



# GOFORESTS

European innovation partnership network promoting operational groups  
dedicated to forestry and agroforestry

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## Project data

### Project name

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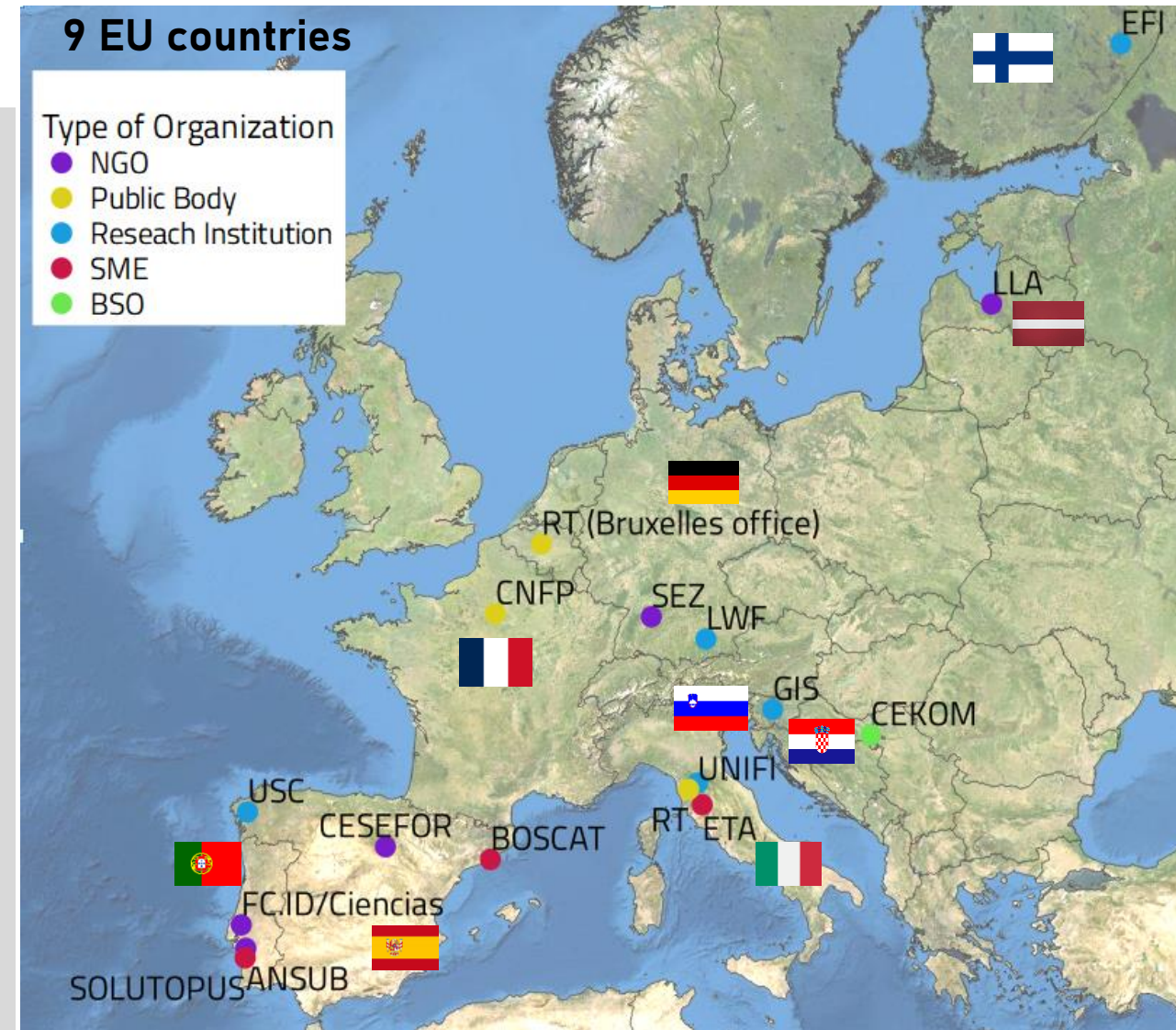


# Participants

**Coordinator:** **Univesità degli Studi di Firenze** 

**Beneficiaries:**

2. FUNDACION CENTRO DE SERVICIOS Y PROMOCION FORESTAL Y DE SU INDUSTRIA DE CASTILLA Y LEON
3. EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE
4. STEINBEIS 2I GMBH
5. GOZDARSKI INSTITUT SLOVENIJE
6. CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA PROPRIETE FORESTIERE
7. ANSUB - ASSOCIACAO DE PRODUTORES FLORESTAIS DO VALE DO SADO
8. FEDERACIO CATALANA D'ASSOCIACIONS DE PROPIETARIS FORESTALS
9. LATVIJAS LOGISTIKAS ASOCIACIJA
10. BAYERISCHES STAATSMINISTERIUM FUR ERNAHRUNG, LANDWIRTSCHAFT UND FORSTEN
11. SOLUTOPUS - RECURSOS EDESENVOLVIMENTO LDA
12. REGIONE TOSCANA
13. ETA - ENERGIA, TRASPORTI, AGRICOLTURA SRL
14. FCiencias.ID - ASSOCIACAO PARA A INVESTIGACAO E DESENVOLVIMENTO DE CIENCIAS
- 14.1. FACULDADE DE CIENCIAS DA UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA (affiliated)
15. CENTAR KOMPETENCIJA DOO ZA ISTRAZIVANJE I RAZVOJ
16. UNIVERSIDAD DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

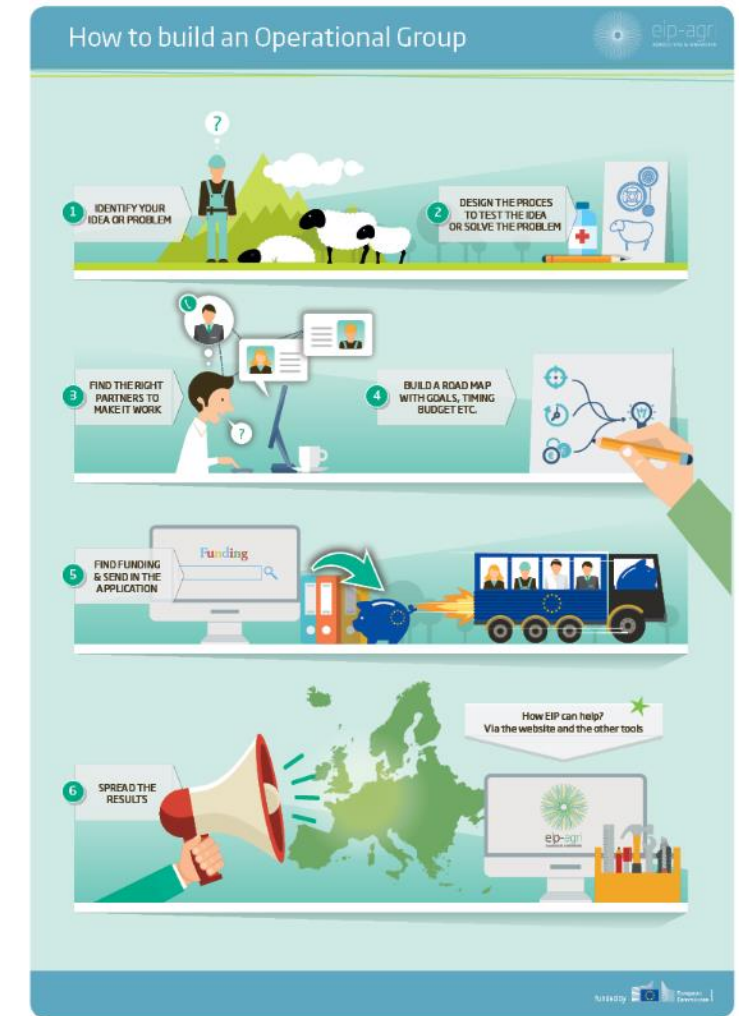


# What are EIP-AGRI Operational Groups

Operational Groups are financed at national and regional level and intended to **bring together multiple actors** such as farmers, researchers, advisers, businesses, environmental groups, consumer interest groups or other NGOs **to advance innovation in the agricultural and forestry sectors.**

## Innovations – defined as

Innovation is “a new idea put into practice with success ... that may be **technological, but also non-technological, organisational or social.** Innovation may be based on new but also on **traditional practices in a new geographical or environmental context.** The **new idea** can be a **product, practices, services, production process or a new way of organising things,** etc. Such a new idea turns into an innovation only if it is widely adopted and proves its usefulness in practice.”



**Available via EIP-AGRI website:** <https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/what-innovation?stakeholder=3394>

## General objectives

The main and long-term objective of **GOFORESTS** is to effectively share useful and easy-to-understand knowledge for the forest and agroforestry sector by **developing a European multi-actor network to promote and disseminate** in EU countries the **best practices and other practical knowledge and results, related to the "innovation" of national/local forest and agroforestry EIP-AGRI OGs**. This will promote the **sustainability of private forestry and agroforestry** (and rural areas in general) through **new business models, social innovation, and climate change resilience measures**. **GOFORESTS** provides **intensive knowledge transfer activities** to guide the formation of new alliances of farmers, foresters, policy makers, practitioners and other stakeholders in Europe **to demonstrate the feasibility of alternative strategies and systems that are or could be funded at the local/national level by EIP-AGRI OGs**.

## Specific Objectives



**S01 – Establishment of 5 Innovation Topic Hubs in Europe**

**S02 – Acquisition of information from EIP-AGRI OGs and preparation of related capacity building materials**

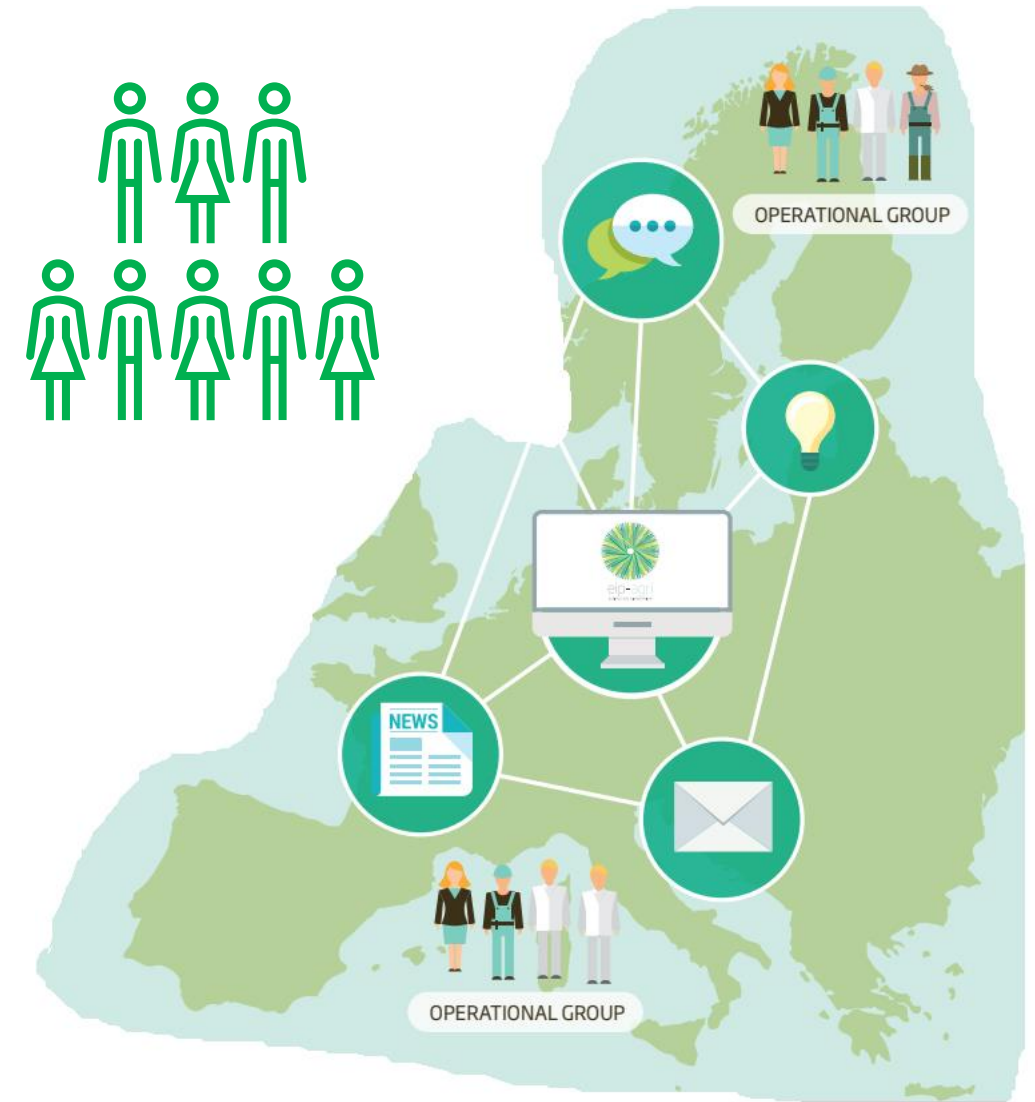
**S03 – Improvement of the Knowledge transfer for forest and agroforestry practitioners in Europe**

**S04 – Sharing and discussing policy-relevant knowledge**

**S05 – Supporting new EIP-AGRI OGs**

## Target group of the project

- Forest practitioners involved in OGs
- Forest practitioners not involved in OGs
- Policy makers at EU level
- Policy makers at local/national level working in CAP
- Forest and Agroforestry based sectors
- Academia
- General Public





## Vision of the project

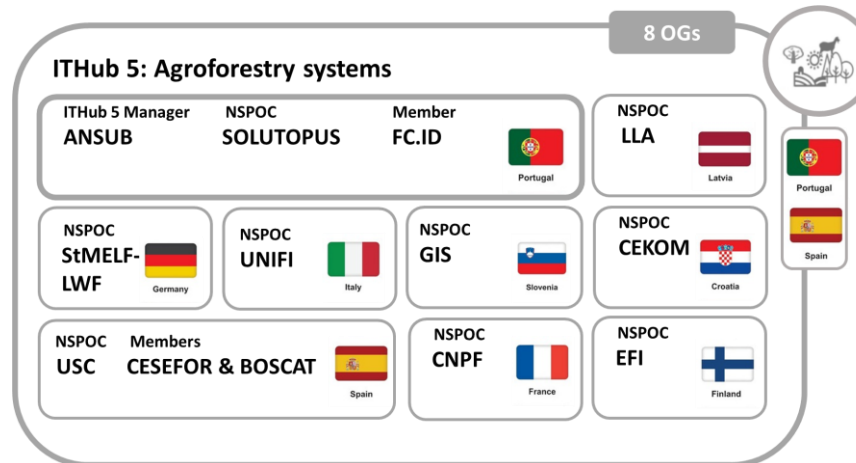
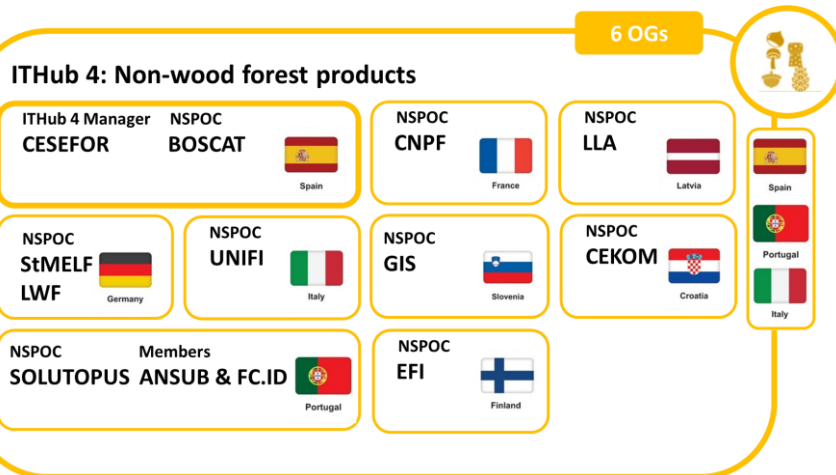
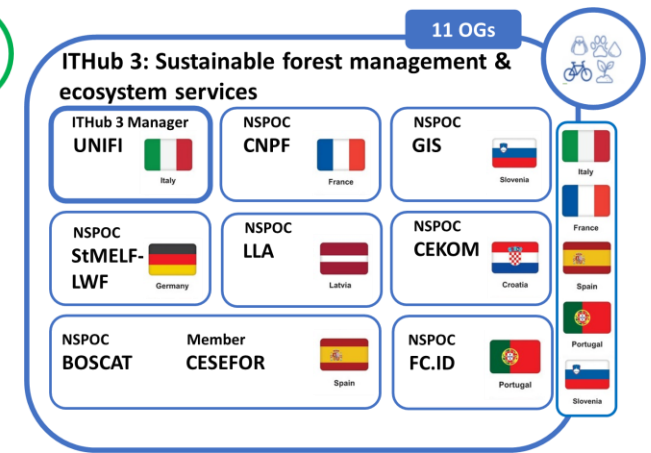
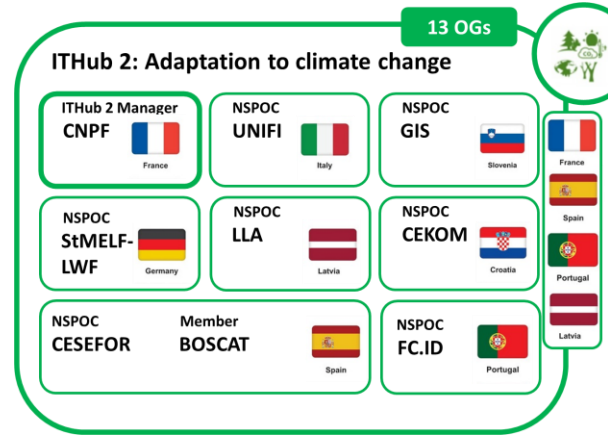
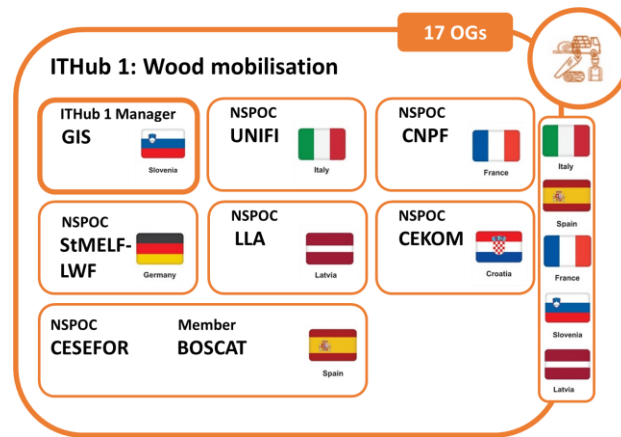
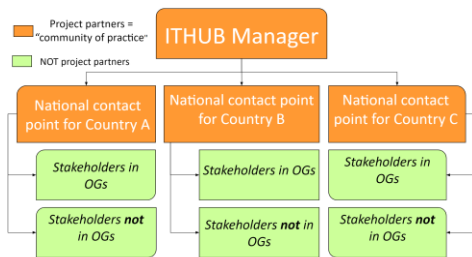
To address the **Pact for Skills** and **Innovation in forestry and agroforestry** according to emerging issues, GOFORESTS will work to create **a large-scale EU partnership network between EIP-AGRI forest and agroforestry OGs**. The GOFORESTS partnership network will work to ensure the **efficient dissemination of best practices and results from existing OGs across the EU** and to inspire the creation of new EIP-AGRI OG initiatives.

## For key elements:

1. Establishment of five inter-regional Innovation topic Hubs (ITHubs) related to the five key priorities, and a Transversal innovation Hub (connecting the 5 ones) (IHub), to ensure that the existing knowledge and innovation reach forest and agroforestry in the EU
2. Facilitation of integrative knowledge exchanges across EU-borders using knowledge sharing platforms, identifying communities of practices and different modes of capacity building
3. Identification of lessons learned on strengths and weaknesses of EIP-AGRI OGs for policy makers at EU and national levels
4. Targeted outreach of relevant knowledge to maximise the impact

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## ITHUBs structure





## WP 5 – Management of the project



## D&E&C MEASURES to spread knowledge

- Factsheets in multiple languages
- Networking events in partner countries
- Training activities
- Online events
- National training events for local stakeholders
- Manuals of good practices across Europe

