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Aterno Valley Model Forest Foresta Modello Valle Aterno (FMVA)

Updates on activities, challenges, and successes



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Model Forest name:

Foresta Modello Valle Aterno (FMVA)

Country: ITALY – ABRUZZO REGION

Year of establishment: 2021

Year of admission in the IMFN: 2024

Number of members: 100

Number of municipalities: 15

Number of inhabitants : 8600

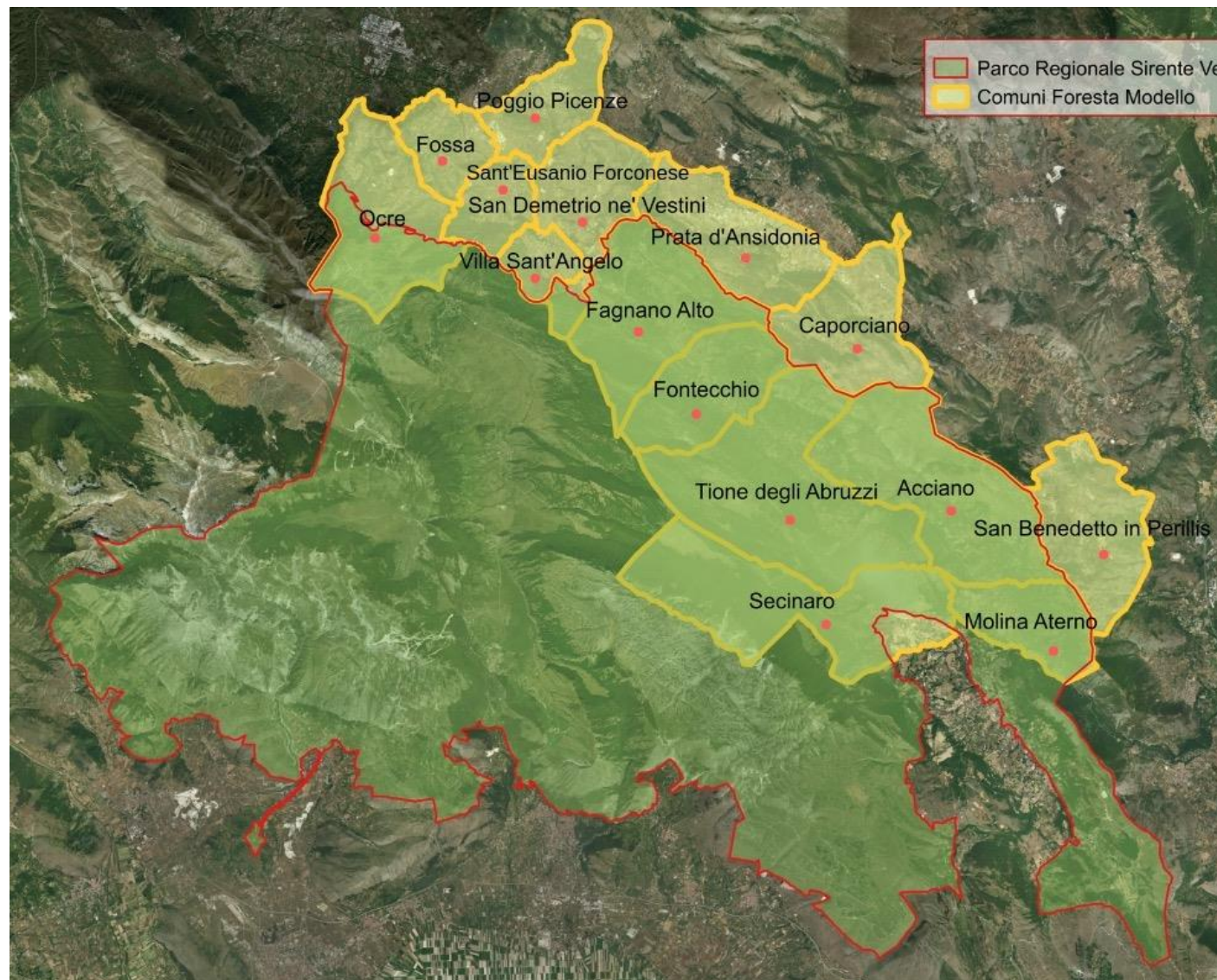
Land surface: 300 km²

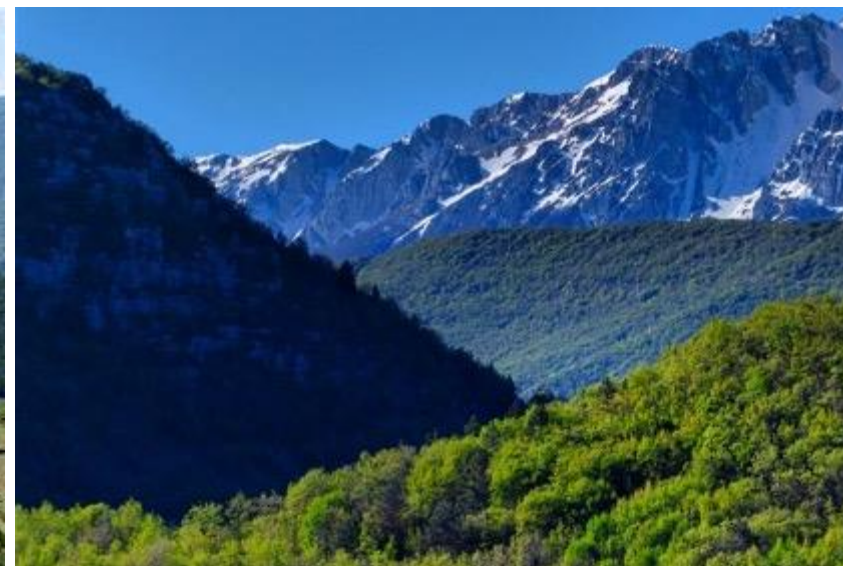
Website: www.forestamodellovalleaterno.it

Main motivations for creating the MF

- Overcome parochialism and encourage partnership/networking
- Promote rural a micro-business networks and assist/motivate young people
- Revert demographic decline
- Prevent summer fires connected to climate change
- Supra-municipal forest planning, also considering biodiversity and landscape beauty.
- Revive farming/breeding to preserve rural patchwork landscape and pastures
- New ways to wildlife management to reduce damages to farmers
- Open up to collaborations, to circulation of ideas and resources flow.

Aterno river valley and Sirente – Velino Natural Park

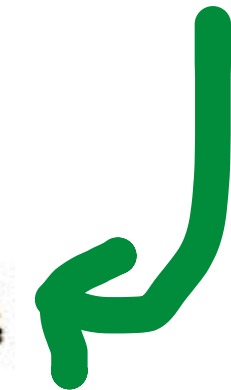
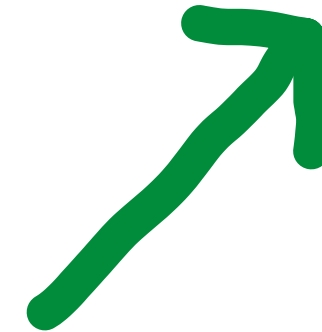
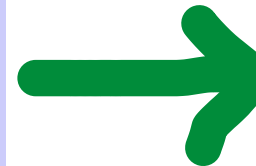
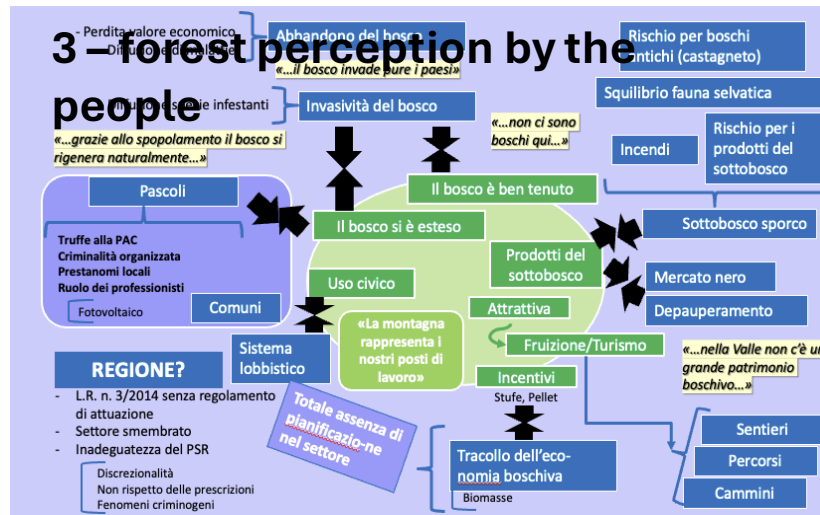




Big trees census

A photograph of two women standing on a large, moss-covered tree root in a forest. The woman on the left is wearing a blue button-down shirt, blue jeans, a pink scarf, and a yellow backpack. She is looking at a smartphone held by the woman on the right. The woman on the right is wearing a black t-shirt, camouflage pants, and a blue jacket tied around her waist. She is holding the smartphone and looking at the screen. The background is a dense forest with green foliage and tree trunks.

Update on latest activities: four legs for forest planning



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Update on latest activities: wild truffle production & forest management (FORTABIO)



Update on latest activities: Tools and Skills of Living in the Mountains (STAI)



Challenges and way forward

		Problem	Solution 1	Solution 2	MMFN possible role
	1	How to “feed” the local network and keep it alive?	Increase the number of local initiatives all the year-long. Who can do it? which resources?	Create networking opportunities for local enterprise	Facilitate the creation of MF network projects, based on cultural and social programs – fund them with crowd-funding
	2	Decline of the everyday cultural and economic relationship with the nearby environment	Increase the opportunities to visit the home-nearby places and to develop initiatives to make local people stay in these places	idem	idem
	3	How to fund the catalyser role played by MF? Too fragile FM local structure	Delegating part of this role to external bodies eg professionals involved in projects but...	Finding sponsors for the MF basic needs	Sponsors searching and network projects promoting
	5	Where to find the resources to fund a low-productivity forest maintenance?	Carbon credit for ESS and similar approaches Sponsors	Public resources ???	FSC and PEFC labeling support Looking for possible buyers
	6	Depopulation, communities aging and scarcity of local entrepreneurs	Create job opportunities which can attract young entrepreneurs or “young” retired people	Work on ESS as a job opportunity	Develop a shared project on EES as job opportunity and look for possible funding – including best practises visits

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Merci pour votre attention
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Hvala na vašoj pažnji
Faleminderit për vëmendjen tuaj
Dikkatiniz için teşekkür ederim

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