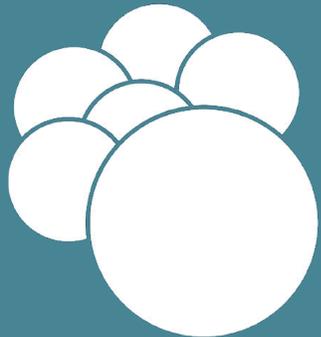
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EU Forestry Networking: state of the art



Mediterranean --- Model Forest Network

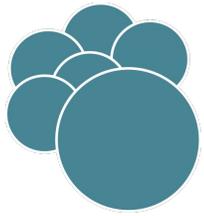
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The Model Forest concept

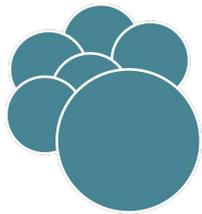
transforming conflict into opportunity



The Model Forest concept **was first developed by the Government of Canada in 1992** during a period of intense conflict between environmentalists, indigenous peoples, forest industry and government. It was a time when the civil society was demanding recognition of multiple forest values beyond timber alone and a greater voice in forest governance.

In response, **10 experimental Model Forests were launched across the country** to use science, innovation, and inclusive governance for sustainable forest management at a landscape scale.





The International Network



Based on early success, at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro the Government of Canada invited other countries to join in forming an International Model Forest Network to share lessons learned and accelerate sustainability goals globally. What began with 10 sites in Canada has now spread to 35 countries with more than 60 MF in operation covering over 70 million hectares.

In **1995**, the International Model Forest Network's Secretariat (IMFN) was officially established in Ottawa where it continues to be hosted by the Natural Resources Canada - Canadian Forest Service.



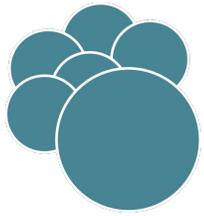
61 Model Forests.
37 countries.
65+ Million hectares.



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The world's largest network dedicated to sustainable landscape governance.

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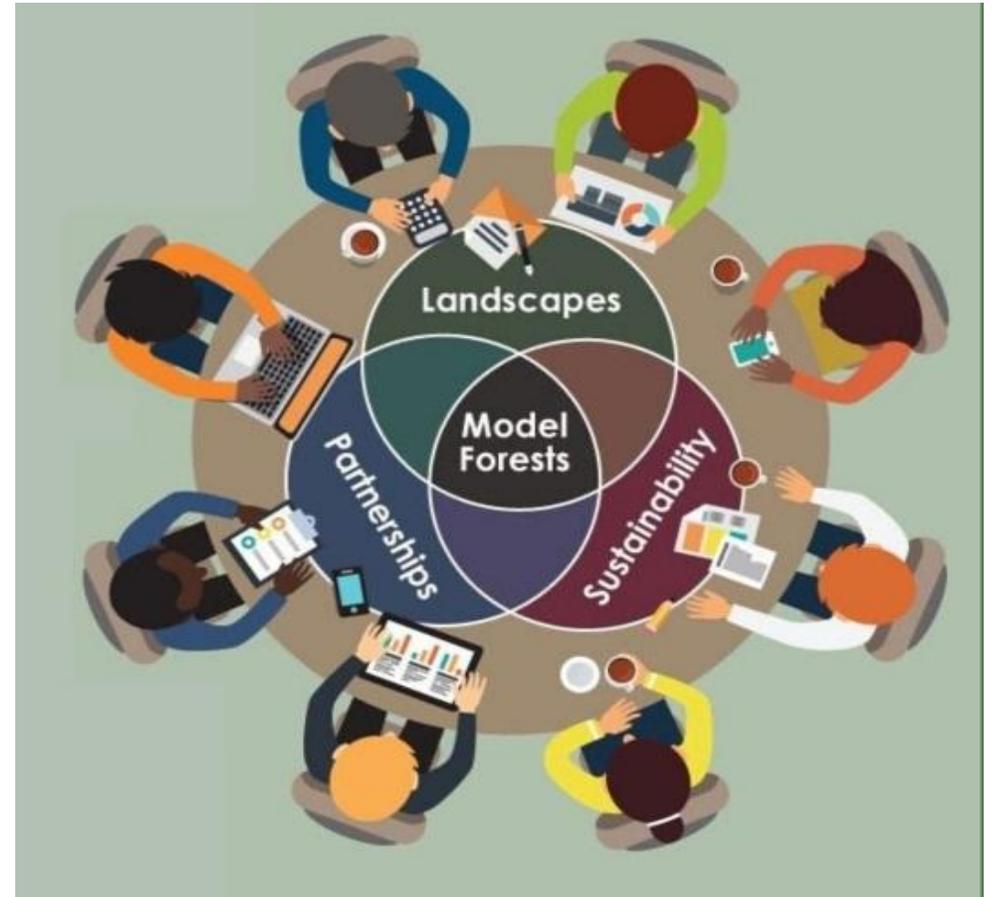
The International Network

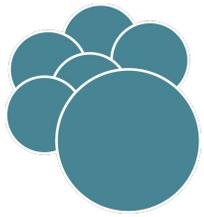
Why the Model Forest idea was born



The Model Forest idea was born to:

- **bring together all of the relevant stakeholders** in a given territory to form a long-term collaborative partnership;
- **serve as a neutral forum** to encourage constructive discussion and inclusive participation;
- **develop, test and implement initiatives** based on science, innovation and traditional knowledge;
- **act as the middle ground** between policy and practice;
- **change the way we think about**, and act towards, our natural resources and each other.





What is a Model Forest?

In short



A Model Forest is best understood as a process for bringing a diverse partnership of individuals and groups together to realize a common vision of sustainable development in a large landscape.

Three main pillars do a Model Forest :



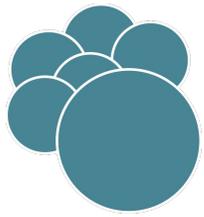
LANDSCAPE: a large-scale biophysical area representing a broad range of forest values, including environmental, social, cultural and economic concerns



PARTNERSHIP: a neutral forum that welcomes voluntary participation of representatives of stakeholder's interests and values on the landscape



SUSTAINABILITY: stakeholders are committed to the conservation and sustainable management of natural resources and the forest-based landscape



The Intern Network

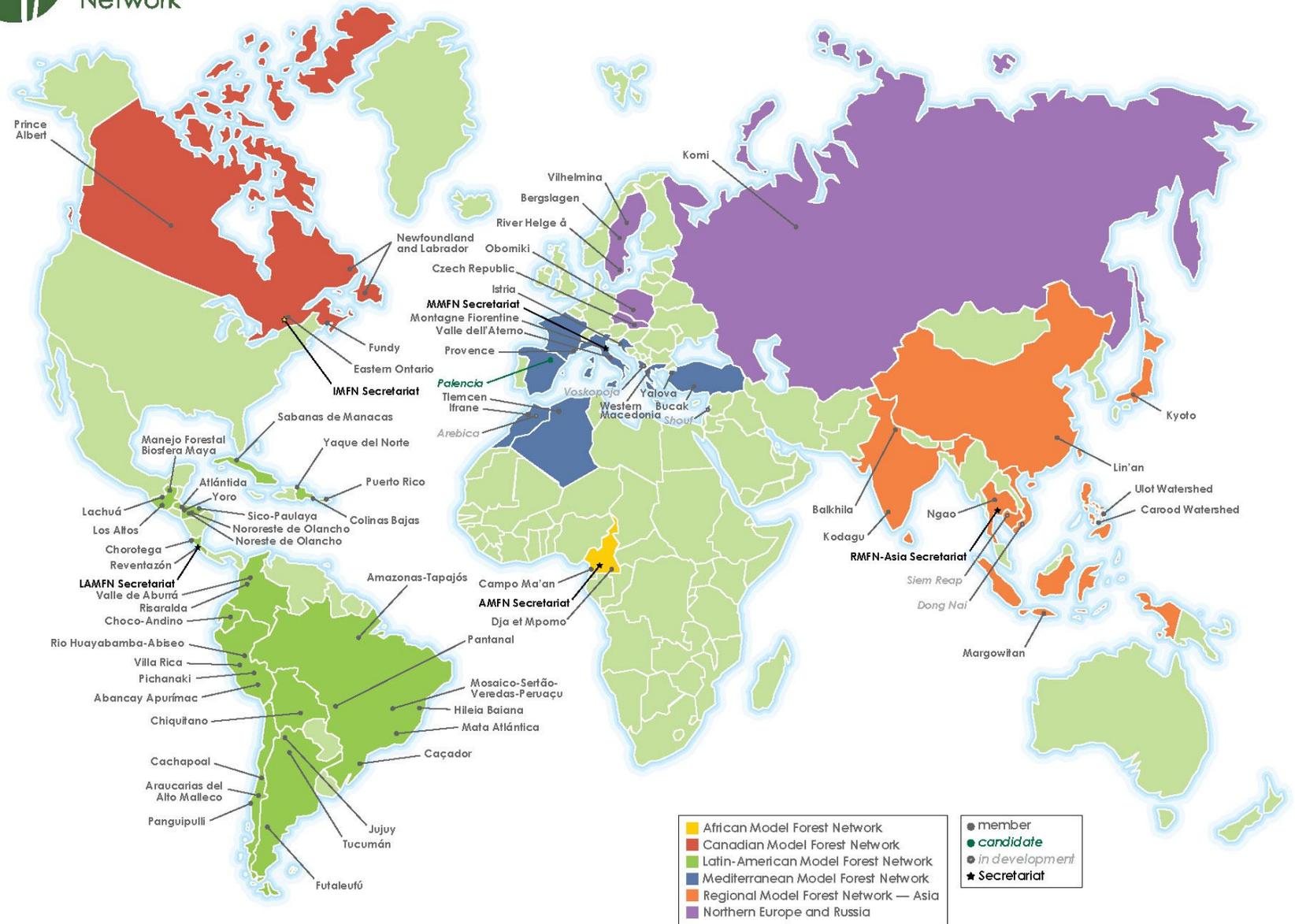
Regional Model Forest

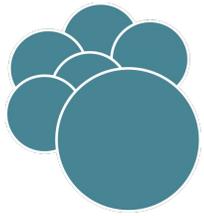


International Model Forest Network

There are currently six Regional Networks under the International Model Forest Network.

Regional Model Forest Networks define, articulate and manage a regional program of work by those who know the area best. These regional programs may be formal or informal and reflect the priorities, strengths and opportunities that are unique to a particular region.



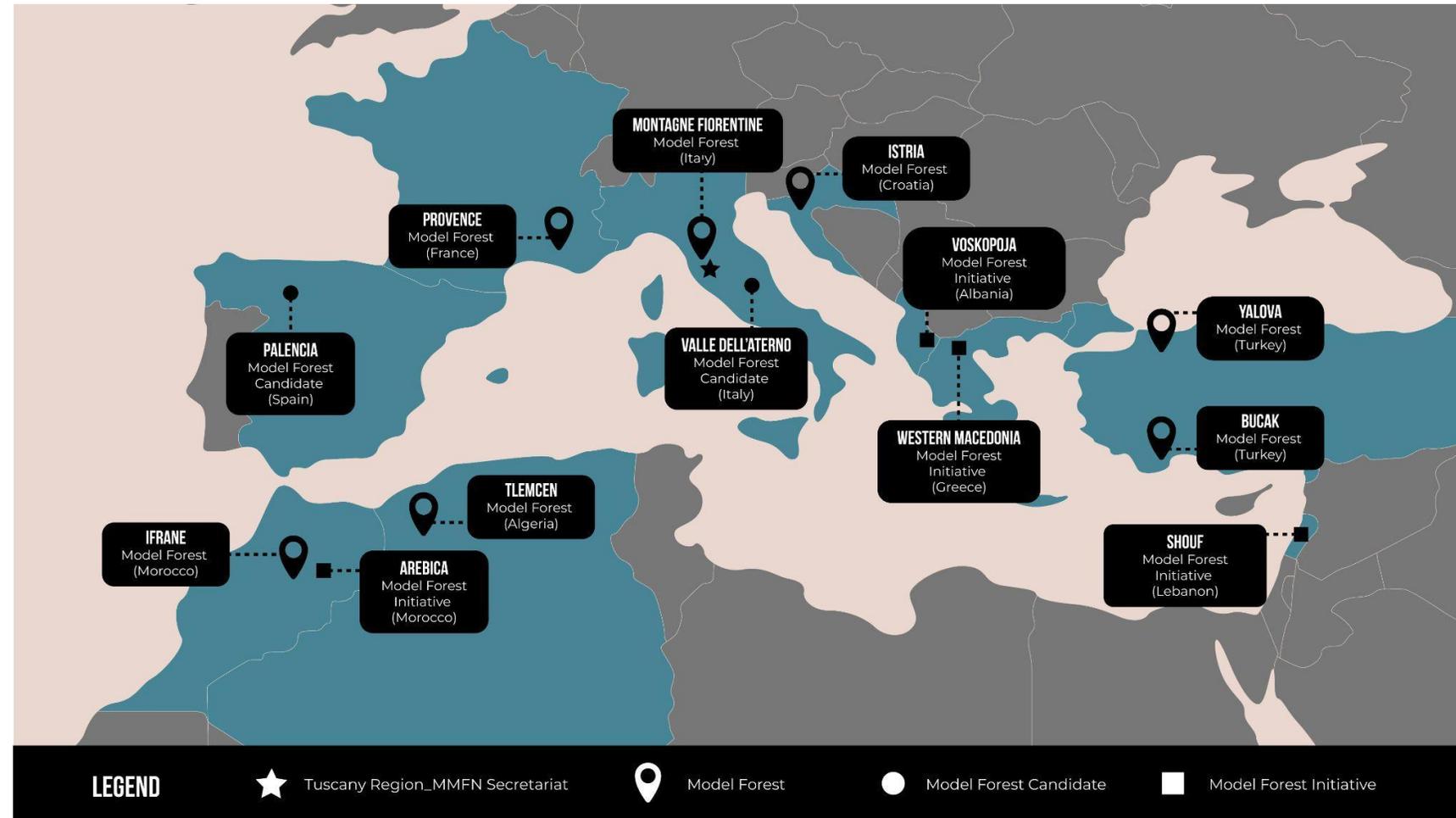


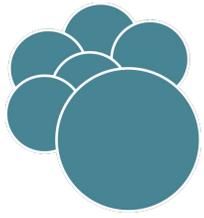
The Mediterranean Network

A network of Model Forests in the Mediterranean



In 2007, thanks to Castilla y Leon Region, Spain led to the creation of the Mediterranean Model Forest Network (MMFN). Since then, the secretariat to the MMFN was hosted by the CESEFOR Foundation on behalf of the Castilla y Leon Region. After 10 years of such a good work able to spread the MF concept wider in Med Area, in 2019, the Tuscany Region of Italy took over to the secretariat with the support of the Montagne Fiorentine Model Forest Association.





The Mediterranean Network

To date 9 Model Forest + 1 candidate MF and 3 Initiative MF in 10 countries...1,382,000 ha



MMFN Secretariat

Since 2019 Managed by

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Official Model Forest



Candidate Model Forest



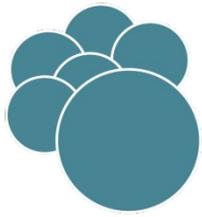
Arebica -
Morocco

Initiative Model Forest

Voskopioia
- Albania



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MMFN Secretariat team - Plan of Activities (2019/2024) General Focus

The activities of the Secretariat, as indicated in the Work Plan, mainly concern the coordination of the Model Forests part of the Mediterranean Network:

Networking between Model Forests of the MMFN:

- . Development of regular contacts (via Skype etc.);
- . Support involvement of members also through funded networking activities;
- . Discussions on specific topics to encourage the exchange of information, experience and know-how;
- . Stimulation of collaboration with the North European Network

Planning and «fund raising»

- . Monitoring of EU programs for the submission of projects in areas of interest to MMFN;
- . Regular monitoring of possible funding opportunities also at national level.

Communication and dissemination:

- . Design, implementation and management of the website and social media pages dedicated to the MMFN;
- . Regular newsletters with specific and selected info for the Network and for a wider audience of stakeholders.

Regional partnership development and relations with the International Network:

- . Promotion of agreements (or MoU) on a National and/or International scale in order to develop common actions e.g. FAO/Slow Food International/ERIAFF/FSC/PEFC;
- . Periodic exchanges of correspondence with the IMFN Secretariat, and with the other regional networks, in particular the North EU, with a view to the European calls.

Documentation, monitoring, and Evaluation:

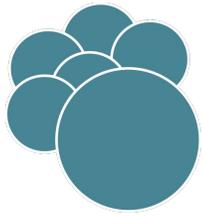
- . Periodic activities evaluation of MMFN and of each MF;
- . Training, counselling and other assistance for candidate (and for those who wish to become) in coordination with IMFN.

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Confirmed MMFN Secretariat management by TR till 2028

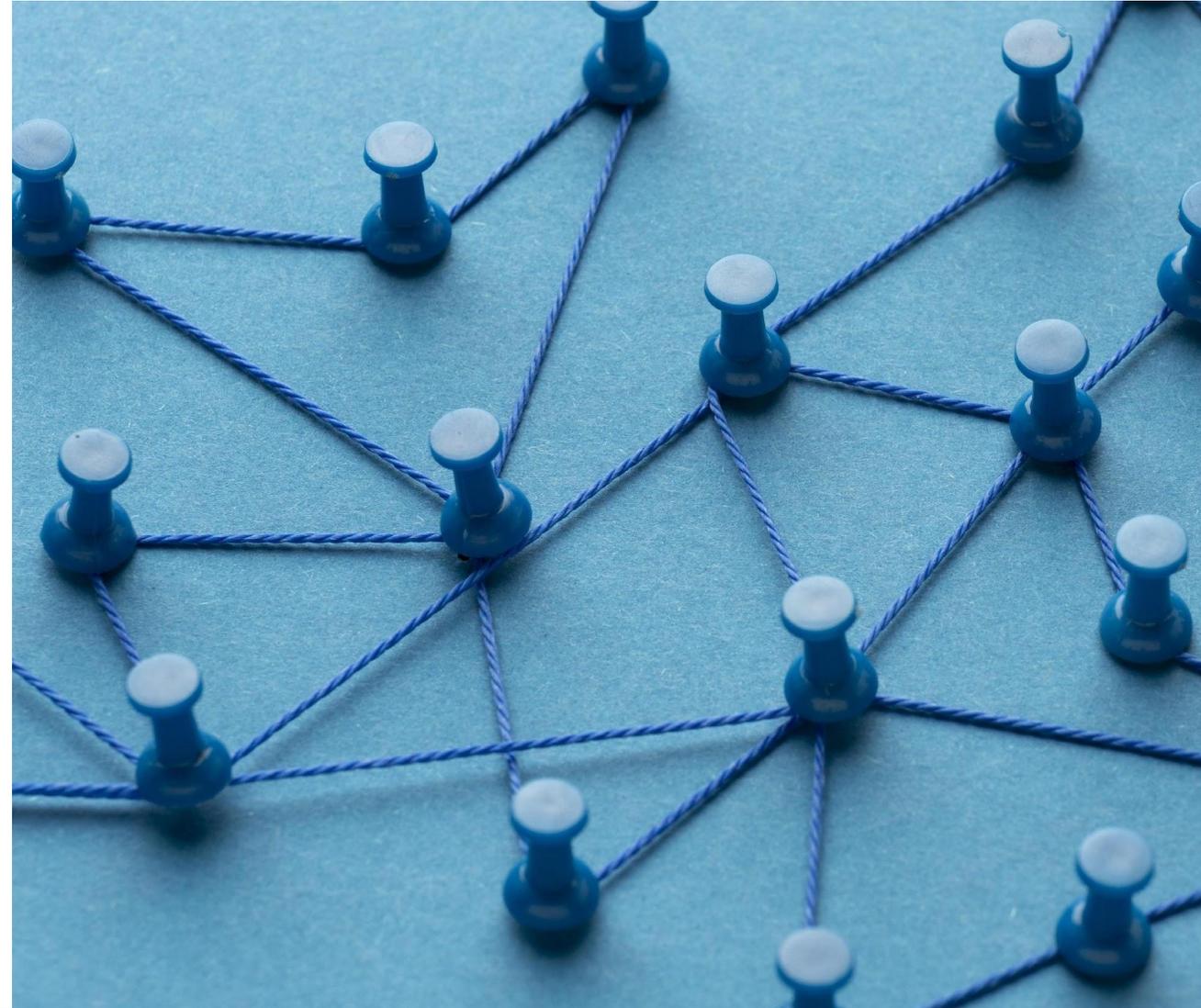


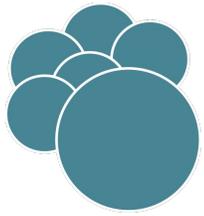
Networking makes us stronger

The importance of networking



Working “in the network” means working connected, enriching partners with specific skills, sharing experiences and know-how. Through networking and sharing lessons learned we save time by avoiding mistakes already made and accelerate opportunities for success. Networking gives us flexibility and allows the participation of the most competent, suitable and interested subjects in achieving a certain result. **The Mediterranean Network of Model Forests is inspired by this system and also seeks to contribute to global environmental sustainability objectives.**





Model Forest Principles



Landscape



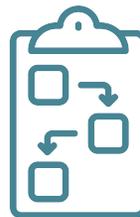
Partnership



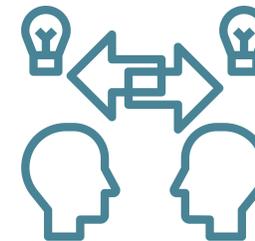
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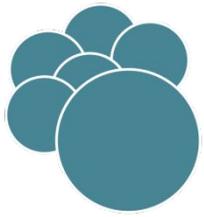
Governance



Program of activities



Knowledge sharing, capacity building and networking



INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

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Institute of Agriculture and Tourism Poreč

Croatian Forest Research Institute (KR)

Institute of Agriculture and Tourism Porec (KR)



ERIAFF network
European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry



Cesefor Foundation (SP)



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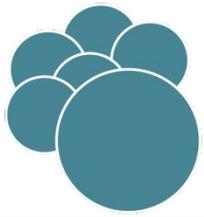
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SHARED PROJECTS — EU Program...but not only

The aim of proposing a series of actions based on the exchange of knowledge, cooperation



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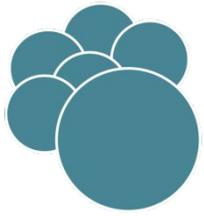


L'Accord de Paris en action : intensifier la restauration des forêts et des paysages pour atteindre les objectifs des contributions déterminées au niveau national (IKI + FAO project) – IFRANE AND AREBICA Mfs Medio Atlas Morocco – Landscape Restoration



grations of experience and





..... and each MF project:

...a list ...it's too long

- just...some examples
- Ecotourism (all)
- Forest pedagogy (Istria and PACA) and forest therapy (FMMF)
- Landscape and forest restoration (Ifrane, Arebica, PACA)
- Forest Workers training (FMMF)
- No Wood products valorization (PACA, Tlemcen and Istria)
- Local Timber Trade Mark (FMMF)
- Renewable Energy Sources (Biomass heating plants and districts) development (FMMF, Valle Aterno)
- Collaboration project with protected areas
- To be continued....





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Canada's Global Forest Leadership Program

Background

- In Budget 2023, the Government of Canada announced funding over three years, starting in 2023-24, to support a resilient, innovative and environmentally-sustainable Canadian forest sector by catalyzing innovation from seed to market, providing continued support for Indigenous projects, improving climate-related knowledge around forests, enhancing international engagement, and expanding innovative use of wood in construction as a low-carbon-building material.
- **As part of this funding, Canada's Global Forest Leadership Program will focus on supporting activities** related to expanding Canada's international engagement, collaborations and partnerships, and sharing Canadian expertise abroad. This includes **support for initiatives that contribute to:**
 - advancing the international forest policy agenda, including on climate, biodiversity, sustainable forest management, the bioeconomy, and wildland fire management;
 - strengthening partnerships with like-minded organizations and countries through sharing expertise and forest stewardship assistance;
 - decreasing market barriers for sustainable forest products.



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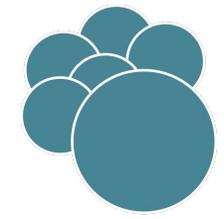


IMFN Governance and Canada's Global Forest Leadership Program



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CG has decided an investment of \$18.7 million in support of Scaling-up Nature-Based Leadership Platforms. Through the proven partnerships of the [International Model Forest Network](#)



CGFLP Activities of period 2024-26



Total Budget (planned so far):

1.100.000 can\$ (752.000 €) in 3 years (2024-26) for contributions

185.000 can\$ (127.000 €) in 2 years (2025-26) for grants

Analysis tool and Validation ————— **Budget:** 320'000\$ / 220'000€ in 3 years

Dissemination ————— **Budget:** 61000\$ / 42'000€ in 1 year

**Landscape and Forest
Restoration** ————— **Budget:** 418'000\$ / 286'500€ in 3 year

Environmental education ————— **Budget:** 58'250\$ / 40'000€ in 1 year

**Video Guidelines for Landscape
Restoration** ————— **Budget:** 116'875\$ / 80'000€ in 1 year

Pilot sites ————— **Budget:** 56'875\$ / 40'000€ in 1 year

Scholarship ————— **Budget:** 56'875\$ / 40'000€ in 1 year

Thanks for your attention!

*“Enthusiasm is to life
as hunger is to food”
B.Russell*



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