

# Forest Bioenergy in the Protected Mediterranean Areas

## Technical panel in Valencia (Spain)

**3<sup>rd</sup> workshop (2<sup>nd</sup> thematic workshop) “Action Plan for unblocking the barriers that hinder the sustainable forest management in protected areas”**



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

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## WORKSHOP REPORT

<b>Workpackage 4</b>	<b>Transferring</b>
<b>Activity A.4.2</b>	<b>Technical Panel</b>
<b>Deliverable D.4.2.1</b>	<b>Workshop Report</b>

<b>Pilot Area</b>	Comunitat Valenciana
<b>Involved partner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association of Forest Municipalities of the Comunitat Valenciana (AMUFOR)</li> <li>• Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Shipping of Valencia (COCINSV)</li> </ul>
<b>Responsible partners</b>	Project Partner (PP5) – AMUFOR
<b>Work mode</b>	Thematic session: Action Plan for unblocking administrative barriers
<b>Location</b>	C/Poeta Querol 15 - 46002 Valencia (Valencia)
<b>Date</b>	04.05.2018
<b>Participants</b>	12 participants: Regional and local authorities, enterprise, college of engineers, higher education and research, business support organisation.
<b>Experts</b>	Prof. Dr. José-Vicente Oliver Villanueva
<b>Workshop Material</b>	3 Power point presentation - ForBioEnergy Project and objective of the workshop; Forest Management Project in Enguera and participatory process in the elaboration of the "Instruction Manual for the drafting of Technical Instruments for Forest Management in the Valencian Community".
<b>Workshop's Outline</b>	<p>First of all, the main results derived from the report D.3.3.1 were introduced. For it, the priority barriers in the MED area and, specifically, in Valencian Community were explained, emphasizing the 1<sup>st</sup> legislative and administrative barrier "excessive administrative procedures, complexity in authorizations and overlapping of competences" and the 3<sup>d</sup> technical barrier "High number of protection and overlapping figures". Thus, the objective of the workshop was to develop an Action Plan for a new regulatory framework and roadmap in protected areas in order to facilitate the bioenergy valorisation of the forest biomass and to implement a simplified permit roadmap, ensuring the sustainability (social, environmental and economic) of the forest-based bioenergy value chain.</p>

### Main criticalities

Regarding the Forest Management Project of Enguera, the role of the municipality, of the Generalitat Valenciana, of society and of the media was discussed. It is noted that the project obtained a favourable study derived from the study of cuttings for the habitats and species present in the Natura 2000 sites. Nevertheless, the forestry works were stopped due to a social barrier and the consequences are the loss of forest fires prevention, of more than 40 jobs, as well as of the annual incomes which were reversed in improvements in the municipal forest. Therefore, in the workshop was discussed the problem of the stoppage of fellings, besides the role of the local administration and the Generalitat Valenciana in the execution of forestry works. Concretely, the institutional approach reflected in the contract indicates that the management is not of the local administration, so the municipality cannot have a directly communication with the company which is executing the forestry works. Hence, this approach is considered wrong.

Subsequently, the College of forest engineers of the Community of Valencia explained what was the participatory process in the preparation of the "Manual of Instructions for the drafting of technical instruments for forest management in the Valencian Community". It is also important to note that there is an excess of environmental regulations, but there is none that regulates forest management in the region. The intensity of legal restrictions increases, at the same time as forest stands. The current document on forest management includes an ideological base, not being endorsed by the forestry professionals. Therefore, there is a technical lack in the instructions.

The administrative uncertainty is still maintained regarding the start of the processing of the technical management instrument, there is also a lack of empathy with the administered due to diffuse guidelines that lead to arbitrary resolutions or to an indefinite stoppage (administrative filter), as well as a lack of forest management whose consequences are the loss of rural employment, frustration and discouragement. There have been several updates of the technical management model and consequently, there is a currently delay in the forest management. Another barrier in the region is the given direction to forest management instruments. Specifically, it has a one-way management direction which objective is directed "to maturity" of forests. This is an ambiguous aim with subjective interpretations. In addition, there is a lack of security between the administered and the administrator due to the lack of a solid, coherent and objective basis for the technical instruments for forest

	<p>management. Moreover, the participation of technicians in these instruments is unknown.</p> <p>On the other hand, as an economic barrier there is a lack of demand and as a social barrier, there is the high pressure exerted on forest management. In the workshop, it was established that there were different levels of social barriers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1<sup>st</sup> Level: willingness - malfunction of the administration whose specific barrier is the lack of adaptation in the transition; there is a resistance to change and specifically the "anti-forestalism" is present.</li> <li>- 2<sup>nd</sup> Level: procedural barrier derived from the willingness of the first level.</li> </ul> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Level: incompetence and ignorance whose cause and effect are forest fires and depopulation.</p>
<i>Main solutions</i>	<p>The solutions are reflected in the following actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Valencian Forestry Platform (PFV) workshop for media on strengths, opportunities and limits of the Sustainable Forest Management (SFM).</li> <li>2. Course to revitalize the forestry sector at the local level for forest and/or environmental technicians of the Valencian Community (cultural change in the local forest technician).</li> <li>3. Protocol for delegation of powers of the Generalitat Valenciana to local owners' entities of Public Utility Forests.</li> <li>4. Consensual and single guidelines to control tasks of the environmental agents in the execution of the works.</li> <li>5. Definition and professionalization of the Technical Instructions for Forest Management in the Valencian Community, free of ideological constraints without scientific-technical basis.</li> <li>6. Development and definition of Models/Guidelines for the management of zones and species to be annexed to the Forestry Resources Management Plan, as a basis for management projects (or technical management plans).</li> <li>7. Tactical level communication plan based on a working group.</li> <li>8. Identification project and Action Plan to solve Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) barriers.</li> <li>9. Regional inventory - use of remote sensing technologies to obtain a solid database of silvicultural treatments arising from forest inventories implemented by administrations.</li> <li>10. Director of work in execution of management projects has to be the municipal technician.</li> </ol>

Regarding the different levels of barriers in terms of communication, it is obtained that, in addition to the willingness, there is persuasion; A communication strategy has to be defined (with reasons) in which there is a cause-effect feedback. In the persuasion, the communication at the tactical level is present and it has to be developed at an operational level. The reasons are obtained from the communication, as well as the SWOT. Therefore, the first level starts from the strategic planning, at the intermediate level the tactical communication and at the third level the operational planning.



### Agenda of the Workshop n.3.



## **TALLER FORBIOENERGY** **PLAN DE ACCIÓN PARA DESBLOQUEAR LAS BARRERAS QUE DIFICULTAN LA GESTIÓN FORESTAL SOSTENIBLE EN ÁREAS PROTEGIDAS**

El próximo viernes 4 de mayo se celebrará en la Cámara de Comercio de Valencia (CCV) el taller "Plan de Acción para desbloquear las barreras que dificultan la gestión forestal sostenible en áreas protegidas". Este taller se realiza como una actividad del proyecto Interreg MED ForBioEnergy - Forest BioEnergy in the Protected Mediterranean Areas/Bioenergía forestal en áreas protegidas del Mediterráneo - cuyos socios españoles son la CCV y AMUFOR y participan con socios de Croacia, Eslovenia e Italia.

Concretamente, en el taller se analizarán barreras de carácter administrativo, legislativo y técnico en lo que concierne a la situación actual de los Proyectos de Ordenación y los Planes Técnicos de gestión forestal en las áreas protegidas Red Natura 2000, así como la influencia que tiene la superposición de las figuras de protección en dicha gestión. Por ello, nos gustaría contar con vuestra participación a fin de que podamos determinar con vosotros, principales conocedores y afectados por la situación, un Plan de Acción que más se adecúe a la situación real de la Comunitat Valenciana en espacios protegidos y sirva de base para superar las barreras que obstaculizan el desarrollo del sector.

Día: viernes 4 de mayo 2018

Hora: 11:00 - 14:00

Lugar: Cámara de Comercio de Valencia (C/Poeta Querol, 15, 46002 Valencia).

Para participar en dicho taller, rogamos que, por favor, confirmen asistencia a [forbioenergy.amufor@gmail.com](mailto:forbioenergy.amufor@gmail.com)

**AGENDA** →



## AGENDA

ITEM	PONENTE	HORARIO
Registro de asistentes	---	11:00-11:10
Presentación del taller	Rafael Mossi (CCV)	11:10-11:15
Presentación del proyecto ForBioEnergy (objetivos, actividades, resultados esperados) y de los objetivos del taller	Rebeca Aleix (AMUFOR)	11:15-11:30
Situación del Proyecto de Ordenación de los M.U.P. de Enguera	Fernando Pradells (AMUFOR)	11:30-11:50
Proceso participativo en la elaboración del borrador de Instrucciones de ordenación de montes en la Comunitat Valenciana	Juan Manuel Batiste (COITF)	11:50-12:10
Propuestas para el Plan de Acción	Todos. Dinamizado por José Vicente Oliver (UPV-ITACA) y Rebeca Aleix	12:10-13:50
Conclusiones. Sigüientes pasos en el marco del proyecto	José Vicente Oliver	13:50-14:00

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