

# Rethinking public participation in forest policies: a literature review of participatory techniques

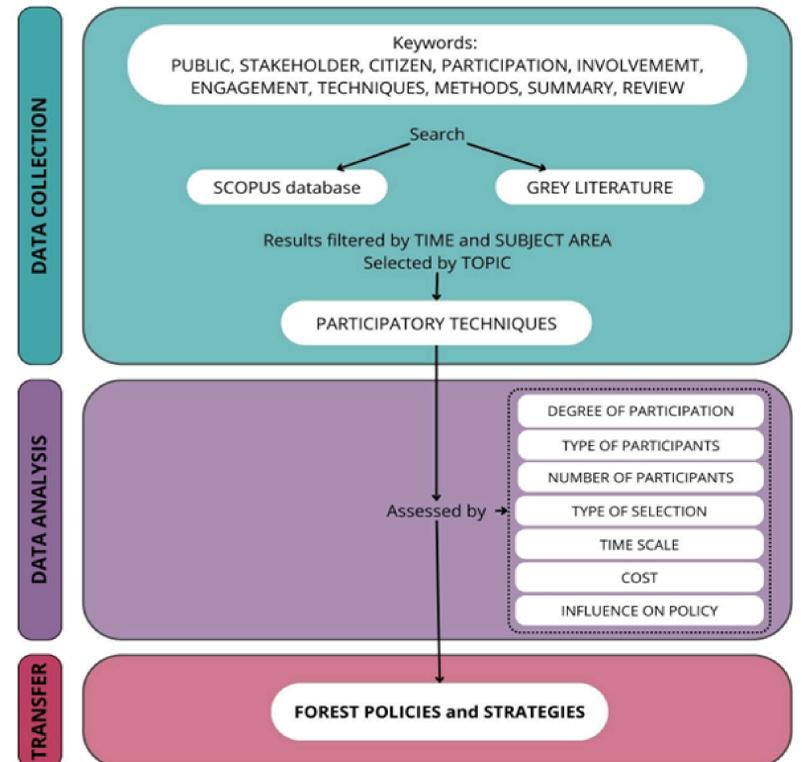
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## INTRODUCTION

The aim of the study - conducted as part of the research activities of the ForestValue2 project - is to identify and analyze through a literature review the participatory techniques of involving citizens and stakeholders in decision-making processes used in political, social, planning and environmental sciences to evaluate their suitability for the forest-based sector.

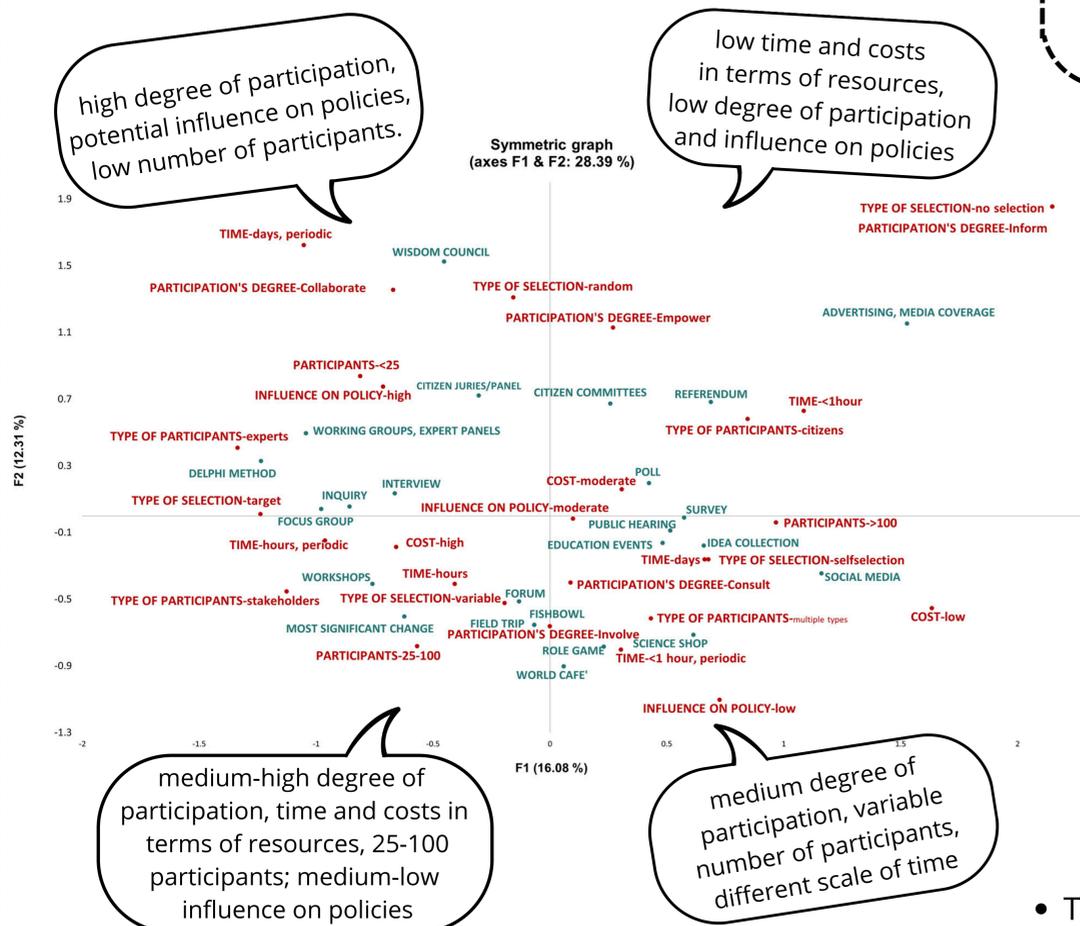


## METHODOLOGY



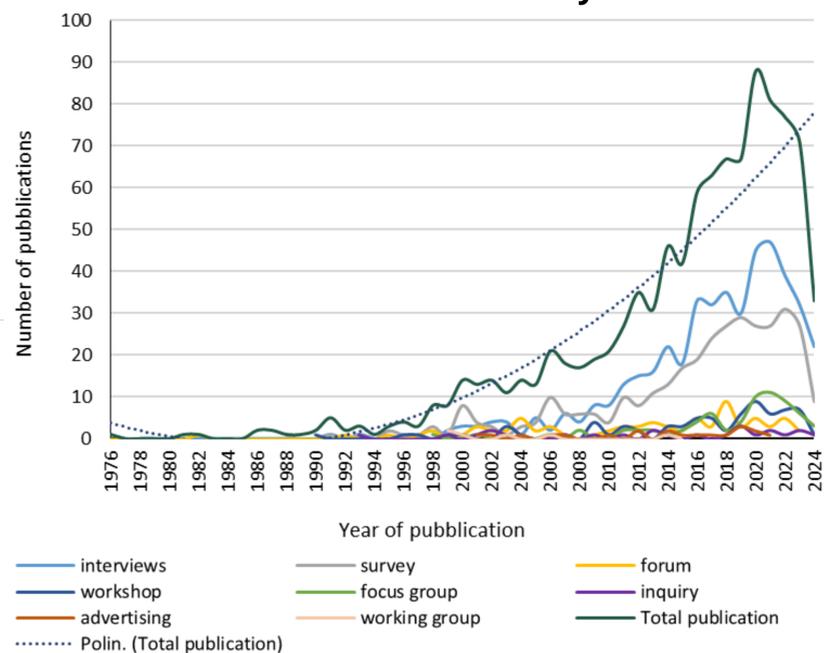
## RESULTS

The Correspondence Analysis evidence that the 24 participatory techniques can be grouped according to 4 dimensions.



⚠ The choice of the tool has a great impact on many criteria such as costs, number of partners, time scale.

## FOREST POLICY Publications over the years



- The publications' number has increased especially after 2000
- Interviews (452) and surveys (365) are the two most common techniques used in forestry policies, followed by forums (78), workshops (74), and focus groups (69).

## CONCLUSION

- The variable "high influence on policies" is **related** to a medium-high degree of participation, a low number of participants, and higher timescales and costs. Conversely, the "low influence on policies" is related to low degree of participation costs and time, but a high number of participants.
- Some participatory techniques have been widely used (ease of application and knowledge), while others are still almost **unknown** to the forestry scientific and policy community.
- This kind of research may be useful for forest managers and decision-makers choosing tools that take into consideration the evolution of **society's demands**

