

ACTION SynTran: Synthesis and Transferability of Project's Findings**Description:**

This Action will be devoted to the preparation, revision, adoption and distribution of the most important reports of the project. In fact, for a project such as ManFor C.BD, transferability of result at international level will play a crucial role.

The Action will include a synthesis of the technical findings for stakeholders and a report dedicated to the transfer of results to international competent authorities including the MCPFE, Standing Forestry Committee, European Environment Agency and the relevant Units of European Commission General Directorates (DG-Environment, DG-Agri). Indeed, some of the project's participant already contributed significantly to reports at European such as Report AGRI-2007-G4-06 "Impacts of Climate Change on European Forests" and EEA Report n. 9/2006 "European forest types. Categories and types for sustainable forest management reporting and policy".

Furthermore, the project aims providing to forest managers a manual of "good practice" on how to preserve and improve the role of managed forests in the carbon cycle and maintain, protect and possibly enhance biodiversity from the forest patch up to a landscape perspective.

The deliverable "Manual of Good practice for forest management" is a central project outcome. The manual will describe management options giving hints on where (in what circumstances and conditions), when (management goals) and how these options could be executed in the field and how can be adopted at local, regional and national levels. The manual will be mainstreamed into the Italian and Slovenian forest sectors.

The Associated Beneficiary Regione Veneto will prepare a Guide to be delivered to forest owners and practitioners addressing, with appropriate language, management options for the Region and how the "innovations" results from the project can be adopted.

Mainstreaming of project's results to regional and national forest systems

The Coordinating and Associated Beneficiaries are committed to encourage the adoption of the management options that will be developed and tested within the project in the national forest systems of the two countries.

In both countries, the project took in consideration the Framework National Forest Programmes where different objectives mention the need of actively testing and implement "new" or "alternative" management options. In this respect, project's deliverables (reports, Manuals) will be addressed to the relevant authorities for discussion and the potential benefits for extensive adoption will be fostered.

In, Italy, the project is supported by the Corpo Forestale dello Stato (CFS, National Forest Service, see attached letter that was originally included in the project), two Regions are included as Associated Beneficiaries and a third Region has provided support letter for the project's activity in their forests (see attached letter of support by Abruzzo Region). The inclusion and support of regional authorities and the endorsement of CFS will facilitate the adoption of the project's derived management options. As a first step, the successful options will be formally implemented in the Management Plans of the forest areas where they will have been performed.

Furthermore, the project is coordinated by CNR, the largest Italian research organisation, participating with two institutes dealing with forest research; CRA, the research body of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forest Policies, providing scientific and technical support to the development of national forest policies, is one of the Associated Beneficiaries.

It is also worth mentioning that researchers involved in the projects are Members of the Italian Academy of Forest Science (AISF, prof. Marco Marchetti, Prof. Giuseppe Scarascia Mugnozza), involved, in the past, in proposing and preparing guidelines for forest management at national level and will do so in the future. Furthermore, many researchers working in the projects are Members of the Italian Society for Silviculture and Forest Ecology (SISEF, www.sisef.it), the Coordinator is part of its Executive Board, while the Director of the Department of Agronomy, Forests and Landscape, to which the CRA institute involved in the project belongs, is President of the same Scientific Society.

In Slovenia, the forest management system is rather conservative and has not been enough discussed in last years. However, despite this, the Government (mostly Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, <http://www.mkgp.gov.si/en/> and Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning; <http://www.mop.gov.si/en/>) and many devoted forest managers are fully aware that the SFM paradigm and the current forest conditions (overaging forests in the view of climate change, biodiversity conservation and societal and economic needs) call for the development of alternative management approaches and for their implementation in the field whenever possible. Hence, the promotion of newly developed forest management alternatives is greatly expected.

Action SynTran will be run by all Beneficiaries.

Action will start at month 25 and will run till the end of the project.

Methods employed:

- report writing
- manuals
- technical reports
- interactions with stakeholders on report drafts
- meetings

Constraints and assumptions:

It is expected that all Beneficiaries will cooperate actively in producing the relevant outputs of Action SynTran

Beneficiary responsible for implementation:

CNR

Other involved Beneficiaries: all other Beneficiaries

Expected results:

- Synthesis report on the technical findings of the projects for stakeholders
- Report dedicated to the transfer of results to international competent authorities
- Manual of good practice of forest management
- Regional Guide for forest owners and practitioners

Indicators of progress:

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