

From WoodWisdom-Net to ForestValue: 20 years pioneering progress in European Forestry & Wood Tech

Navigating the Future of Europe's Forest-Based Sector



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Challenges facing the Sector

Climate Change Impacts:

- Rapid shifts in weather patterns, increasing the vulnerability of forests and biodiversity
- > Forest management and wood supply chains need to be resilient and adaptable

Disconnection in the Sector:

- Lack of cohesion between regional and European initiatives.
- Call for better integration across Europe, especially with Mediterranean regions already facing severe climate effects

Socioeconomic and Geopolitical Shifts:

- Pressures from global trade, urbanisation, and policy shifts.
- Importance of political support and coordinated governance for the future.





Opportunities for Resilience and Innovation

Technological Integration:

- Embrace digital tools (GIS, decision support systems) to enhance forest management and productivity.
- Move towards circular bioeconomy models with innovations in coproduction.

Cross-Regional Collaboration:

- Success stories like all ERA-Nets and specifically FORESTERRA in the Mediterranean emphasise the need for pan-European research partnerships.
- The ForestValue2 network exemplifies coordinated efforts to fund innovation and sustainability.

Sustainable Forest Management:

- Combining traditional practices with new technologies to safeguard biodiversity and sustain wood supplies.





Call to Action:

Stakeholders:

Engage in sustainable practices, policy discussions, and invest in innovative solutions.

Policymakers:

Harmonize policies across sectors (forestry, biodiversity, and energy), foster collaboration, and reduce regulatory burdens.

Researchers and Industry:

Focus on innovations that enhance resilience, carbon sequestration, and circularity.





Conclusion:

The forestbased sector stands at a crossroads. To navigate the next 20 years, stakeholders across Europe must collaborate, innovate, and advocate for stronger political support.

Let's now explore how we can contribute to the future of sustainable forestry and woodworking in this roundtable discussion.

Thank you





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