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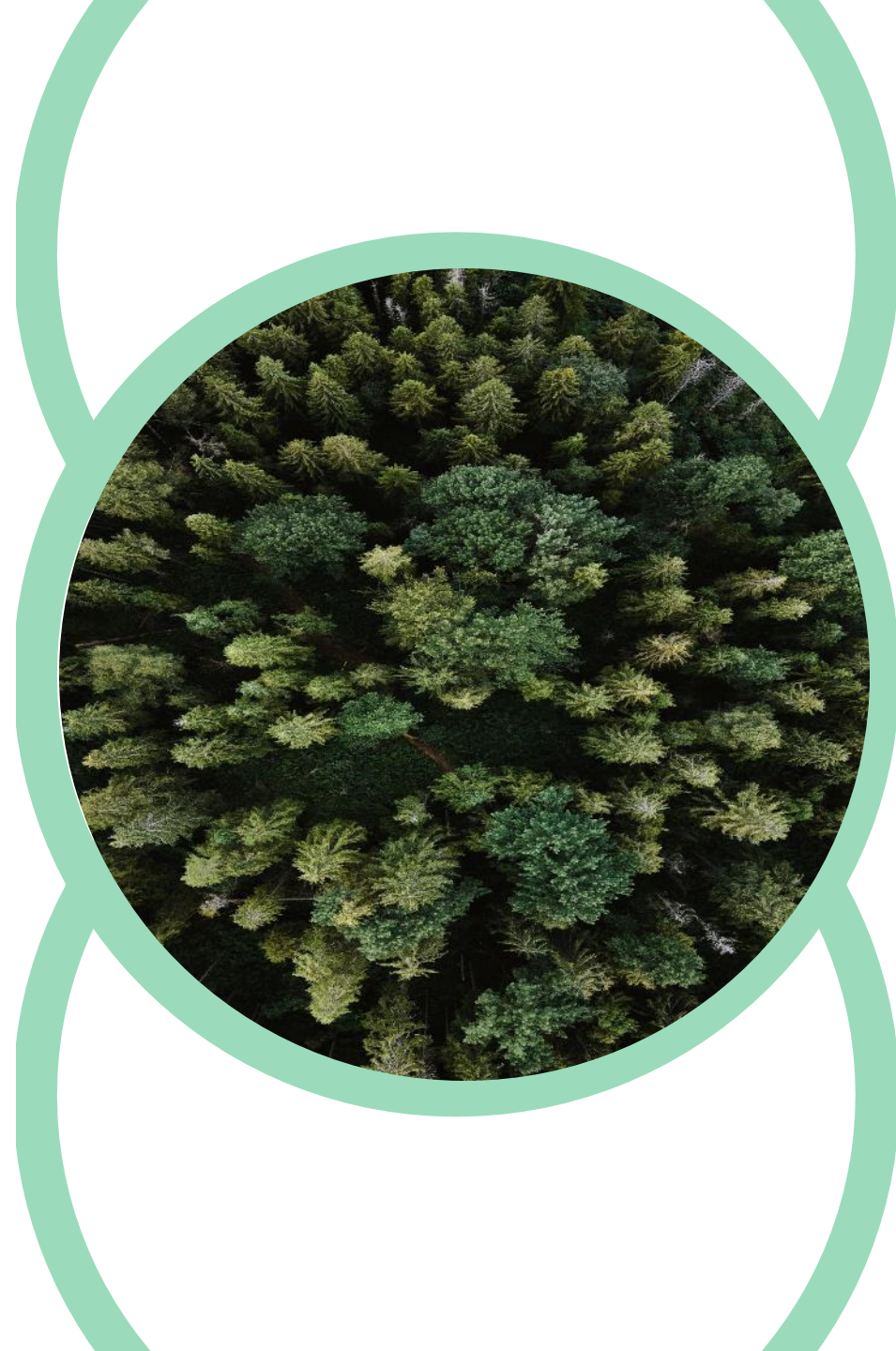
Connecting forestry and agroforestry partnerships across Europe

Advancing innovation and best
practices among Operational Groups at
the EU level

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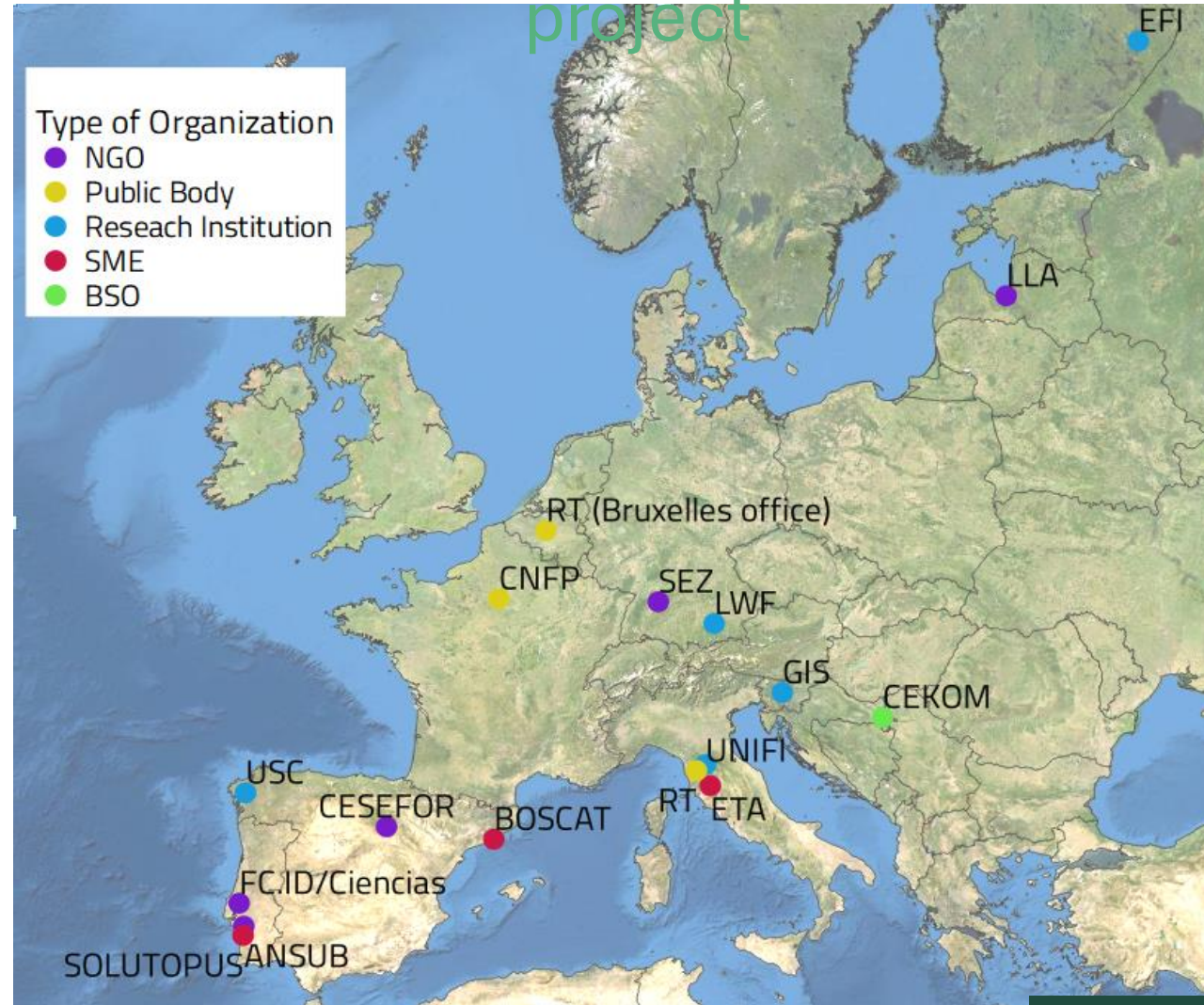
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Partners: A multi-actor

project



Multi-actor approach for forestry and agroforestry sector

FOREST4EU - European Innovation Partnership Network promoting Operational Groups dedicated to forestry and agroforestry in different European countries in order to foster the transfer of knowledge and good practices between experts in the field.

Forestry and agroforestry in the EU



Around Europe, there are hundreds of Operational Groups: small projects promoted by groups of farmers, forest managers and local communities.



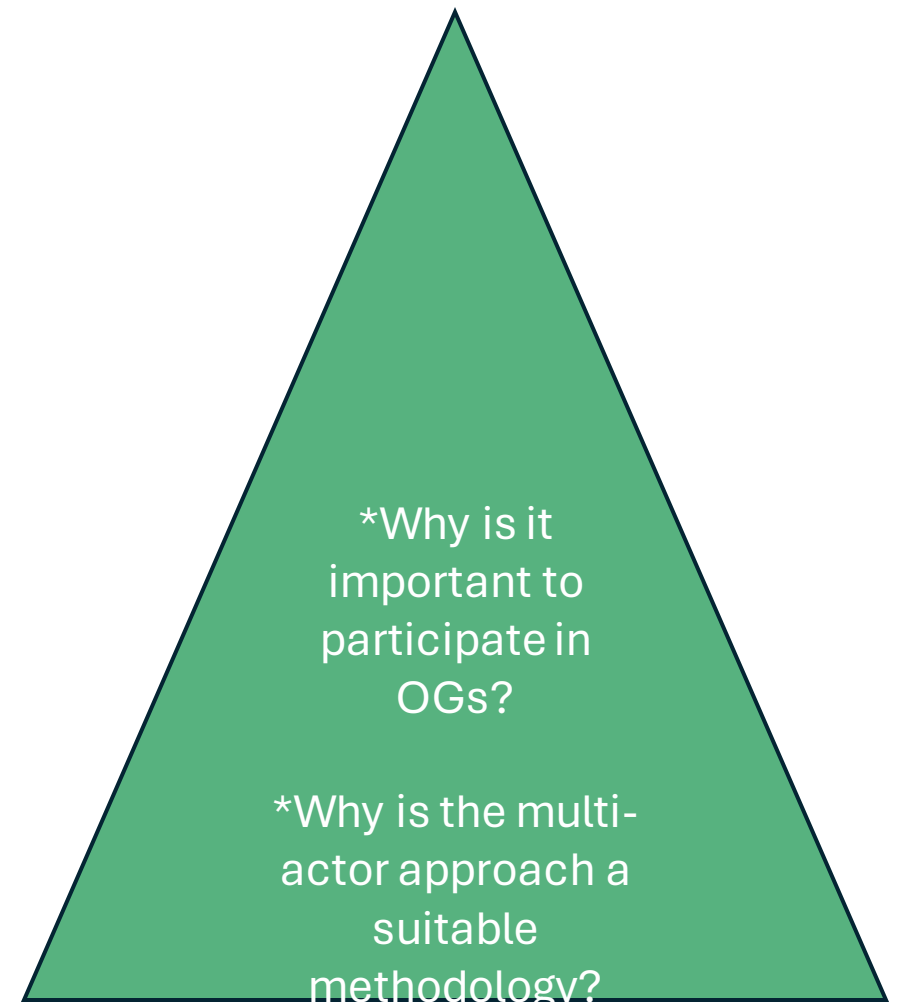
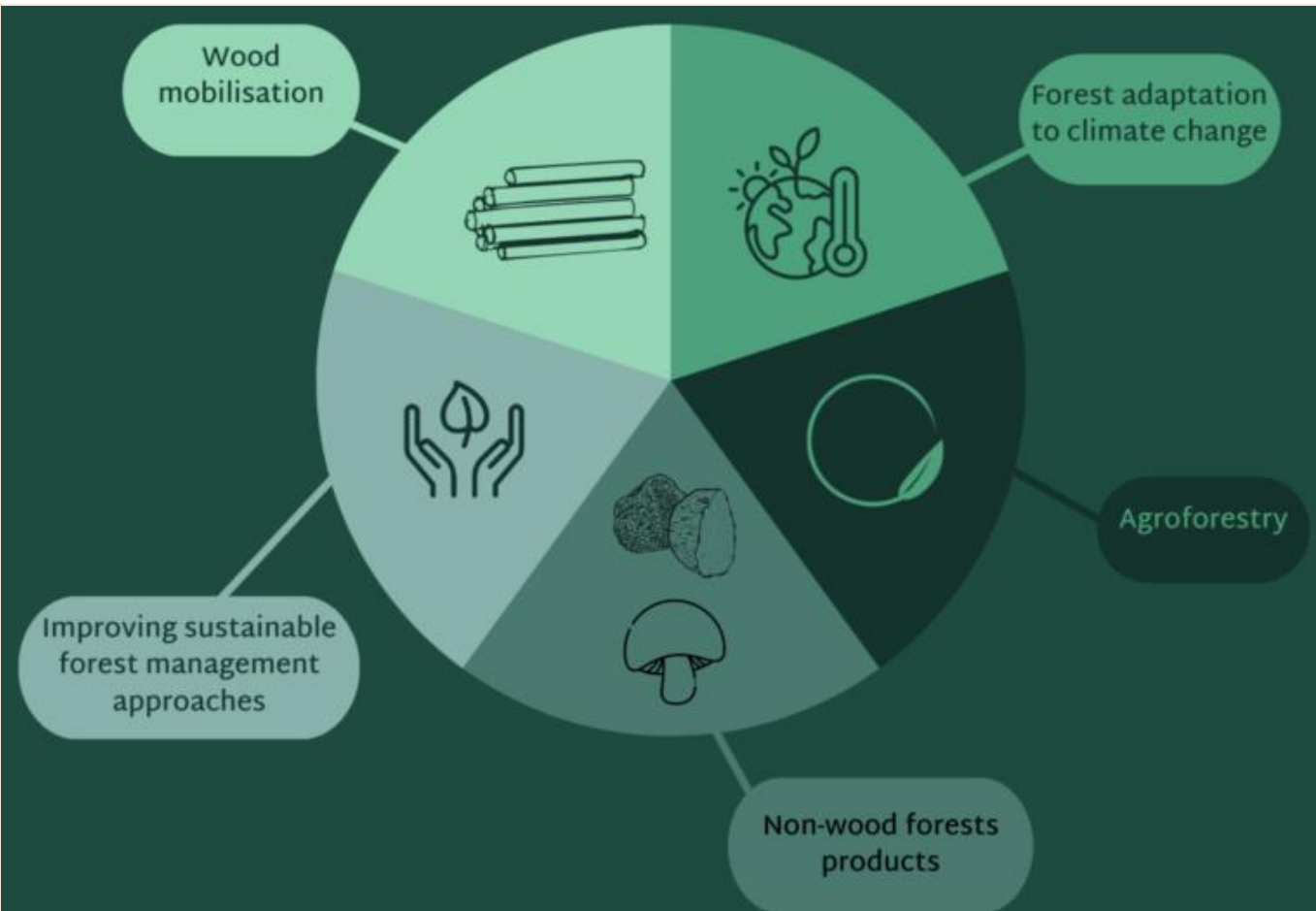
They all share the same goal: advancing innovation and good practices in forestry and agroforestry sector.



However, OG results struggle in crossing national borders: innovations and best practices tend to remain in the local environment and do not reach the EU level.

Innovation Topic Hubs - ITHubs

FOREST4EU established 5 multi-actor EU cross-countries Innovation Topic Hubs (ITHubs) related to 5 identified topics in forestry and agroforestry sectors.



Examples of collected innovations which can be disseminated in other countries:

GO FOSFORO
(Portugal)



Spatio-temporal modelling of pasture quality based on NDVI time series in the Montado ecosystem
Technological innovation

GO ECOMONTADOXXI
(Portugal)



Use of the Keyline system for planting cork and holm oaks in agroforestry systems
Process innovation

GO FORESTCELTA
(Spain)



Development of an autonomous and digitised feeding system for Celtic pigs in Atlantic broadleaf forests
Technological innovation

GO PS NEWTON
(Italy)



LCA in semi-extensive agro-silvo-pastoral systems
Process innovation

GO Agroforst in
Österreich (Austria)



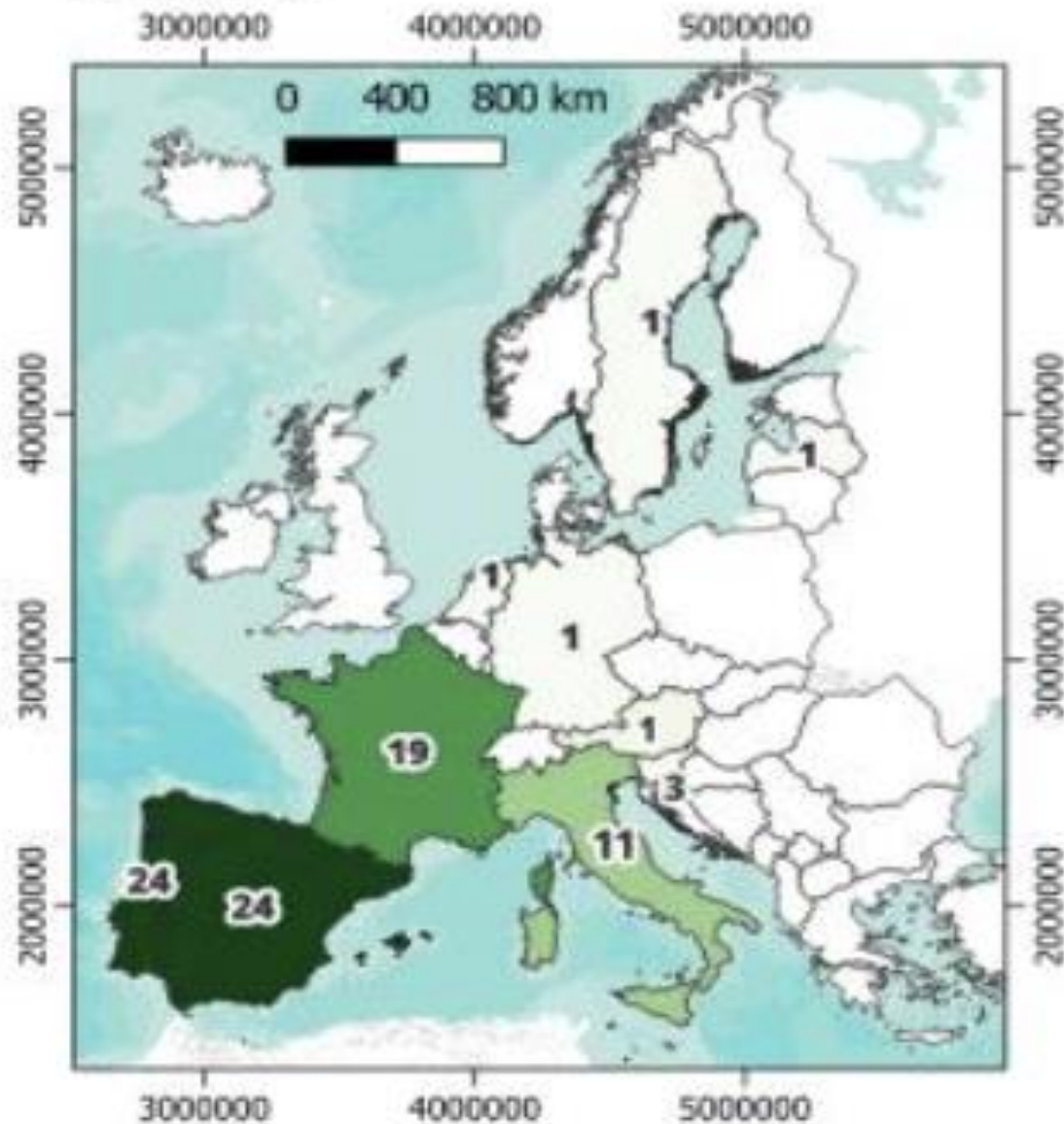
Creation of the multi-actor 'Agroforestry in Austria' network
Organisational innovation

GO ARBRE
(France)



Raising awareness and testing of assisted hedge regeneration
Service innovation

Total OGs



Legend

N Total OGs

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Operational Groups in forestry and agroforestry in Europe

A total of **175 innovations** in forestry and agroforestry were collected.

The majority of OGs were/are located in Spain (24 OGs), Portugal (24 OGs), France (19 OGs), and Italy (11 OGs).

OTHER COUNTRIES CAN BENEFIT, AS WELL!





National Prioritization Workshops: A WAY TO PROMOTE DISCUSSION AND PARTICIPATION OF DISTINCT STAKEHOLDERS

The main aim of FOREST4EU national workshops is to implement an open discussion with national experts and local stakeholders in order to identify:

- the most relevant selected innovations and good practices for the forestry/agroforestry sector,
- the best channels for disseminating capacity-building material.

So far, they have occurred in Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, France, Portugal, Germany and Latvia, 7 out of 9 Project countries.





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<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/eu-cap-network-conference-eip-agri-operational-groups-innovation-practice>

