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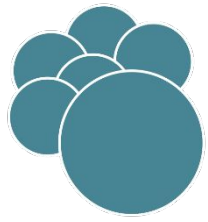
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Provence and Catalonia

Exchange for the creation of a model forest

Speaker: Helena Papa (Forest Model of Provence - France)



Provence Model Forest

A model that works

Created in **2013** by the **Regional Authority initiative** of “Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur” and :

- ❑ **Consists of 4 forest massifs:**
 - ✓ Étoile,
 - ✓ Garlaban
 - ✓ Sainte Baume and
 - ✓ Maures.
- ❑ **Covers 309 803 ha**
- ❑ **Includes 77 municipalities of +/- 1,4 million inhabitants**
- ❑ **Represents the common ground** of a variety of values and interests held by different players in the region.
- ❑ **Performs a span of activities encompassing**
 - ✓ the forestry sectors’ protection and conservation
 - ✓ sustainable forestry economy
 - ✓ environmental education
 - ✓ Art and crafts
 - ✓ And of course, European cooperation

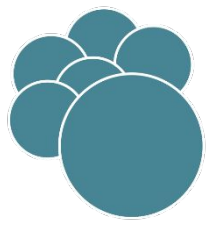


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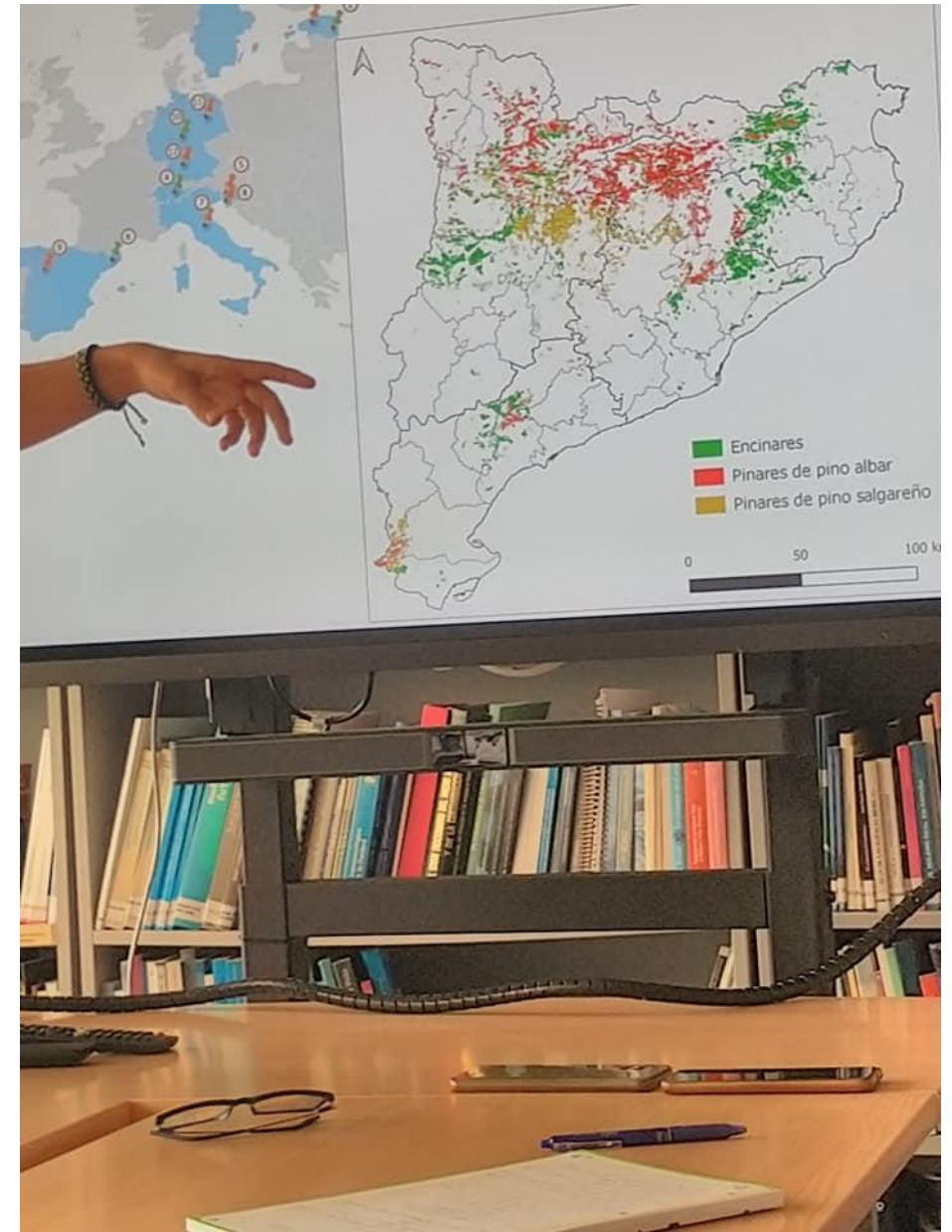


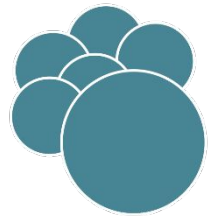
Presentation of CTFC

The Forestry Technology Center of
Catalonia

Center for applied research, training
and technology transfer

The mission of the CTFC is to contribute to the modernization and competitiveness of the forestry sector and the sustainable development of the natural environment of the Mediterranean area through research, training and technology transfer to society.





In march 2024, visit of CTFC and Finca Fitor (1000 hectare forest property, multifunctional forestry management)

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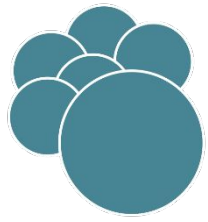


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Shared challenges

with the south of France



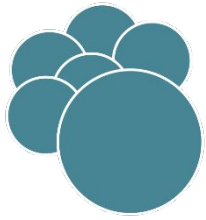
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- **forest species and a Mediterranean climate in common**, which makes a strong argument for a model forest creation.
- **multifunctional space management**, important and essential work on the economic, ecological and social values (~~aspects~~) of forests.
- **the need to find urgent solutions to climate change**, a transition and a global reflection to be carried out, the importance of transnational exchanges for success.
- **develop environmental education**, to better understand forestry topics among the general public and specific target groups.
- **innovation at the service of local resources**, better valorization, and use of the model forest tool to bring together different stakeholders public and private.
- **fight against fires**, prevent (prevention), fight (including forest fire cutting work, etc.), and react (consider supporting natural regeneration and fighting against soil erosion).



project results



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before the final event, taking place on May 11 in Collobrières (France)

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADVANCES

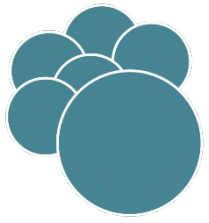
- **How ?** On-line and physical exchanges with a meeting in Catalonia, a field visit with the CTFC then to **Finca Fitor**, before the final event in Collobrières
- CTFC was interested in particular details of the MFP and in particular, the ‘governance’ of the structure, the stakeholders’ representativeness, the source of funding, etc.
- CTFC presented the current situation of the forestry sector in Catalonia, and the similarities of an ongoing project in Catalonia (led by CTFC) aiming to align different stakeholders within a few neighboring municipalities to build “resilient landscapes” against climate change.

CONCLUSION AND RESULTS

As for now, the conditions are not met :

- maintaining a model forest (its operation) is too demanding, both, in terms of human and financial resources
- the regional administration, who should be the main leader in this process, is not interested due to different reasons, such as : election context, too many divergent interests, too many small forest properties difficult to bring together.

CTFC however, is taking steps to promote the MF principles in Catalonia (as in the “resilient landscapes” project) and hopes that the Catalan administration, once in place, will soon moves toward a MF pilot site.



What future and keys to success?



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1

Promoting and further developing the MF tool to meet the challenges ahead.

2

Early engagement with local public authorities to fully involve them in the process.

3

continue to build the network and work together to further develop the network and its tools (communication and funding in particular).

Thanks for your attention!



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