

Forest Bioenergy in the Protected Mediterranean Areas

Plenary session in Valencia (Spain)

6° workshop



Workpackage 4 - Transferring
Activity A.4.2. - Technical panels

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Workshop report

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Pilot area	Comunitat Valenciana
Involved partners	Association of Forest Municipalities of the Comunitat Valenciana (AMUFOR) Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Shipping of Valencia (COCINSV)
Responsible partners	Project Partner (PP5) – AMUFOR
Work mode	Plenary session
Location	UPV. Camino de Vera, s/n, 46022 Valencia
Date	19/06/2019
Participants	16 participants: Regional and local public authorities, infrastructure and (public) service providers, interest groups including NGOs, higher education and research, business support organization and professional colleges/association and technicians.
Experts	Prof Dr. José Vicente Oliver
Workshop material	Communication material.
Workshop's outline	The previous workshops were explained, being focused on the main solutions obtained and how the workshops have contributed to improve the results of the ForBioEnergy project. <u>1st workshop</u> : proposals and solutions to overcome the detected barriers and the prioritization to deal with them. <u>2nd workshop</u> : methodologies to quantify the socio-economic and environmental benefits derived from the application of forest operations

in Natura 2000 protected areas.

3rd workhsop: Actions included in the Action Plan-CV to improve the communication, revitalize the forestry sector, provide forest competences to municipalities (MUP) for the forest management, define and professionalize to the Technical Instruction for Forest Management with normative character, among other. Therefore, in this workhsop, key actions which are necessary to reactivate the forest-based bioenergy value chain were determinated.

4th workhsop: opportunities that the circular bioeconomy provides to promote low-carbon sectors and innovative SMEs through active rural development. Importance on the transnacionality to reach 2030 objectives and commitments of the Paris Agreements and the longer-term perspective (2050), guaranteeing the forest-based bioenergy value chain at the long term and contributing to the rural development in a sustainability way.

5th workhsop: abundant biomass resources that the Valencia province has which can be transformed into energy products with high added value. Its utilization and valorisation open new opportunities for the development of forest-based bioenergy bioenergy chain in the Natura 200 protected areas at the local level. At the Mediterranean level, there is also a high potential for the use of biomass for energy purposes.

Main criticalities

After the presentation of the thematic workshops, a debate were generated about the current situation of the forestry sector. The criticalities highlighted were:

- There is a lack of forest management, the society should know that the current forest ecosystem is the result of the work done by our ancestors.
- The society is still reticence to valorise economically the Mediterranean forests.
- The lack of sustainable forest value chains carries a negative effet of the Mediterranean forest, not allowing its protection.

Main solution

- The misunderstanding of the importance on implement forest management to conserve the natural protected areas are putting at risk the habitats and species.

Among the solutions proposed, it is noted:

- The communication has a key role to explain to society the benefits of the agroforest management in the Mediterranean areas; communication addressed especially to urban population.
- The “Valencian Strategy for Climate Change and Energy 2030- Estrategia Valenciana de Cambio Climático y Energía 2030” includes measures and adaptation/mitigation actions to improve the situation of the forestry sector.
- To establish technical instruments for the evaluation and monitoring of the Payment for Enviornmental Services (PES). The active and sustainable forest management improves the enviornmental services. Therefore, this mechanism of economic compensation are financial incentives for the owners who are protecting these services, contributing to the rural development.
- To guarantee that the Valencian forestry law be a solution for the agroforest territories.
- To apply active policies to mitigate climate change with the main objective to move towards a low-carbon economy and to improve the conditions of the forest stands to face disturbances as forest fires, pests and diseases...
- The bioeconomy put in value the multiple products and services that forest provided to society. Hence, the reactivation of the economy will contribute to halt depopulation within the rural areas.

Annex 1. Program and agenda of the workshop.



Taller ForBioEnergy: sesión plenaria

El próximo miércoles 19 de junio de 18:30 a 20:00, se celebrará el último taller "sesión plenaria" ForBioEnergy "Forest Bioenergy in the Protected Mediterranean Areas - Bioenergía forestal en áreas protegidas del Mediterráneo" organizado por la Cámara de Comercio de Valencia y AMUFOR como socios españoles del proyecto y en el que también participan socios de Croacia, Eslovenia e Italia.

PROGRAMA

18:30	Presentación de los resultados de los talleres temáticos (Rebeca Aleix, AMUFOR)
19:00	Discusión, integración de propuestas e intercambio de resultados (coordinado por José Vicente Oliver, UPV-ITACA)
19:45	Conclusiones y futuras iniciativas (Javier Martínez, AMUFOR)
20:00	Finalización del taller ForBioEnergy

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