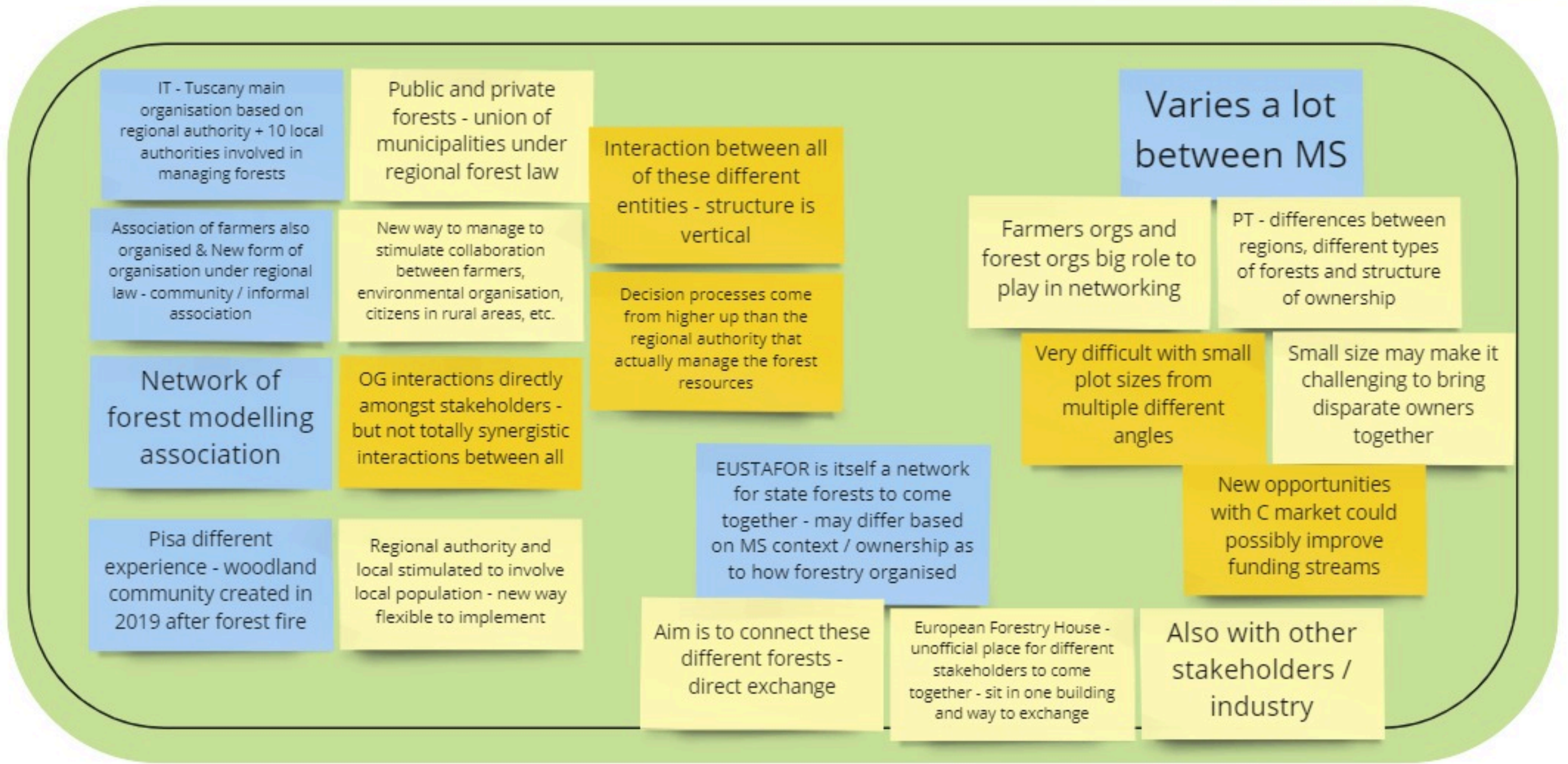Group 2

What are the **current governance structures** that aim to involve stakeholders from forest-dominant areas?

- IT - Tuscany main organisation based on regional authority + 10 local authorities involved in managing forests
- Public and private forests - union of municipalities under regional forest law
- Interaction between all of these different entities - structure is vertical
- Association of farmers also organised & New form of organisation under regional law - community / informal association
- New way to manage to stimulate collaboration between farmers, environmental organisation, citizens in rural areas, etc.
- Decision processes come from higher up than the regional authority that actually manage the forest resources
- Network of forest modelling association
- OG interactions directly amongst stakeholders - but not totally synergistic interactions between all
- Pisa different experience - woodland community created in 2019 after forest fire
- Regional authority and local stimulated to involve local population - new way flexible to implement
- EUSTAFOR is itself a network for state forests to come together - may differ based on MS context / ownership as to how forestry organised
- Aim is to connect these different forests - direct exchange
- European Forestry House - unofficial place for different stakeholders to come together - sit in one building and way to exchange

Varies a lot between MS

- Farmers orgs and forest orgs big role to play in networking
- PT - differences between regions, different types of forests and structure of ownership
- Very difficult with small plot sizes from multiple different angles
- Small size may make it challenging to bring disparate owners together
- New opportunities with C market could possibly improve funding streams
- Also with other stakeholders / industry

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What **needs** and issues facing forest-dominant rural areas and municipalities are **not being addressed** through these existing processes?

- OG has shown that problem (IT) lack of simplification of rules
- Unnecessary conflict between different rules that govern forest areas and those that manage them
- Need coordination between rules / not absence of
- Management plans are required - but obstacles exist in terms of how can manage
- Creates confusion and doesn't improve the situation
- Lack of dialogue between those who make the rules and those who are actually managing
- Pro Silva - members are foresters all around EU - Close to Nature forestry
- MS level - local foresters continuously interacting
- Training for local foresters - don't know all rules / processes
- Time is an issue, might not be professional foresters
- Excursions - demonstrate what is CTN forestry
- Need examples of GPs
- SE - private consultant - Forest owners assn & companies & auditing
- Needs of biodiversity - not addressed is what will get for local economy & tax base
- Rural areas need balance of biodiversity and economic use of forests
- Volumes that cut in mountain regions are going down
- Debate for last 4 years - new forest policies in SE - wish to set aside forests in mountain areas
- Regulations can lead to volumes going down and opportunities available
- FI - interest in forests increasing - policies, climate, etc.
- Have structures for dialogue, but there is something missing to find understanding and hear each other
- Multifunctional uses of forests - gap in coming together and finding these understandings at local level
- Also generational transfer of knowledge is being lost / linkage
- Multiple aspects of forest use then at risk of being lost / forgotten
- Social media for instance, saying things without understanding of forests

How could **networking** help address the gaps and **strengthen the existing situation?**

- Raising awareness in general public about SFM and what that means
- Speak IN the forest - showing what we're talking about and making sure we're talking about the same thing
- More scientific studies and living labs
- To whom? Not about likeminded people meeting
- Reaching out to others who are interested in forests - sector wasn't ready because wasn't under spotlight
- Networks - think how operating and how openly operating
- How to explain in simple words complex processes that forestry under / different uses
- Breaking bubbles and how to cooperate and discuss between different networks
- Takes some time to come to understanding