

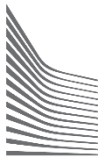


EU CAP Network workshop 'Circular bioeconomy – valorisation of forest by-products'

Kouvola, Finland
26-27 March 2025

Introduction to the workshop

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Commission

A photograph of a person's hands holding a small green seedling in a field. In the background, another person in a blue shirt is kneeling and looking at a tablet. The scene is set in a lush green field under a bright sky with some clouds. The image is overlaid with a green L-shaped graphic on the left and several horizontal green bars on the right.

A Vision for Agriculture and Food

4 priority areas

- 1 Attractiveness:** Building an attractive sector that ensures a fair standard of living and leverages new income opportunities
- 2 Competitiveness & resilience:** A competitive and resilient sector in the face of global challenges
- 3 Sustainability:** Future-proofing the agri-food sector that works hand in hand with nature
- 4 Fairness:** Valuing food and fostering fair living and working conditions in vibrant rural areas

Enabling environment: putting research, innovation, knowledge and skills at the heart of Europe's agri-food economy

Circular bioeconomy – valorisation of forest by-products



Objective of the workshop:

- › To explore **innovations** that support the development of **value chains for high-value products derived from forest waste and residues**
- › Showcase **successful initiatives**
- › Identify gaps in **current knowledge and practice**
- › Discuss **innovative practices and ways forward**





Innovation
is a new idea
that proves
successful in
practice



European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability (EIP-AGRI)

- › **Launched** by the European Commission in 2012
- › **Aim:** Speed up innovation in agriculture and make it more sustainable and productive
- › **How:** Close the innovation gap between research and practice by:
 - › promoting the **interactive innovation model** in projects under CAP and Horizon
 - › linking actors via the **EU CAP Network** (previously EIP-AGRI Network)



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The interactive innovation model



Bottom-up approach to innovation

focusing on actual needs from farmers, foresters or rural communities that require an innovative solution



Complementary knowledge

bringing together partners with different expertise (multi-actor approach)



Co-creating and co-deciding

all along the project, from the beginning to the end

Common Agricultural Policy (CAP):
Operational Group projects

EU research and innovation
framework programme (Horizon):
Multi-actor projects



Over 4000
OG projects
implemented
across 25
Member States

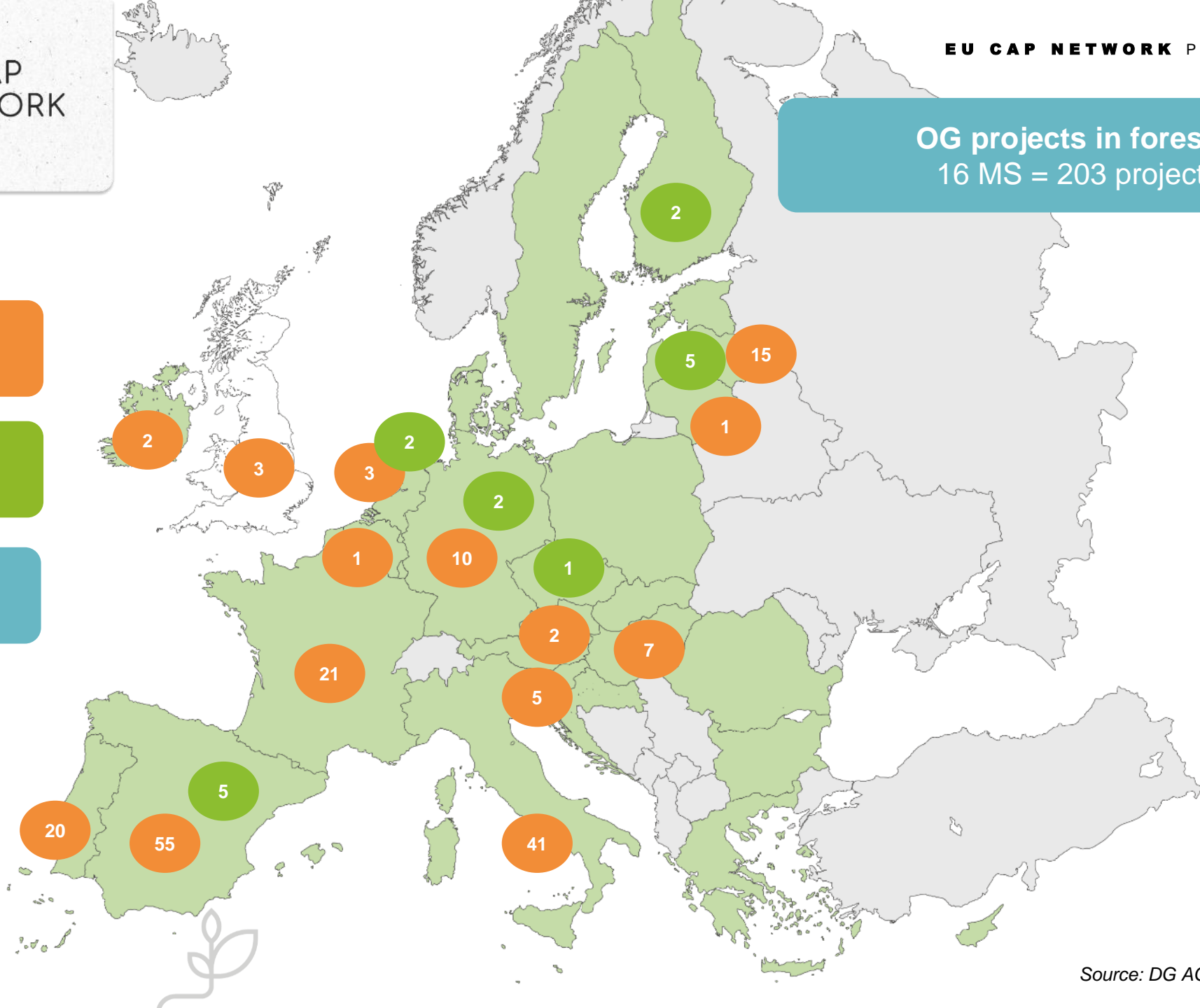


OG projects in forestry
16 MS = 203 projects

Number of projects
(2014-2022): 186

Number of projects
(2023-2027): 17

Average budget:
397, 64 K





OG projects in forestry - examples



Topics covered:

- › Forest management
- › Forest products and services
- › Biodiversity and nature conservation
- › Climate change and forest resilience
- › Agroforestry (Silvopastoralism)



EIP-AGRI project database:
[Projects | EU CAP Network](#)



EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards – 2024
Winner 'Sustainable forest management'

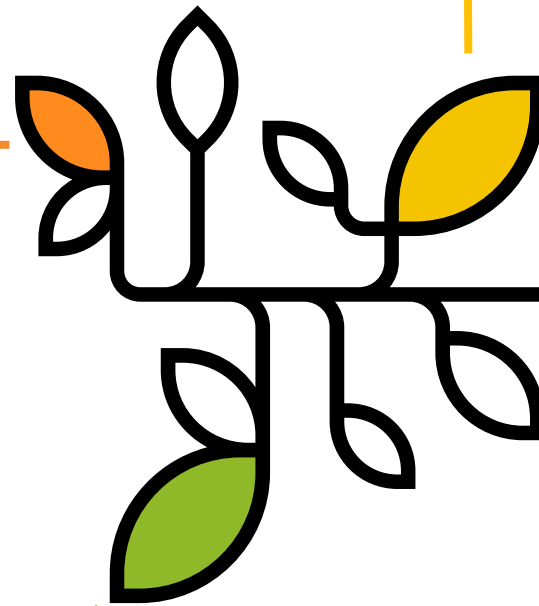
[Sustainable forest management -
nominees compilation video](#)





Innovation & knowledge
exchange – EIP-AGRI

Evaluation



EU CAP NETWORK

*A forum to share knowledge and information
about agriculture, forestry and rural development
with the aim to support **the implementation of
the CAP Strategic Plans (2023-2027)***

CAP Implementation



EU CAP Network

- › **Events** - more than 40 networking events per year
- › **News** - monthly newsletters to more than 26 000 subscribers
- › **Publications** - reports, case studies etc. on various topics
- › **Tools and databases** - Good practices, EIP-AGRI projects, Leader, Evaluation practices etc.
- › ... and much more!

Website and social media accounts



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All information on the workshop is available on the event webpage:

<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/eu-cap-network-workshop-circular-bioeconomy-valorisation-forest-products>

