

### Designing effective policies for Sustainable Forest Management in Mediterranean regions – Joint position paper

Resilient Mediterranean Forests: improving ecosystem services and sustainable management – FINAL PROJECT EVENT





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# Why?

- A shared concern → 8 Mediterranean-based forest-related LIFE projects
  - > Engaged with a diversity of forest stakeholders
  - > Collecting evidence on Mediterranean forest specificities
  - > Proposing tailored solutions to respond to context-specific needs
- The right moment → Publication of the European Forest Strategy for 2030
- A common aim → to call attention to not adopting a one-fits-all approach, reconciling business-oriented forest management and provision of forest ecosystem services in the Mediterranean



#### How?

- A bottom-up approach
- Providing empirical / from-the-ground information to evidence-based policy making
- Compiling evidence (no previous structure) and clustering outcomes
- Elaborating a narrative (not totally comprehensive), just focusing on what we have evidence

#### What?

- A joint position paper
- A joint presentation (Brussels, May 2022)



A step forward in EU forest policy: the Mediterranean perspective

















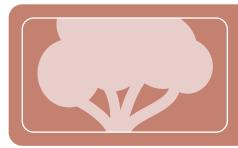




## Which messages?



Aligning forest-related Mediterranean LIFE projects with EU climate and biodiversity targets in the frame of the European Forest Strategy



Understanding the specificities and needs of SFM in the Mediterranean



Tailoring EU Forest Policy to enhance SFM in the Mediterranean



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Thank you!

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