

WORKSHOP

“Un’infrastruttura verde per la crescita: il potenziale ruolo delle foreste alpine in una green economy europea”

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Il settore forestale italiano: sfide e opportunità alla luce dei Programmi finanziari dell'UE 2014 – 2020

Italian forest sector: challenges and opportunities with respect to 2014-2020 RD policies



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1. Brief overview of IT forest sector
2. Forest (non) policies in IT
3. Forestry in the RDP
4. A national framework for forestry measures
5. Some concluding remarks



Forests in Italy

Forest area in Italy:

10,5 Mha (33% superficie nazionale)
+ 25% negli ultimi 20 anni
+ 100% nell'ultimo secolo

Decrease of UAA

- In the last 20 years UAA has decreased by 16%
- Natural afforestation of marginal agricultural areas



IFNC, 2005

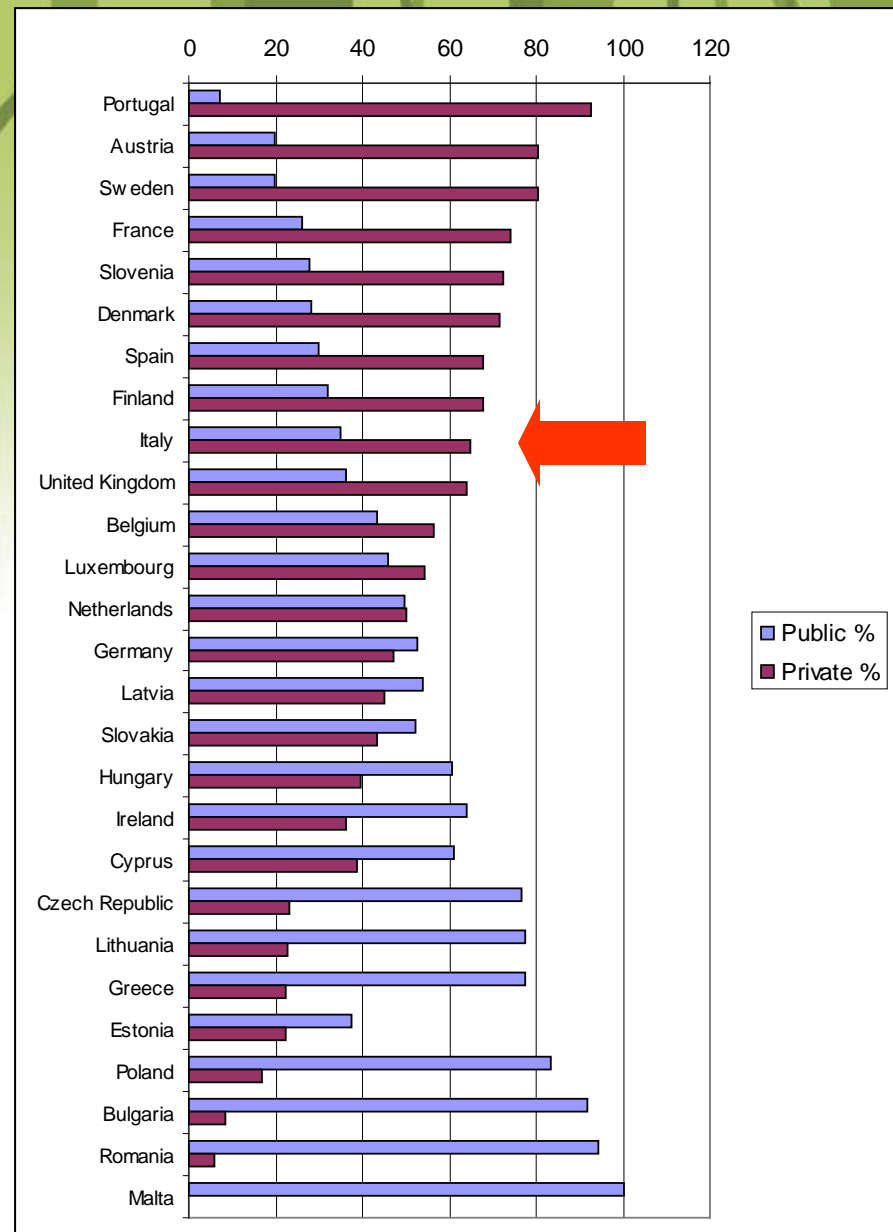
Forest ownership in Europe

Private owners: 63%
(70% coppices)

Public owners: 32%
(50% high forests)

Public owners :
Municipalities : 66%
Regions and State : 24%

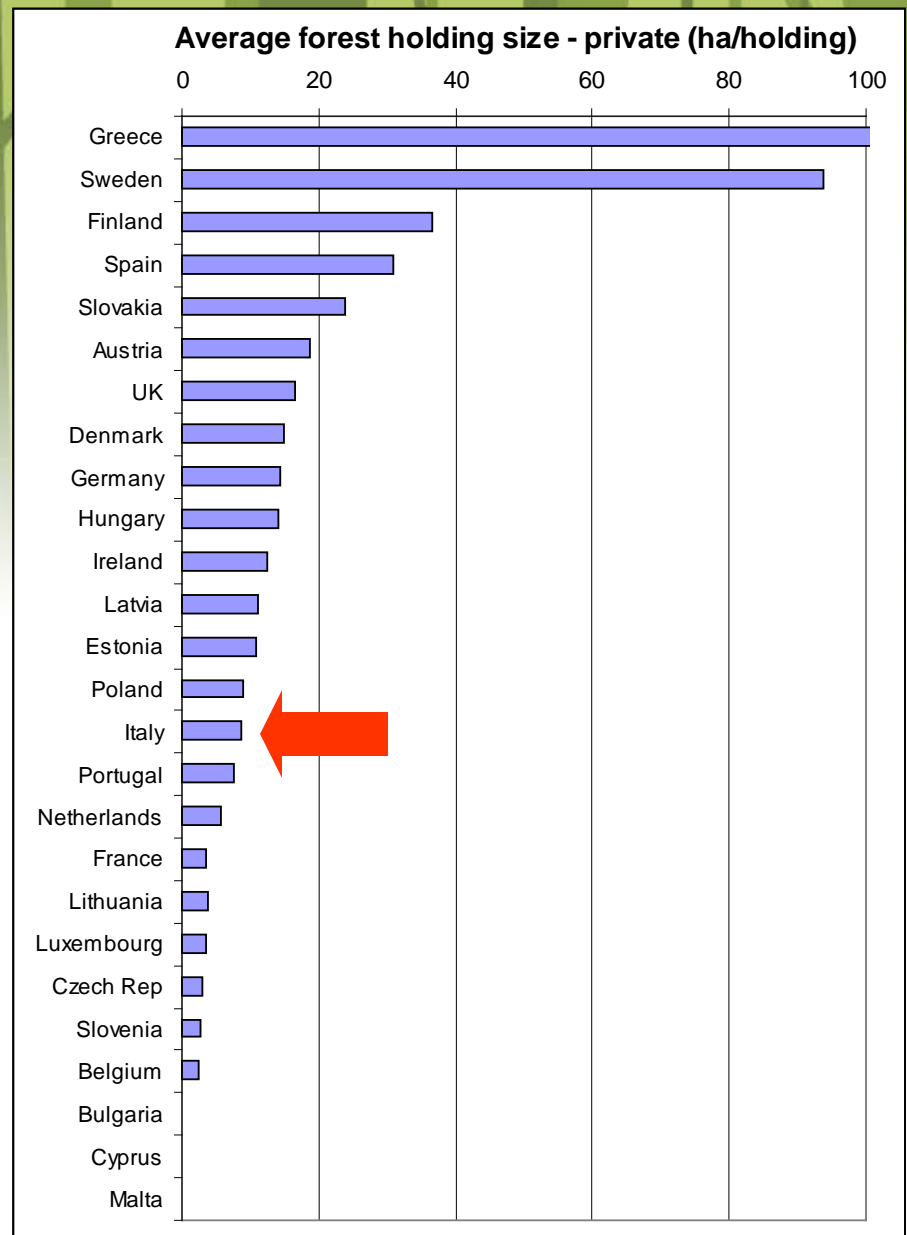
Emilia Romagna, Toscana,
Liguria:
80% private
Trentino: 70% Public



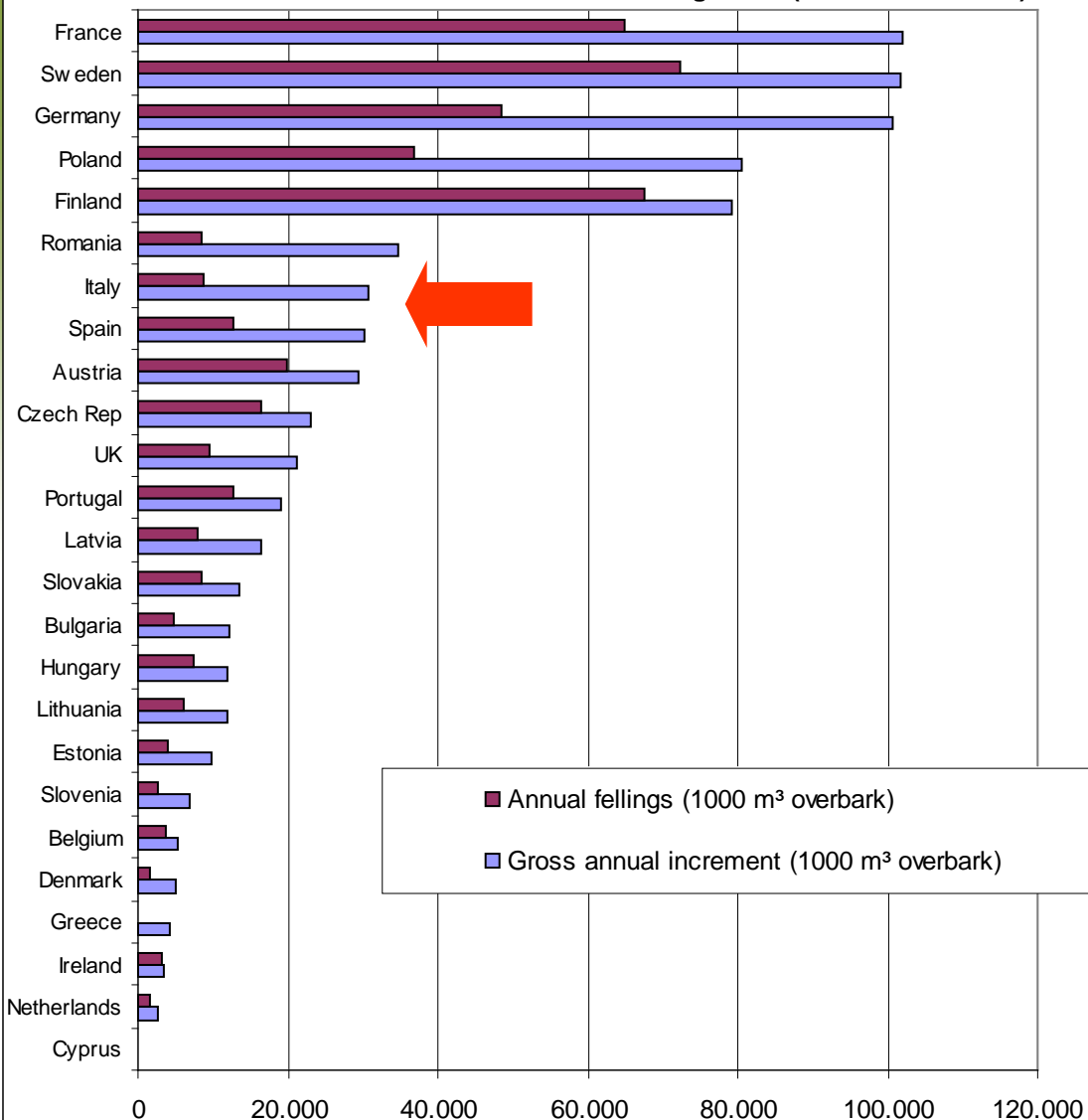
Structural problems in Italy

Average size of private forest holdings: 3 ha

Average size of cuts: 1,03 ha



Gross annual increment and annual fellings 2000 (1000 m³ overbark)

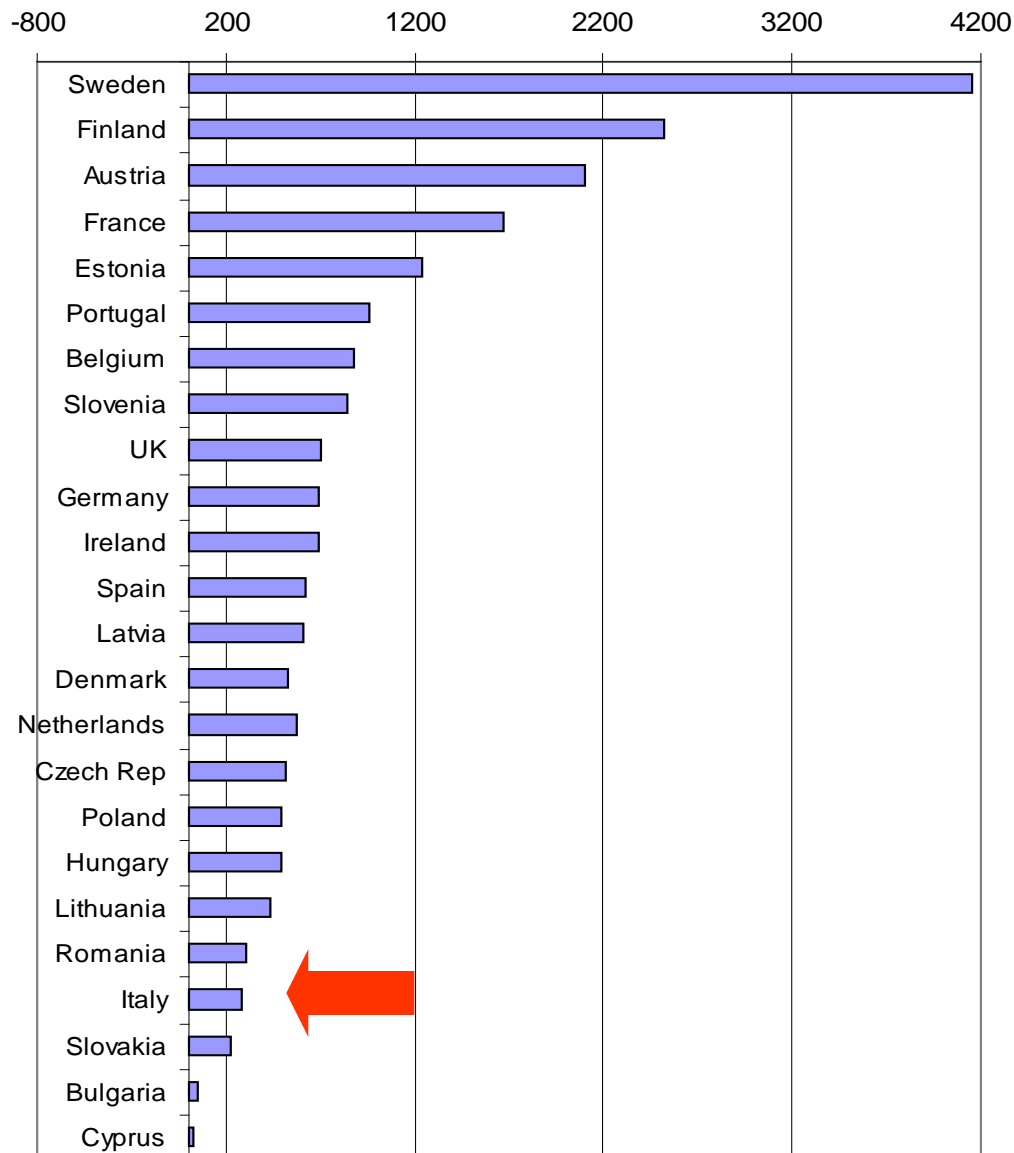


Available for Harvesting:
88% of forest area = 30
Mcm

Harvesting: 7 Mcm (30% of
domestic demand)

Import:
18 Mcm (70% of domestic
demand of which 30% for
energetic use)

Labour productivity m³ wood/person year



Labour productivity
very low:

most of forests in
mountain areas

type of forests: mainly
coppices and high
forests with selective
cuts

some structural
problems of forest
harvesting enterprises



RDL 1923

NFP 1988
Law 227/01
New article in the
Constitution
Framework program
2008 (strategy)

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**Italian forest policy
(??)**

Forest strategy
Rural development ...

**Timber regulation
March 2013**

Biodiversity,
landscape climate
change
mitigation/adap.



Politiche di Tutela e Conservazione di **competenza Nazionale**.

Politiche di Valorizzazione e Gestione **competenza Regionale**.

Sovrapposizione di competenze e ruoli...

ITALY= 21 Member States

Rural development in a new framework



Europe 2020 strategy



Common Strategic Framework (CSF)

Covering the EAFRD, ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund and EMFF, and reflecting EU2020 through common thematic objectives to be addressed by key actions for each of the funds



Partnership Contract

National document outlining the intended use of the funds in the pursuit of EU2020 objectives



Rural development
policy: EAFRD

Other CSF funds
(ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund the EMFF)

Innovation, Environment and Climate Change as cross-cutting themes

Priorities

*Fostering
knowledge
transfer and
innovation in
agriculture,
forestry and
rural areas*

Enhancing
competitiveness
of all types of
agriculture
and farm viability

Promoting
food chain
organisation
and risk
management
in agriculture

Restoring,
preserving and
enhancing
ecosystems
dependent on
agriculture and
forestry

Promoting resource
efficiency and
supporting the shift
towards a low carbon
and climate resilient
economy in
agriculture, food
and forestry sectors

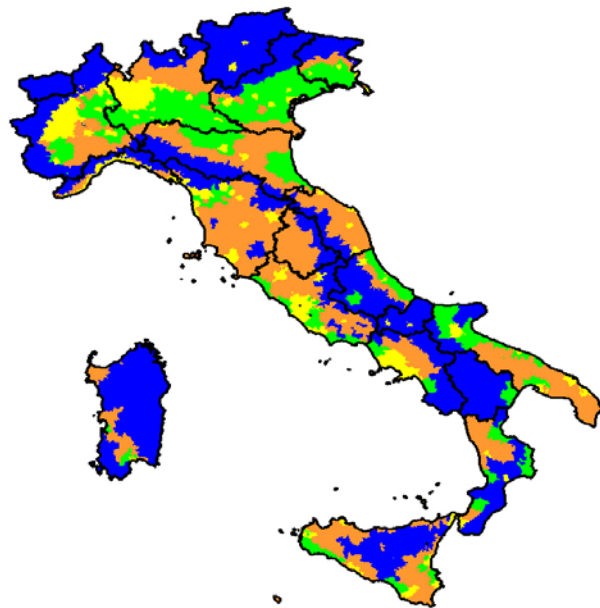
Promoting social
inclusion,
poverty reduction
and economic
development
in rural areas

Rural Development Programme(s)



Il bosco Italiano: opportunità o limite?

Rural areas (national framework)



- Poli Urbani
- Aree rurali ad agricoltura intensiva specializzata
- Aree rurali intermedie
- Aree rurali con problemi complessivi di sviluppo

Forest area from NFI



FORESTRY MEASURES FOR THE PROGRAMMING PERIOD 2014-2020

Reg. (EU) No 1305/2013	Type of measure / sub-measure 2014-2020	Ref. measures 2007-2013
art. 21 (cod. 8)	"FORESTRY MEASURES" Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests	
art. 22	Afforestation and creation of woodland	221-223
art. 23	Establishment of agroforestry systems	222
art. 24	Prevention and restoration of damage to forests from forest fires and natural disasters and catastrophic events	226
art. 25	Investments improving the resilience and environmental value of forest ecosystems	225-227
art. 26	Investments in forestry technologies and in processing, in mobilising and in the marketing of forest products	123-124
OTHER FORESTRY-RELATED MEASURES		
art. 30 (cod. 12)	Natura 2000 and Water Framework Directive payments	224
art. 34 (cod. 15)	Forest-environmental and climate services and forest conservation	225
OTHER MEASURES OF INTEREST FOR THE FORESTRY SECTOR		
art. 14 (cod. 1)	Knowledge transfer and information actions	111-331
art. 15 (cod. 2)	Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services	115-116
art. 17 (cod. 4)	Investments in physical assets	122-123-124-125-227
art. 19 (cod. 6)	Farm and business development	311-312
art. 20 (cod. 7)	Basic services and village renewal in rural areas	321-322-323-313
art. 27 (cod. 9.1)	Setting -up of producer groups and organisations	124-123
art. 35 (cod. 16)	Co-operation	124

Key words:

SIMPLIFICATION FOR BENEFICIARIES (AND MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES)
SYNERGY BETWEEN ACTIONS / MEASURES
MORE PROJECTS ' HIGH ADDED VALUE
MORE EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION
INCREASED EFFICIENCY OF EXPENDITURE

ART. 21I FORESTRY measures cover

- A. the extension and improvement of forest resources through afforestation of land**
- B. the creation of agroforestry systems combining extensive agriculture with forestry systems**
- C. restoration of forests damaged by fire or other natural disasters and relevant prevention measures**
- D. investments in forestry technologies and in the processing, mobilising and marketing of forest products aimed at improving the economic and environmental performance of forest holders**
- E. non remunerative investments which improve ecosystem and climate resilience and environmental value of forest ecosystems**

Articolo 22 Imboschimento e creazione di aree boscate

Attività previste	Beneficiari	Altro	Principali novità rispetto al 1698/2005
<p>Copertura dei costi di impianto + premio annuale/ha per un periodo massimo di 10 anni, a copertura dei costi di mantenimento,</p> <p>Copertura costi lavori pre e post impianto.</p> <p>Sono eleggibili per questa misura sia le superfici agricole che quelle non agricole</p>	<p>proprietari e gestori</p> <p>privati</p> <p>municipalità</p> <p>loro rispettive associazioni</p>	<p>Le specie adottate per l'impianto dovranno essere adattate alle condizioni ambientali e climatiche</p> <p>Nessun sostegno per l'impianto di cedui a turno breve, alberi di natale o per specie a rapido accrescimento per la produzione di energia.</p> <p>Nelle aree dove l'imboschimento è reso difficoltoso dalle condizioni pedoclimatiche: impianto di altre specie legnose perenni come arbusti e cespugli.</p>	<p>Comprende le attuali misure 221 e 223.</p> <p>Non c'è più il premio per la compensazione del mancato reddito per i terreni agricoli, ma la durata massima del sostegno per i costi di mantenimento passa da 5 a 10 anni.</p>

Articolo 23 - Allestimento di sistemi agroforestali

Attività previste	Beneficiari	Altro	Principali novità rispetto al 1698/2005
<p>Copertura dei costi di impianto.</p> <p>Premio annuale/ha a copertura dei costi di mantenimento per un periodo massimo di 3 anni</p> <p>Sostegno limitato al tasso massimo dell' 80% (Allegato 1)</p>	<p>proprietari privati</p> <p>Gestori</p> <p>municipalità</p> <p>loro rispettive associazioni</p>	<p>Il numero massimo di alberi/ha da impiantare determinato dagli Stati Membri tenendo in considerazione le condizioni pedoclimatiche locali, le specie forestali e la necessità di assicurare l'uso agricolo del suolo.</p>	<p>Comprende l'attuale misura 222</p> <p>Il sostegno non copre più solo i costi di impianto ma anche quelli di mantenimento.</p>

Article 24 - Prevention and restoration of damage to forests

Type of operation	Beneficiaries	Other aspects	What's new in comparison to 1698/2005
<p>Establishment of protective infrastructures</p> <p>Local, small scale prevention activities against fire or other natural hazards</p> <p>Establishing and improving forest fire monitoring facilities</p> <p>Restoring forest potential damaged from fires and other natural disasters including pests, diseases as well as catastrophic events and climate change related events</p>	<p>Private and public forest holders</p> <p>Other private law and public bodies</p> <p>Associations of above mentioned</p>	<p>For holdings above a certain size, to be determined by the Member States, support shall be conditional on the presentation of the relevant information from a forest management plan or equivalent instrument detailing the preventive objectives</p> <p>No support under this measure shall be granted for loss of income resulting from the natural disaster</p>	<p>It includes current measure 226</p> <p>Opening up to preventive actions against pests and diseases, covering also natural disasters, catastrophic events and climate change related events</p> <p>The list of species (pests, diseases) which may cause such disasters should be provided in the programme</p>

Article 25 - Investments improving the resilience and environmental value of forest ecosystems

Type of operation	Beneficiaries	Other aspects	What's new in comparison to 1698/2005
<p>Investments for environmental aims, ecosystem services and/or enhancement of the public amenity value of forest and wooded land</p> <p>improvement of the climate change mitigation potential of ecosystems, without excluding economic benefits in the long term</p>	<p>Natural persons</p> <p>Private and public forest holders</p> <p>Other private and public law bodies</p> <p>Associations of above mentioned</p>	<p>For state forests only management enterprises are admitted</p>	<p>It includes current measure 227</p> <p>The support may not exclude the provision of economic benefits in the long-run</p>

Article 26 - Investments in forestry technologies and in processing, mobilizing and marketing of forest products

Type of operation	Beneficiaries	Other aspects	What's new in comparison to 1698/2005
<p>Investments in enhancing the economic value of forests</p> <p>Investments in processing and marketing of forest products (also non-wooded products)</p> <p>They may include investments for soil-friendly and resource -friendly harvesting machinery and practices</p> <p>FOREST roads???</p> <p>Forest management programs and equivalent tools</p>	<p>Private land holders</p> <p>Municipalities</p> <p>Associations of private land holders or municipalities</p> <p>SMEs</p>	<p>For holdings above a certain size, investments shall be conditional on the presentation of the relevant information from a forest management plan or equivalent instrument</p> <p>Investments related to the use of wood as a raw material and energy source shall be limited to all working operations prior to industrial processing</p>	<p>It includes current measures 122 & 123</p> <p>Support extended to SMEs</p>

Article 34 - Forest-environmental and climate services and forest conservation

Type of operation	Beneficiaries	Other aspects	What's new in comparison to 1698/2005
<p>Support per ha of forest to beneficiaries who undertake to carry out operations going beyond the relevant mandatory requirements established by the national forestry act or other relevant national law</p> <p>Support may be provided also for the conservation and promotion of forest genetic resources</p>	<p>Public and private forest holders</p> <p>Other private law and public bodies</p> <p>Associations of above mentioned</p>	<p>Commitments shall be undertaken for a period of 5-7 years</p> <p>Where necessary and duly justified, Member States may determine a longer period</p> <p>For forest holdings above a certain threshold, support shall be conditional on the presentation of the relevant information from a forest management plan or equivalent instrument, in line with sustainable forest management</p>	<p>It includes current measure 225</p> <p>Among beneficiaries, explicit reference to state owned forests</p>

OTHER MEASURES: KEY ELEMENTS (1)

MEASURE	CONTENT
Art. 14 - Knowledge transfer and information actions	Current measures 111 & 311. Demonstration activities and information actions, farm and forest visits, short-term farm and forest management study visits
Art. 15 - Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services	Current measures 114 & 115. advisory services for the improvement of the economic and environmental performance and training of advisors
Art. 17- Investments in physical assets	Current measures 121, 123, 125 & 216. Infrastructure related to development, modernisation or adaptation of agriculture and forestry, including access to farm and forest land , land consolidation and improvement, and the supply and saving of energy and water
Art. 20 - Basic services and village renewal in rural areas	Current measures 311, 321, 323 & 313. Investments in small scale infrastructure including renewable energy . Studies and investments associated with the maintenance and restoration of the natural heritage of rural landscapes and high nature value sites
Art. 27 - Setting -up of producer groups and organisations	Current measure 142. Adapting the production to market requirements; jointly placing goods on the market; establishing common rules on production information, with particular regard to harvesting and availability; marketing skills and the facilitation of the innovation processes

OTHER MEASURES: KEY ELEMENTS (2)

MEASURE	CONTENT
Art. 30 - Natura 2000 and Water Framework Directive payments	Current measures 213 & 224. Compensation for additional costs and income foregone related to the implementation of Directives 92/43/EEC, 2000/60/EC and 2009/147/EC.
Art. 35 – Co-operation	Pilot projects and development of new products, practices, processes and technologies in the agriculture, food and forestry sectors. Innovation networks. Joint implementation of forest-environmental and climate services. Forest management plans (at least 2 beneficiaries)
Art. 55, 56, 57 – EIP	Innovative projects in the forestry sector for the implementation of the European Innovation Partnership

RDP FORESTRY MEASURES:

National Framework for Forestry measures

- An «enlarged» WG: NRN, Forest Observatory INEA, PQSF coordination group, some Regional officers, ministry
- IDEA of a national Forestry FRAMEWORK as national guidance document for the activation of RDP 2014-2020 Forestry measures

AIMS:

- Simplify negotiation procedures
- Guarantee coherence of the measures among Regions
- Enhance expenditure efficiency and the efficacy of forestry interventions for 2014-2020 period
- Implement the PQSF national strategy

NATIONAL FORESTRY FRAMEWORK

- works according with regional and national rules and laws
- It does not modify the forestry laws in force
- It identifies for each MEASURE the interventions/actions potentially implementable at regional level according to socioeconomic conditions, climatic conditions....
- The framework is not «mandatory» for the Regions, additional Forestry Measures should be, if necessary, defined by the R and negotiated with the EC

THE PROPOSAL OF NATIONAL FORESTRY FRAMEWORK

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To propose a shared document to represent forestry issues as Member States avoiding differences among Regions during negotiations;*
- 2. Provide technical support for EAFRD programming activities in coordination with national, EU and international guidelines;*
- 3. Simplify State AID notification procedures of forestry measures;*
- 4. Improve monitoring actions (coordination of regional systems)*
- 5. implement the national forestry policy (PQSF);*

Method and procedures

- + LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONSULTATION
- + INFORMAL APPROVAL (STATE/REGIONS)
- + Presentation/discussion/ negotiation at EU level
- + Formal approval (conferenza Stato Regioni)
- + State aid notification at national level for all the measures



Work in progress at the RRN Forest WG,

Next Monday last meeting for the informal approval

challenges and opportunities

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Set of measures in line with the needs of individual regions, but avoiding differences among regions*
- 2. Coherence of the forestry measure with other policy instruments at National and Regional level*
- 3. Coherence with EU policy strategy*
- 4. Promote forms of management based on an active presence of the man though with the full respect of environment, biodiversity, landscape...*



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