

Forest Bioenergy in the Protected Mediterranean Areas

Report on the external events – Agroforestry Training Conference – opportunities for
training and employment in the forestry sector in the Comunitat Valenciana



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BRIEF EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Agroforestry Training Conference was held in Requena (Valencia, Spain) in November 22, 2018. AMUFOR participated in the training “employment and employability in the forestry sector” with the conference “opportunities for training and employment in the forestry sector in the Comunitat Valenciana”.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fourth and last Agroforestry Training Conference was organized jointly by the Valencian Farmers Association (AVA/ASAJA) and the Association of Agroforestry Owners in the Comunitat Valenciana (AFOCACV), through the EAFRD funds of the European Union, as well as with the collaboration of the School of Viticulture and Enology "Félix Jiménez" of Requena and the City Council of Requena.

1.1 Location

Requena School of Viticulture and Oenology - *Escuela de Viticultura y Enología "Félix Jiménez" de Requena*. Plaza de Pascual Carrión, 5. Requena (Valencia).

1.2 Who attended

The training was attended by more than 45 participants among students of the school, professors, forestry professionals, environmental agents and general public.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF KEY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES ADDRESSED IN THE EVENT

- To show the possibilities of employment and employability in the forestry sector.
- To explain the current situation of the forestry sector: barriers and opportunities.
- To introduce to participants real application of the forestry competences in the field labour.

1.3 Purpose and scope

Employment and employability in the forestry sector:

- Job research in the forestry sector: cooperative movement and self-employment.
- Applications of drones in forestry jobs and projects: possibilities offered by the management of drones to execute projects and works in the forestry sector, review of the regulatory framework in which these aircraft are located.
- Apiculture: hobby, profession and future: how the future of this discipline is envisioned in the context of globalization and climate change.
- Opportunities for training and employment in the forestry sector in the Valencian Community.
- Characterization of forest employment in the Valencian Community.

1.4. Key messages, outcomes, recommendations and synergies with thematic community project

- **Job reseach in the forestry sector: cooperative movement and self-employment:** importance of forming a cooperative - to sell forest products or to provide services as professionals, in addition to the possibilities that the forestry sector offers working autonomously.
 - o Human intervention is necessary to achieve more mature stands and to enhance the biodiversity; Formations and structures which facilitate forest fires protection; maximize positive externalities; sustainable and diverse uses.
 - o According to experts, in the Comunitat Valenciana (CV), 100 € per ha and year have to be allocated to implement a good management (= € 135 million each year for the CV). Currently the budget allocated in the CV to forest management is 20 million euros. So, more funds are required...
 - o Forestry work contributes to rural development and the structuring of the territory. In addition, the society demands a care and a sustainable management of the forest stands.
- **Opportunities for training and employment in the forestry sector in the Valencian Community:**

- Greater protagonist and participation of local entities in the elaboration of legislation for territorial planning and protection of nature; *our neighbors are the first affected by documents made many kilometers away.*
- To integrate the forest resource within the rural development strategy.
- To support the creation of regional forest products markets to promote clean, indigenous and sustainable energies. Our forests generate indirect benefits such as carbon fixation, recharge of aquifers, and conservation of biodiversity or landscape that have a great value but not a market price.
- To claim the figure of Payments for Environmental Services (PES) that we receive from our forest lands and that impact on an improvement of the quality of life of the whole society.
- There are multiple opportunities (environmental, social and economic) in the forestry sector. However, the barriers studied in the ForBioEnergy project show how they slow-down the development of the forestry sector. The solutions and proposed actions have to be implemented to unblock this situation.
- Forests play an essential role in the circular bioeconomy, being the largest existing terrestrial carbon sinks. Through forest management, forests contribute to the mitigation of carbon emissions.
- The EU 2020, 2030 and 2050 objectives indicate the % cut in GHG emissions, the % of total energy consumption from renewable sources and the percentage that must be increased in energy efficiency. The goal in 2050 is to reduce its emissions - by 80-95% compared to 1990 levels: "Turning Europe into a highly energy efficient and low-carbon economy will also boost the economy, create jobs and strengthen Europe's competitiveness" (ec.europa.eu/clima/citizens/eu_es).
- **Characterization of forest employment in the Valencian Community:** The forestry sector generates many more jobs than those officially registered and the contribution of the sector in the GDP *Gross domestic product* of the CV is even higher.

Conclusions

The seminar allowed to participants to obtain more information about the possibilities of working in the forestry sector, in addition to know what its real situation is and how the main entities which represents this sector are working on overcoming the barriers in order to develop the forest value chain in a sustainable way.

[News published by AFOCACV with the conclusions: <http://afocacv.com/conclusiones-de-la-iv-jornada-formativa-agroforestal-requena-2211/>]

AGENDA



JUEVES 22 de NOVIEMBRE de 2018 – ESCUELA DE VITICULTURA Y ENOLOGÍA “FÉLIX JIMÉNEZ” DE REQUENA

“EMPLEO Y EMPLEABILIDAD EN EL SECTOR FORESTAL”		
Hora	Actividad	Título/Ponentes
09:00	Recepción y recogida del material	
09:15	Presentación de la Jornada	Apertura de la Jornada por parte de la Diputada de Bienestar Social, Mercedes Berenguer; del Teniente de Alcalde de Requena, José Camilo Chirivella; del Concejal de Medio Ambiente de Requena, Jorge Sáez; y del Presidente de AFOCACV, Juan Galiano
09:45	Búsqueda de trabajo en el sector forestal: cooperativismo y autoempleo	Pepe Serra (Ingeniero Agrónomo, Vicepresidente de AFOCACV y Profesional del Sector Agroforestal)
10:45	Aplicaciones de los drones en trabajos y proyectos forestales	Armando Tudela (Técnico Superior en Gestión y Organización de Recursos Naturales y Paisajísticos)
11:15	Pausa/Café	
12:00	La apicultura: afición, profesión y futuro	Óscar Sáez (Ingeniero Forestal y del Medio Natural)
12:30	Oportunidades de formación y empleo del sector forestal en la Comunitat Valenciana	José Vicente Oliver (Doctor Ingeniero de Montes, Universidad Politécnica de Valencia) y Rebeca Aléix (Ingeniera de Montes, AMUFOR)
13:30	Caracterización del empleo forestal en la Comunitat Valenciana	Sebastián Sirgado (Ingeniero de Montes)
14:30	Mesa Redonda: conclusiones de la Jornada	Modera Juan Galiano (Presidente de AFOCACV)
15:00	Clausura de la Jornada	



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 Escuela de viticultura y enología
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