



“Forest owners need information and new knowledge to manage their forest more efficiently and to gain a sustainable income.”



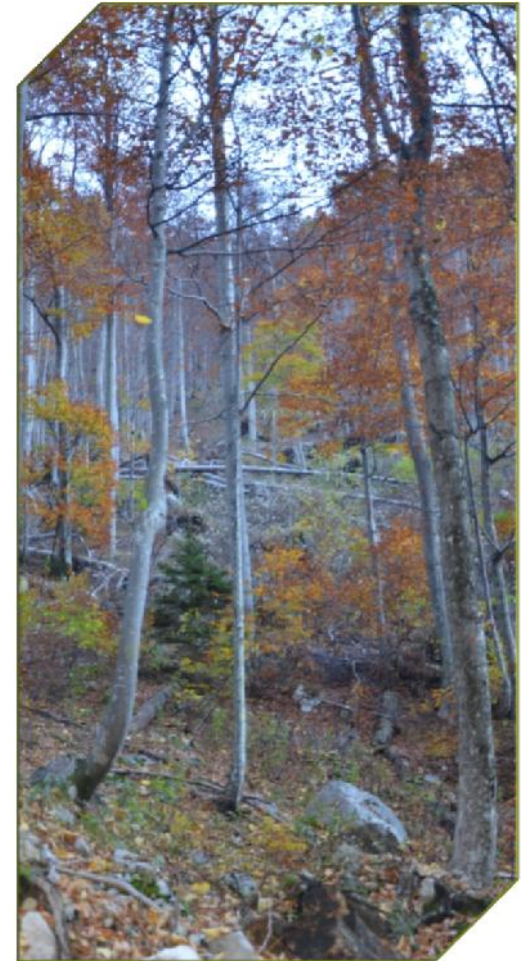
**"Network of knowledge for efficient private forests"**

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## About us

For most countries in Europe, the majority of forest land is owned by private forest owners, and a high proportion of harvested timber comes from private estates. Outcomes of forest owner's management decisions greatly depend on their knowledge and skills. Therefore, it is important that they are well educated and able to find balance between economic, environmental and social goals.

Although literature about efficient forest products marketing and evaluation of forest services is available widely in EU, there is a big deficit in information, guidelines and training materials for forest owner's practical education, training and use.

The goal of this project is to exchange experiences, knowledge, good practice examples and to form innovative and publicly available materials, which will enable trainers and forest owners to acquire adequate knowledge for efficient forest management.

Improving of forest management decisions in private forestry has proved to be a challenge, as holdings are small, forest owners in most cases are not professionals and forestry incomes are not their main incomes.

Joining forces and experiences from several countries would enable better understanding about the best ways and methods to get the desired knowledge to those who need it.



## Project aims

Net4forests analyses the innovation needs of forest owners in forest management, sets up transnational exchange of experiences and knowledge, and demonstrates the transferability of good practice examples by a series of education and promotion activities to push forward the ability of forest owners to innovate their forest management and to boost their competitiveness on the wood market.

The project thereby offers new and well adapted innovation instruments which will facilitate the innovation process of the Net4forests partners and their target groups.

## Project outputs

- ✓ Handbook
- ✓ Hands-on guidelines
- ✓ Learning toolkit
- ✓ Best practise examples

## Project partners

-  Slovenian forestry institute (SFI);
-  Foundation Centre for Support of Forest Owner Cooperation (Latvia),
-  Estonian Private Forest Centre (Estonia),
-  Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Sweden),
-  Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (Spain).