# **ERIAFF workshop**

Inform – prioritize-collaborate: cooperation of regions on Innovation in Forest management, use of wood and forest –related service.

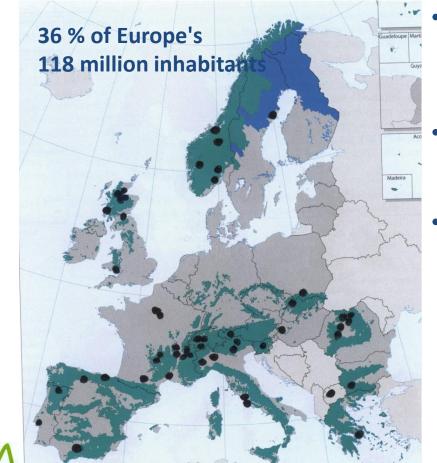
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### Who we are



- European **multisectoral** association for cooperation and development of mountain areas (since 1996).
- More than 75 members from 20 countries:
- Comprising :
  - regional development agencies,
  - regional authorities,
  - chambers of commerce and industry
  - agriculture organisations,
  - environmental organisations,
  - research organisations

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### **Euromontana's work on forestry**

#### Advocacy and networking actions:

- no common European policy for forests or specific measures for mountain forests;
- only coordination of Member States actions;
- European Forest strategy (new strategy on 20 September 2013).
- Euromontana is a partner in MOUNTFOR -Preserving and Enhancing the Multifunctionality of Mountain Forests
- Events



## **Euromontana's work on forestry**

Study: "The utilisation of mountain wood and the organization of mountain wood industries".

**Recommendations** based on six aspects of the development in the mountain forest sector:



- financial support to the sector ;
- the role of marks and certifications ;
- the research of innovation and performance ;
- difficulties linked to accessibility and fragmentation ;
- the need to train stakeholders.



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### For more information

http://www.euromontana.org/en/themes-de-travail/forests.html

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