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## BRIEF EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Conference was held in the Orto Botanico in Palermo (Italy) on 27th June 2019. All the partners of the project attended to the conference and presented the main activities and results of ForBioEnergy Project.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The conference focused on the main issues concerning the potentialities of the Forbioenergy project and the opportunities that can derive from the exploitation of forest resources and the development of forest-wood-energy supply chains.

The conference was organized by the Sicily Region - Councillorship for Agriculture, Rural Development and Mediterranean Fishing – Regional Department for the Rural and Territorial Development, the Lead Partner of the Forbioenergy project.

### 1.1. Location

Orto Botanico di Palermo, Sala Lanza

### 1.2. Who attended

The Project partners, executives and technical and administrative officers of national, regional and local bodies, Local authorities, representatives of the Forestry Corp of Sicily Region, decision-makers, policy promoters, protected area managers, researchers and students of the Department of Agricultural, Food and Forest Sciences (SAAF) of the University of Palermo, technicians and professionals operating in the sector of forest and territorial planning attended the conference.

## BRIEF OUTLINE OF KEY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES ADRESSED IN THE EVENT

Key topics of this conference were:

- The presentation to the general public, to the executives and technical and administrative officers of the national, regional and local bodies, to the local authorities, to the decision makers and to the experts of the sector, of the forest management model developed by the Project and equipped with all the necessary tools which guarantee the sustainable management of European protected areas
- Socio-economic opportunities that can derive from the sustainable management of forest resources;
- Need to drawing up Forest Management Plans to ensure sustainable management of forest resources in protected areas

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- The importance to involve the local key actors in the drawing up of the forest management plans in order to ensure the sharing of aims and development strategies.

### **1.3. Purpose and scope**

Particular attention has been given to the following issues:

- Sharing, with the local community and with the technicians, of goals and strategies for addressing the projects aimed at developing of supply chains that are based on the sustainable use of forest resources;
- Promote the adoption of Forest Management Plans;
- Ensure the involvement of all local key actors in drafting the Forest Management Plans;
- Promote the use of European funding sources for the development of projects and research activities aimed at the development of wood-wood-energy supply chains;
- Encourage the development of synergies among the local key actors and promote the start up of business activities and enterprises based on the exploitation of forest resources.

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

Attached you can find the presentations to the conference.

## **Conclusions**

At the end of the conference the local administrators/authorities highlighted the relevant contribute of the conference to the development of synergies aimed at the start up of new enterprises and activities oriented to the sustainable use of local resources and committed themselves to guarantee the support to the development of these activities.

## **Annexes**

- Agenda of event
- Presentations
- List of participants







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