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9th EDITION | THE MMFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mediterranean Model Forest Network

Updates on activities, projects
4th november 2024

General Secretary : Toni Ventre

Updated Map

- ✓ 7 OFFICIAL MF
- ✓ 1 MF Candidate
- ✓ 3 MF Iniziative



LEGEND



Tuscany Region_MMFN Secretariat



Model Forest



Model Forest Candidate



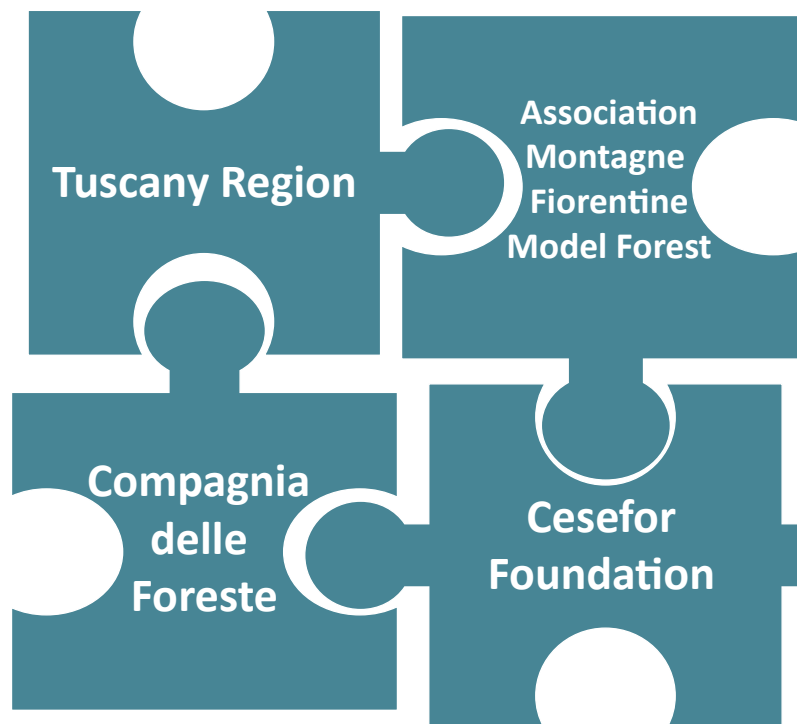
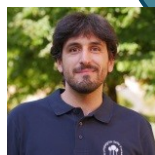
Model Forest Initiative



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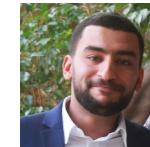
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Elisabetta Gravano : Accountability
Toni Ventre : **GENERAL SECRETARY OF MMFN**



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Andrea Barzagli
**Communication
& Dissemination**

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**International Cooperation,
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PROJECTS



ONEforest (Horizon 2020)

ONEForest is developing a multi-criteria decision support system for joint forest management to enhance forest resilience, align stakeholder interests, and ensure sustainable wood flows. It aims to harmonize forest ecosystem services, helping forest owners evaluate optimal management methods under current and future conditions.

Project data

- **Funded under:** H2020-EU 3.2.1.4
- **Date:** 01/06/2021
- **End Date:** 31/05/2024
- **Budget:** € 5,241,423.75
- **Project Coordinator:** Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences
- **Consortium:** 19 Organizations from 8 Countries



Main actions

- Data collection on forest state.
- Studies for disease/fire prevention.
- Support for the possible creation of 4 new model forests with the support of the other model forests in the network in particular :
Spain/FM PACA (France) Germany/FM ISTRIA (Croatia) Switzerland/FM Florentine Mountains (Italy) Estonia/FMFNS (Tuscany/Italy)
- First stakeholder meetings

PROJECTS DIGIMEDFOR (H2020)

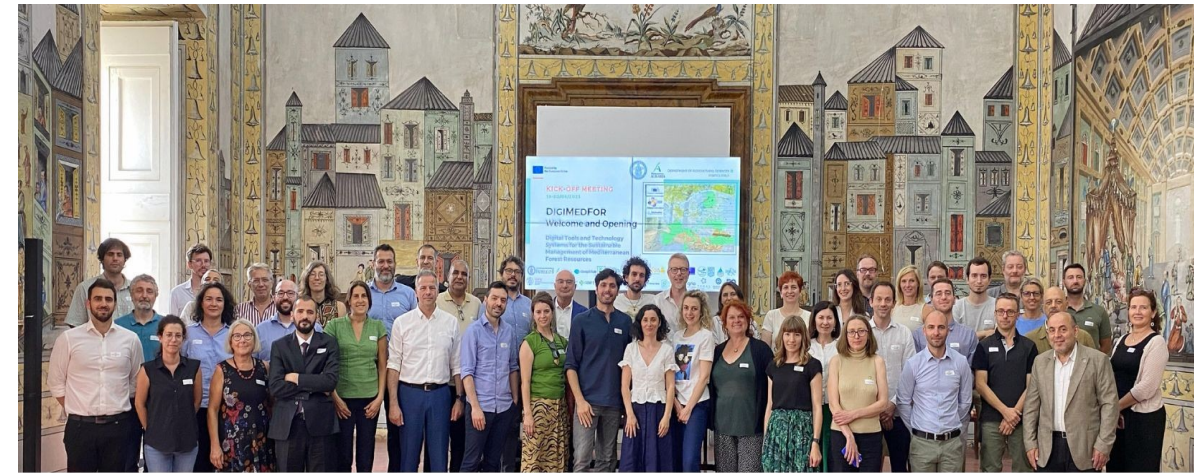


Digital tools and technology systems for the sustainable management of Mediterranean forest resources

DIGIMEDFOR leverages digital solutions, geospatial technology, AI, and ICT to enhance forest monitoring and management, promoting sustainable wood production while optimizing ecosystem services.

The project involves 21 partners from 10 different countries in Europe and the Mediterranean Basin, including Italy, France, Spain, Tunisia, Greece, Ukraine, Croatia, Finland, Slovakia, and Turkey.

The Montagne Fiorentine Model Forest, along with Provence Model Forest and Istria Model Forest, will manage case studies within their territories and promote the project's goals through dissemination and engagement events.



Project starting date: 1 June 2023

Project duration: 36 months

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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)

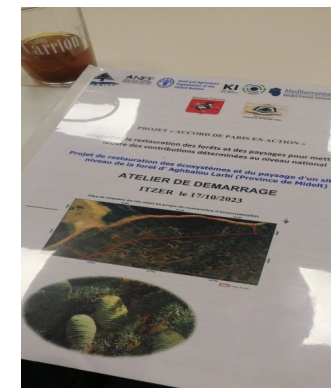


Funded by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German BMU and FAO, this project supports the Paris Agreement through forest restoration efforts.

Moroccan partners include **Ifrane Model Forest** and **Midelt Initiative Model Forest**.

Key activities include:

- Restoration in designated sites identified by Moroccan partners.
- Two exchanges in 2024 (one in Morocco and one in Italy), where a delegation of forestry professionals will visit to exchange knowledge on forest management practices.
- Field visit to Morocco was held in October 2023 by the Secretariat to validate the executive plans of the two Moroccan entities involved.





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Canada's Global Forest Leadership Program

PROJECTS **Canada's Global Forest Leadership Program 2024-26**



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The Global Forest Leadership Program is focusing on international collaboration and sharing Canadian expertise over 3 years, supporting initiatives that contribute to:

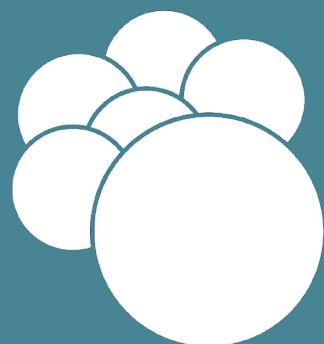
- Advancing international forest policy on climate, biodiversity, sustainable forest management, bioeconomy, and wildfire management.
- Strengthening partnerships with like-minded organizations and countries by sharing expertise and providing forest stewardship assistance.
- Reducing market barriers for sustainable forest products.



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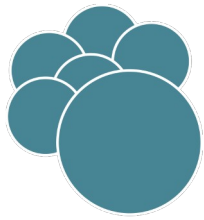
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*Canada's Global Forest Leadership Program
Contribution Funding – Specific Activities in Med Area*



MMFN Activities of period 2024-26



Analysis tool and Validation	Budget: 320'000 can\$ / 220'000€ <u>in 3 years</u>
Dissemination	Budget: 61000 can\$ / 42'000€ <u>in 1 year</u>
Landscape and Forest Restoration	Budget: 68'000 can\$ / 46'500€ <u>in 2 years</u>
Environmental education	Budget: 58'250 can\$ / 40'000€ <u>in 1 year</u>
Video Guidelines for Landscape Restoration	Budget: 116'875 can\$ / 80'000€ <u>in 2 years</u>
Pilot sites	Budget: 56'875 can\$ / 40'000€ <u>in 1 year</u>
Scholarship	Budget: 28,571 can\$ / 20'000€ <u>in 1 year</u>

TIME LINE

2024

2025

2026

Analysis tool and
Validation

Dissemination

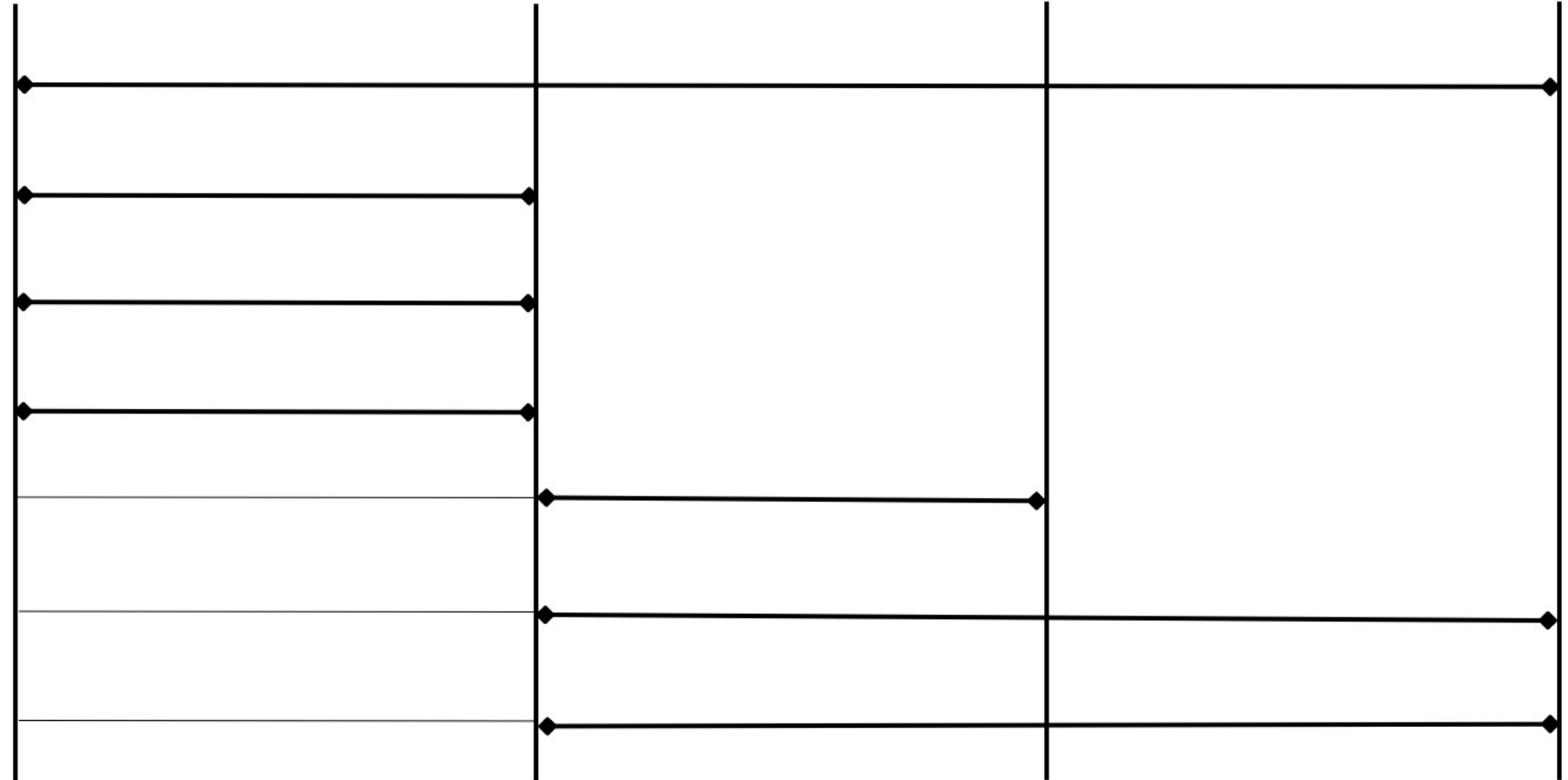
Landscape and Forest
Restoration

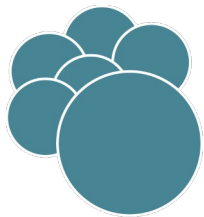
Environmental education

Pilot sites

Video Guidelines for
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Scholarship





Activities of the first year deadline march 31 2024: completed!



TIPOLOGIE COSTO	TRAVEL	STAFF	PROFESSIONAL	OFFICE SPACES	EQUIPMENT	M&WS	TOTAL \$	Partner
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TASK 1 FLR activities Marocco		20000	7000				27000	FMMF - Ifrane MF - Arebica initiative MF
TASK 2 Dissemination			60000				60000	Compagnia delle Foreste
Task 3 EE Tools					44000		44000	FMMF
TASK 4 Web application			34000				34000	CESEFOR
Hiring		12000	0				12000	TBD-FMMF
Travels	33000						33000	FMMF
Office				2500			2500	FMMF
							Total	
							212500	
							37500	OVERHEADS (15%)
							250000	TOTALE

Total Budget managed by Secretariat (3 years) :

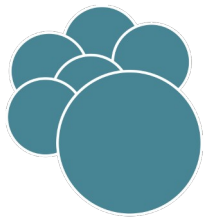
750.000 can\$ (511.000 €) in 3 years (2024-26) for contributions

180.000 can\$ (122.000 €) in 2 years (2025-26) for grants

+

500.000 can\$ addressed to AFMI and FMT managed directly by IMFN Secretariat.

1.430.000 can \$ overall in Med area



4. Environmental education

2024 – **EDUCASE** project - *improve Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility through forest pedagogy and environmental education for Forest and Landscape Restoration.*



With these tools:

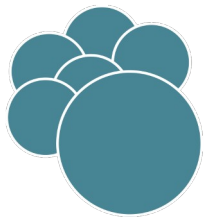
- **Joëlette** (a special wheelchair to ensure accessibility to mountain trails for those with motor disabilities),
- **Photo traps**
- **PlantsPlay** (sensors that translate electrical changes in plants into sounds),
- Kit for **wolf howling** or **deer roaring**
- **Orienteering kit**
- **Time Lapse camera**
- **Digital microscope and climate station**

To present the tools and their potential we organized a dedicated workshop in Italy in March 2024, inviting representatives from MF of Ifrane (Marocco), Western Macedonia (Greece), Media Valle dell'Aterno (Italy), Provence (France), Istria (Croatia), Tlemcen (Algeria), and Voskopoja Model Forest Initiative (Albania) and as guest Juan Pablo Rodriguez Garavito from Colombia, delegate of the Latin-American Model Forest Network. It has been the perfect occasion for sharing knowledge among the MFs of the Mediterranean on the potential of education and dissemination to include the communities in the FLR projects.

Budget:

28.000€ for providing tools to MFs interested to develop projects and activities related





4. Environmental education

2024 – **EDUCASE project** - Edu-Case: tools for raising awareness about Forest and Landscape Restoration through environmental education and forest pedagogy



in these 3 days, what we did?
Really a brainstorm in order to:

sharing knowledge and experiences among MedMFs within EE, FP and FLR, providing information about innovative tools to make wider and more effective our activities, making some practical activities and workshops.

defining principles and, where it was possible, **methods to design environmental education courses and forest pedagogy activities** to valorize FLR projects according to MFN values and approach.





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Canada's Global Forest Leadership Program 2024-26

Digital Platform for Restoration



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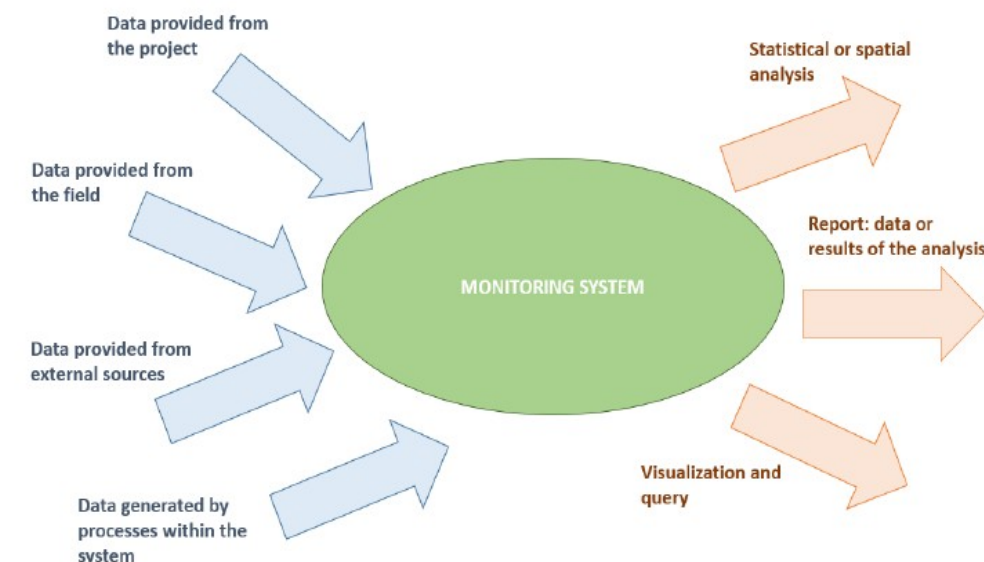


Inputs / outputs

Web-based tool designed to :

Store, visualize, analyse, monitor and report restoration projects since 2017 for each territory of Model Forest of the Mediterranean Model Forest Network.

1. Digitalization of landscape and forest restoration project: project information
2. Track progress on the restoration projects
3. Identification of marginal lands
4. Reporting on the advances of in the Agadir Commitment



PROJECTS **Canada's Global Forest Leadership Program** **2024-26** **Video Documentary for Landscape** **Restoration**



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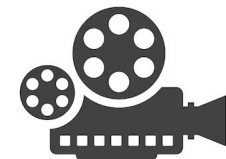


Design of the narrative structure of the videos, identification of the good practices to be told and the subjects to be interviewed in the various model forests involved.

- A **set of 6 videos** of 10-12 minutes each
- **Missions of 3-5 days each for filming** with 2 people CdF in 5 areas (Morocco, Algeria, Lebanon, + 2 in no ODA countries)
- **Translation** of content into 4 languages (English, French, Spanish + Italian for interviews)
- **Speaker involvement** for voice-over (4 voices for 4 languages - English, French, Spanish, Italian)



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PROJECTS **Canada's Global Forest Leadership Program 2024-26**



Scholarship



This call seeks to select highly qualified candidates from Mediterranean countries that are members of MMFN for a 15-month scholarship (**01/01/2025 - 31/03/2026**) focused on Landscape and Forest Restoration. The program is designed to address critical environmental challenges and promote sustainable development through advanced research and practical applications. This scholarship is open to candidates from Mediterranean countries that are members of the Mediterranean Model Forest Network (MMFN).

- **Tackle critical environmental issues** in the Mediterranean region.
- **Enhance sustainable forest management practices.**
- **Foster collaboration** among Mediterranean countries to strengthen regional partnerships.
- **Empower researchers and practitioners** to contribute effectively to the restoration and preservation of Mediterranean landscapes.





INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS and EVENTS...just some examples



Capacity building workshop on management practices for the restoration of degraded Mediterranean forest landscapes (Tunisia 14/17 March)



8th International Wildland Fire Conference (Portugal, May 15-19) This conference aimed to promote the exchange of expertise and international cooperation in wildfire management, bringing together thousands of participants worldwide under the supervision of the International Liaison Committee (ILC).



IMFN Visit in Europe (July/August)

In July, Patrick Wylie from the IMFN Secretariat visited the MMFN, traveling with Secretary Toni Ventre through Italy and Greece. The visit aimed to strengthen ties between the international and Mediterranean networks, meeting key stakeholders and gaining insights into Model Forests, including Valle dell'Aterno (Italy) and Western Macedonia (Greece).



Celebrations of 10 Years of PACA

In June, the Secretariat attended the 10th anniversary of the Provence Model Forest (PACA) during an assembly organized to celebrate this milestone. MMFNs donated a wooden plaque to recognise the 10 years.



FLRM Sixth Advisory Group and Knowledge-Sharing Event (Rome, October)

In October, the MMFN Secretary attended FAO's "Sixth Advisory Group and Knowledge-Sharing Event of the Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism (FLRM)" in Rome.



EFI 2024 Annual Conference in Bonn 19th september

Presentation of Model Forest Network in scientific seminar and at the Workshop "Network of Networks"



ERIAFF 10th Annual Conference 2024 in Seinäjoki (Finland) 11th to 13th of June

Forest Bioregions but not only...international cooperation about policies to implement in SFM where MMFN brought his contribution with a speech in the roundtable.



Mediterranean Model Forests gathered at INNOVAForONE in Valladolid April 18-19 2024

A huge opportunity to merge different EU projects, experiences and studies. ONE Forest, Forest 4EU, SMURF H2020 program with the involvement of MMFN at different levels



Istria Model Forest celebrates 10th anniversary 3rd of May 2024

Ten years of exciting activities representing a lighthouse about Forest pedagogy and valorization of No Wood products



Second Technical Workshop of the Global Fire Management Hub (FAO) in its headquarters in Rome, Italy 19-21 March 2024

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Grazie per la vostra attenzione
شكراً على انتباهكم
Gracias por su atención
Merci pour votre attention
Ευχαριστώ για την προσοχή σας
Hvala na vašoj pažnji
Faleminderit për vëmendjen tuaj
Dikkatiniz için teşekkür ederim

*Toni Ventre and MMFN
Secretariat Team*

The 27th

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Committee on Forestry (COFO)

Take a seat on 1 tonne of CO₂!

At FAO in Rome a wood bench turn the spotlight on the Model Forests

