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IDENTIFY, CONSERVE AND MANAGE MEDITERRANEAN FOREST HABITATS

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CONTEXT

In the Mediterranean Biogeographical Region:

- **forest habitats face threats** from both the climate crisis and certain management practices that hinder their conservation;
- **there is a lack of clear and shared transnational strategies** for conserving forest habitats, including a common system for identifying, classifying, and assessing their conservation status.

OBJECTIVES

The main aim of LIFE GoProForMED is to enhance the conservation status of four target forest habitats within the Mediterranean Biogeographical Region. This will be achieved through the application of **close-to-nature management models** in **4 representative countries** in the Mediterranean area.

Specific objectives



Establish a **transnational conservation strategy** for target forest habitats, considering primary risks associated with forest fires.



Define **management and conservation models for the 4 target habitats** and implement them extensively in terms of area and distribution, including demonstrative implementations.



Advocate for the adoption of target habitat management and conservation models among key forest management stakeholders through training activities and supportive management tools.



TARGET FOREST HABITATS

9330 - *Quercus suber* forests

9340 - *Quercus ilex* and *Quercus rotundifolia* forests

9260 - *Castanea sativa* woods

9530* - (Sub-)Mediterranean pine forests

Chosen because they are **widely spread and representative** of the Mediterranean biogeographical area, and also because they are **sensitive** to inadequate management practices.

PROJECT'S AREAS

Within Natura 2000 sites, a total of 12 areas have been identified, in which forest **conservation and management models** will be defined and applied.

NATURA 2000 SITES		HABITAT
1	ES5140008 - Muntanyes de Prades foresta di Plans i baridana	9530*
2	ES5140008 - Muntanyes de Prades foresta di Poblet	9340
3	ES5120001 - Alta Garrotxa-Massís de les Alberes, foresta di Muntanya de les salines, fucimanya i balló	9260
4	ES5120015 - Litoral del Baix Empordà, foresta di Paratge i pla de castell	9330
5	FR9301585- Massif du Luberon	9340
6	FR9302007 - Valensole	9340
7	FR9301570 - Préalpes de Grasse	9340
8	ITB011102 - Catena del Marghine e del Goceano	9330
9	ITB022212 - Supramonte di Oliena, Orgosolo e Urzulei - Su Sercone	9340
10	IT5140012- Vallombrosa e Bosco di S. Antonio	9260
11	IT5180011- Pascoli montani e cespuglieti del Pratomagno	9260
12	GR1220009 - Limnes Koroneias - Volvis, Stena Rentinas Kai Evryteri Periochi	9260



EXPECTED RESULTS

- **common system** of recognition and classification of target forest habitats, and related **practical-applicative manual**
- evaluation of the **effectiveness of indicators** for the assessment of the conservation status of the target habitats, through the acquisition of specific information for the Mediterranean area
- **strategies, techniques and actions** to improve the conservation status of the target habitats, by testing and adapting forest management criteria and approaches already used in central European contexts
- adaptation of the **Index of Biodiversity Potential (IBP)** to the whole of Spain and to Greece
- **dashboard tool** (for Android and IOS) to support forest managers in the process of defining the most suitable silvicultural interventions
- **3.601 ha of target habitats improved** in functions and structure, by creating a network of Core areas, Senescence Islands and habitat trees
- **90 hectares** (in high forests and coppices) where close to nature forestry is applied for biodiversity conservation and fire prevention
- **management tools and common training curricula** for those involved in the conservation and management of forests (owners, technicians and operators) of the entire Mediterranean biogeographical area, in particular within N2000 sites
- **training plan** aimed at 1.200 people within the 4 Countries involved
- network of people active and interested in the project, involved through European and national Prosilva and the Mediterranean Forest Model Network

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**Improvement of the conservation status of forest habitats in the Mediterranean Biogeographical Region
applying restoration and conservation techniques and Close to Nature management**

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