



ERA-NET SUMFOREST

TACKLING THE CHALLENGES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF SUSTAINABLE AND MULTIFUNCTIONAL FORESTRY
THROUGH ENHANCED RESEARCH COORDINATION FOR
POLICY DECISIONS

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND
MULTIFUNCTIONAL FORESTRY – ERA-NET

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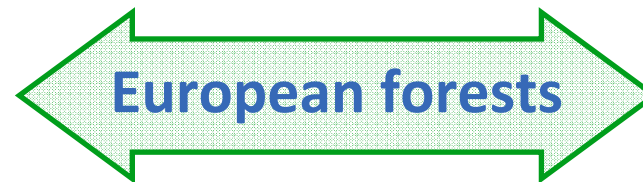
CONTEXT

Global change



New challenges for multifunctional demands on European forest resources and their sustainable management

No common EU forest policy, currently it is fragmented, complex and sometimes contradictory



Wide diversity of ecosystems, tree species, different goods and services



Understanding of regional differences is needed

Mutual understanding of sustainable forest management and multifunctional forestry → solid basis for policy decisions



OBJECTIVES OF SUMFOREST

In the area of sustainable forest management and multifunctional forestry , Sumforest aims at

- Coordinating European, national, and regional research programmes and priorities
- Connecting research institutions and centers of excellence
- Creating joint research facilities and pan-European networks of large scale research infrastructure
- Strengthening science – policy – practice interaction
- Fostering innovation



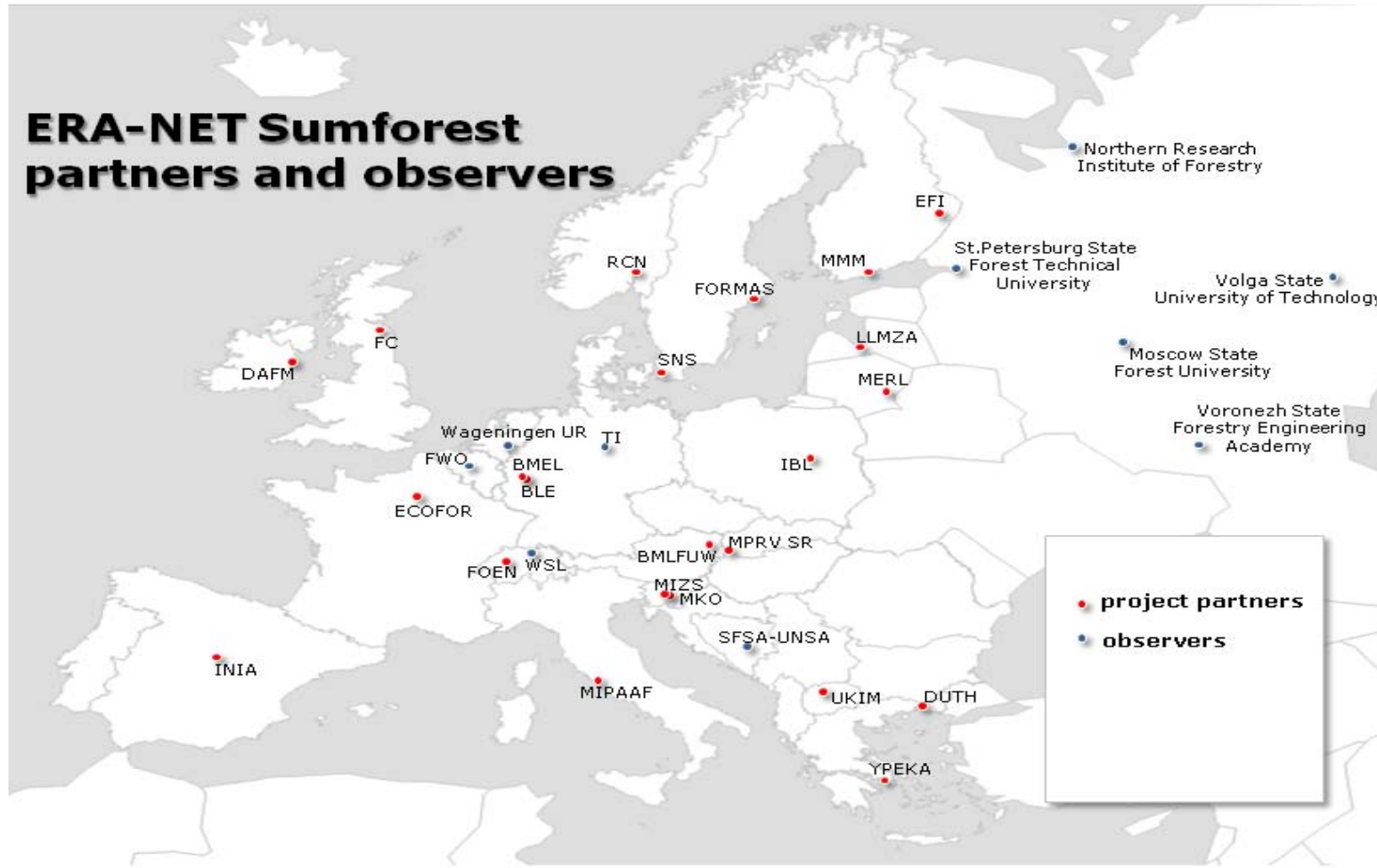
EXPECTED IMPACTS OF SUMFOREST

- Improved coordination of national as well as EU relevant research
- Critical mass and better use of limited resources
- New knowledge generation and innovation based on transnational research cooperation
- Long term contribution to structuring the ERA
- A more coherent forest related policy framework
- Internationalising European forest research



PARTNERS AND OBSERVERS

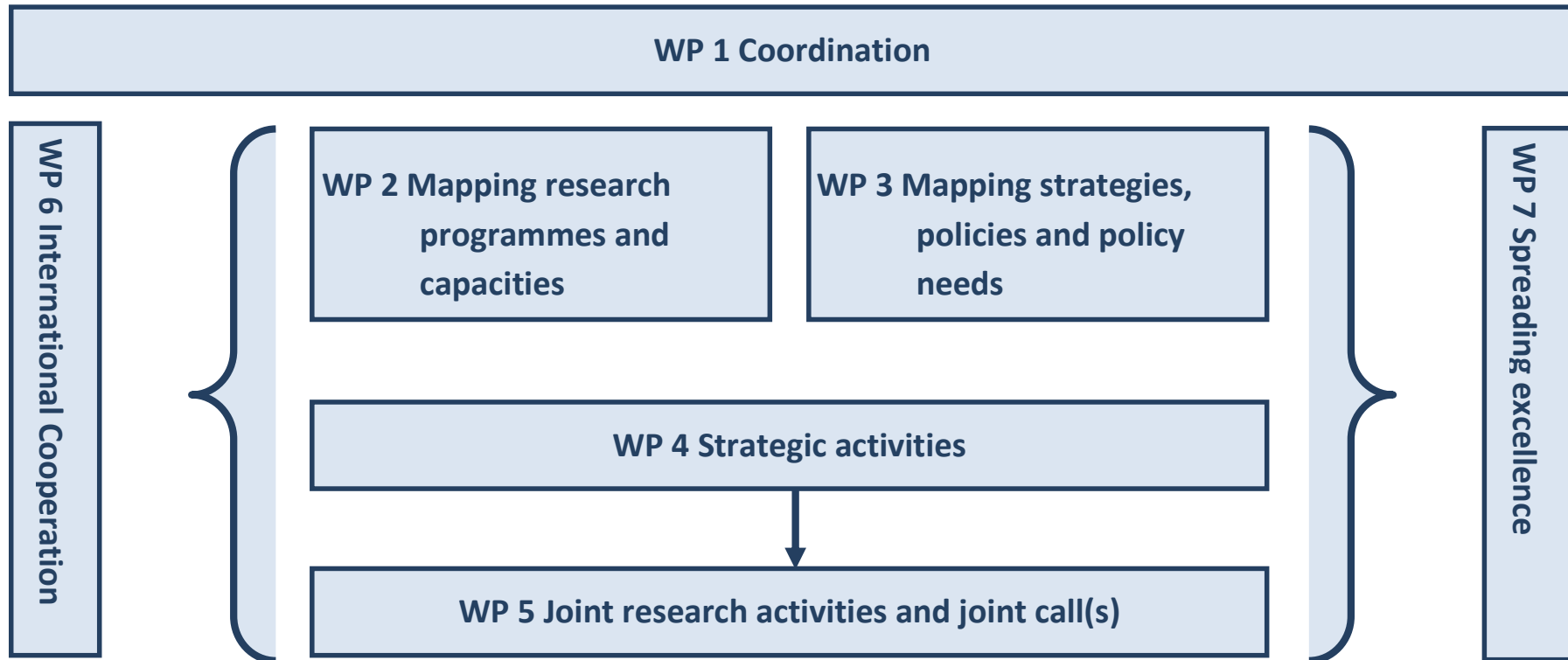
ERA-NET Sumforest partners and observers





SUMFOREST WORK PACKAGES

SUMFOREST work packages and their interdependencies





WP1: COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

WP1 leader: BMLFUW

Objectives

- Internal service (organisation, information, communication, support)
- Communication with the Commission (EC) and external parties
- Administration and financial services to the Partners and the EC
- Reporting according to the provision of the Grant Agreement (Interim reports, Final report, Financial reports)

Tasks

- **T1.1:** Project coordination ([BMLFUW/BFW](#))
- **T1.2:** Facilitation of meetings ([BMLFUW/BFW](#))
- **T1.3:** Reporting requirements ([BMLFUW/BFW](#))
- **T1.4:** Internal communication ([SNS](#))



WP7: SPREADING EXCELLENCE

WP7 leader: ECOFOR

Objectives

- Ensure awareness of Sumforest
- Maximize Sumforest's impacts
- Support the delivery of the results of the other WPs
- Promote active contribution of each partner to the
 - Planned dissemination activities
 - Spread of information in its country

Tasks

- **T7.1:** Development of a communication strategy ([ECOFOR](#))
- **T7.2:** Website ([SNS](#))
- **T7.3:** Dissemination of the major project achievement, important events and call publication ([RCN](#))



WP2: MAPPING RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND CAPACITIES

WP2 leader: FORMAS

Objectives

- Mapping of major on-going research programmes, research activities, research groups, mobility programmes, and capacities

Tasks

- **T2.1:** Developing a comprehensive method for mapping forest research initiatives and transnational cooperation (**EFI**)
- **T2.2:** Mapping and characterisation of existing forest research capacities and major on-going research programmes (**FORMAS**)
- **D 2.1:** Summary report of mapping exercises and clustering initiatives
- **D 2.2:** Country reports on major research programmes, mobility programmes, actors and capacities
- **D2.3:** Identifying priorities for transnational research needs and sharing of research capacities



WP3: MAPPING STRATEGIES, POLICIES AND POLICY NEEDS

WP3 leader: EFI

Objectives

- Improve the understanding of the EU forest-related policy framework
- Identify knowledge and information needs by policy-makers
- Identify knowledge gaps that need to be addressed by the scientific community

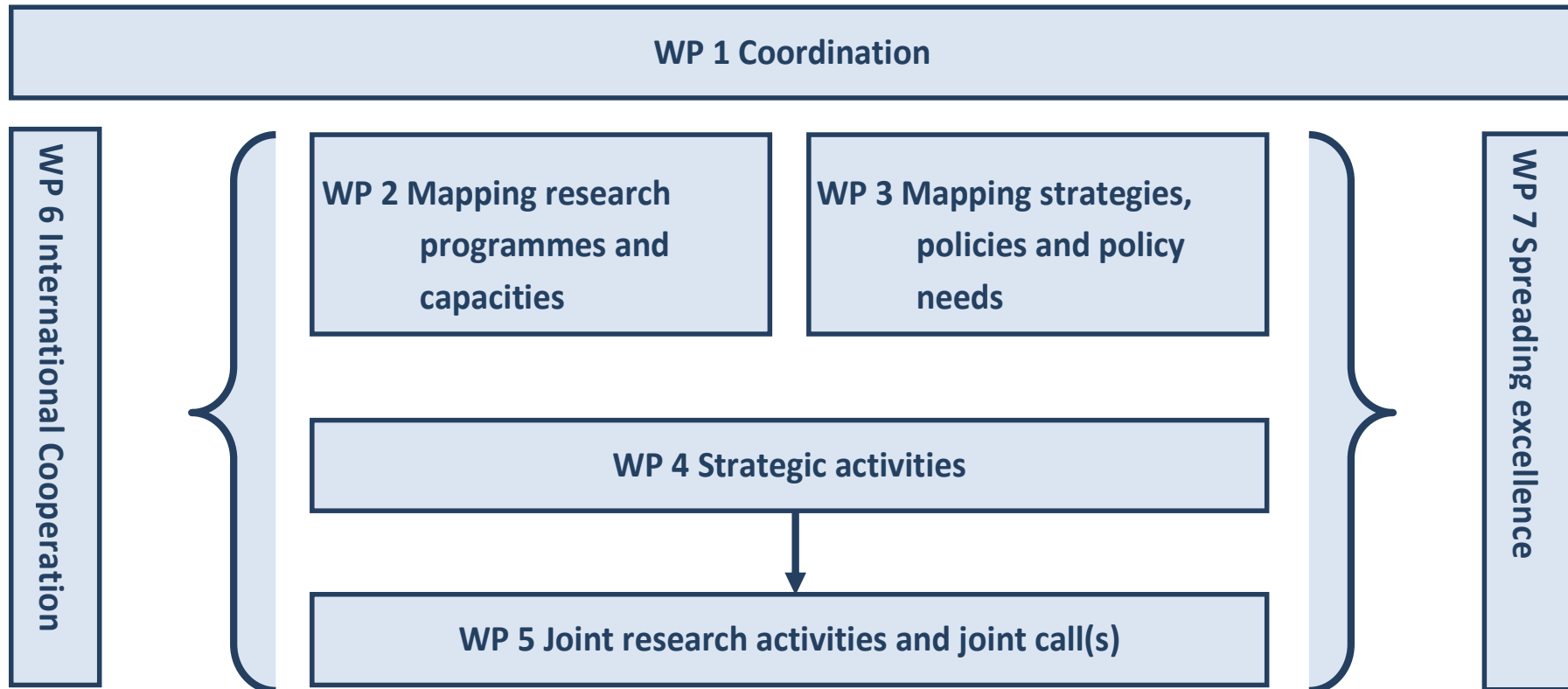
Tasks

- **T3.1:** Characterization of the forest-related policy framework (EFI)
- **T3.2:** Interaction with and identification of information needs from and for forest policy makers (EFI)
- **T3.3:** Future forest policy and policy makers knowledge gaps (BMEL)
- **D 3.1:** European forest related policies – a cross sectoral review
- **D 3.2:** Emerging Issues in European Forest-Based Sector and Research Priorities
- **D 3.3:** Future forest policy and policy makers knowledge gaps



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WP 4: STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

WP4 leader: MMM / TAPIO

Objectives

- A joint strategic action plan:
 - Joint vision
 - Strategic action plan as the basis for implementing joint strategic activities and transnational research projects
 - Work based on the outcomes of WP2 and WP3

Tasks

- **T4.1:** Workshop on strategic activities ([ECOFOR](#))
- **T4.2:** Development of a strategic action plan ([MIPAFF](#))
- **T4.3:** Identifying topics for the first joint research call ([MMM](#))
- **D 4.1** Workshop on strategic activities: 17th November 2015, Paris
 - SWOT-Analysis
 - possible 1st Call topics (decisions to be made on 18th Nov in the SC)



Sustainable forests for society of the future

Scope:

- **The role of forests as a sustainable raw material for the bioeconomy**
- **Risk assessment and future management regimes regarding climate change adaptation**
- **Appraisals and trade-offs related to ecosystem services**

In the call text encouragement to :

- **mid term and final delivery of a policy brief**
- **interdisciplinary approach that stretches across the major disciplinary boundaries**
- **Transnational consortia reaching out to several geographic regions inside and outside Europe**



WP 5: JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND JOINT CALLS

WP5 leader: BLE

Objectives

- Implement, evaluate and refine the cooperation mechanisms in forest related research, developed in WP 4
- Long lasting coordination of forest related research for policy decisions
- Joint funding of trans-national research activities
- Organize trans-national calls

Tasks

- **T5.1:** Joint research activities ([INIA](#))
- **T5.2:** Identify funding partners and facilitate joint funding process ([BLE](#))
- **T5.3:** Define and implement joint transnational calls ([BLE](#))
- **T5.4:** Define procedures on monitoring, evaluation and follow-up of funded projects after EC-funded period ([FORMAS](#))
- **T5.5:** Preparing long lasting cooperation ([BMLFUW](#))



What	When	Who
SC3/MC5 Meeting Paris	16.-18.11.2015	SC and MC
Template National Regulations, Financial Commitment	January 2016	Prepared by BLE
Scope text is ready	January 2016	Scope prepared by TAPIO/MMM
Deadline for Financial Commitment and National Regulations	Beginning of February 2016	All CSC members send it to BLE
CSC1 Meeting (additional): <i>agree on scope, call text, guidelines</i>	10./11. or 11./12. February 2016	BLE organises meeting in BXL
Memorandum of Understanding	End of February	Prepared by BLE, signed by partners
Pre-announcement	Beginning of March 2016	Prepared by BLE
Launch of 1. Call; pt-outline opens for proposals	21. March 2016 (Monday)	
MC 6 Meeting	End of April/Beginning of May 2016	MC

Preliminary timeline for CSC/MC (Part 1)



What	When	Who
Pre- eligibility for proposal	20. May 2016 (Friday)	Applicants (tbd)
Pre-eligibility check	24.-27. May 2016	Funding Contact Points and BLE
Submission deadline proposal 1. Call	17. June 2016 (Friday)	Applicants
Eligibility check	20. June -01. July 2016	Funding Contact Points and BLE
Proposals sent to experts (and guidelines)	Not later than 04. July 2016	Sent by BLE
Deadline evaluation of experts	09. September 2016 (Friday)	Experts
Evaluation panel meeting 1. Call	15./16. September 2016 (Thursday and Friday)	Experts
SC 4/MC 7 meeting: Final funding decision	26./27. September 2016 (Monday and Tuesday)	CSC/MC
Communication of decisions to applicants	After CSC meeting	BLE
Start of national negotiation between partners and funding organisations	After CSC meeting	National level
Start of projects 1. Call	December 2016	National level

Preliminary timeline for CSC/MC (Part 2)



WP 5: JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND JOINT CALLS

WP5 leader: BLE

Mid Term Review

- **T5.1 to T5.4:** work based on outcomes of WP 2, 3, and 4
 - Gathering of contact details of interested funding institutions inside and outside the Sumforest partnership (e.g. **FORESTERRA**, Russia, CA, CZ,...)
 - Preparing documents for 1st joint call
- **T 5.5:** Preparing long lasting cooperation ([BMLFUW](#))
 - Contacts established to WWN+, Platform2, FTP, BBI JU, SCAR, ...
 - Joint proposal for a SC 2 WP 2017 ERA-NET Cofund:
Innovative forest based bioeconomy



WP6: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

WP6 leader: IBL

Objectives

- Active networking and communication with Russia and the Eastern partnership countries (EaP)
- Definition of joint EU-Russia research priorities
- **Integrate the outcomes of FORESTERRA**

Tasks

- **T6.1:** Russia and Eastern partnership countries ([EFI](#))
- **D6.1** Report on existing research capacities in Russia and the EaP countries
- **T6.2:** Link to FORESTERRA ([MIPAAF](#))
- **D6.2:** Synthesis report Foresterra –Sumforest



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WP6 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION T6.2 LINK TO FORESTERRA

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WP LEADER: IBL



OBJECTIVES

- to integrate the outcomes of FORESTERRA on Mediterranean forest research priorities with the pan-European strategies and policies of SUMFOREST
- to maximize synergies

(including interaction with Mediterranean like areas outside Europe (e.g. California, South Africa, Australia and Chile))



WORKPLAN

- **analysing synergies, gaps and overlaps** in strategies and priorities between Sumforest and Foresterra,
- **proposing plan of joint activities**, including: joint workshops, training and researcher exchange programmes (to strengthen both the collaboration in the forestry research sector and the geographic scope of the EU Neighbourhood policies),
- **investigating the possibility of extending** the joint plan also to those Mediterranean climate area outside Europe already identified in Foresterra (WP 6) and partially represented in IUFRO,
 - Establishment of a Joint Think Tank Group
 - Next meeting: tomorrow afternoon in Lisbon
 - Invitation to all Foresterra funding partners to **join** the 1st call of Sumforest



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Thank you for your attention