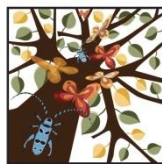




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FOREST GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION IN VENETO REGION





Forest data in Veneto Region



- ✓ the whole forest area covers more than 400.000 hectares
- ✓ private ownership is about 60% of the regional forest area
- ✓ public ownership consists mainly of high forests (70%)
- ✓ there are three different kinds of forest management plans
- ✓ managed forests cover an area of about 270.000 hectares



INTRODUCTION - 2



- ✓ In Veneto the forest area is steadily increasing due to the abandonment of the traditional agricultural activities
- ✓ Forest management is the fundamental tool to guarantee multi-functional ecosystems
- ✓ Our regional policy is focused on the concept of sustainable forest management: to guarantee natural ecosystem conservation and to supply multiple services



We can summarize the forest regional policy in the following five main objectives:

1. to improve the competitiveness in the long-period of the forest sector through the sustainable use of forests
2. to maintain and increase the protection function to tackle natural hazards (wind, snow damage, flood...) due to climate change and human pressure
3. to protect biodiversity, preserve landscape and enhance carbon sequestration and ecosystems health
4. to increase the social and cultural value of forests
5. to improve the coordination and relation between regional/local authorities and stakeholders



PRIORITIES



Starting from these objectives, **four main priorities have been identified:**

- **structural priorities**
- **conservation and preservation priorities**
- **defence of the territory priorities**
- **coordination priorities**



STRUCTURAL PRIORITIES

To enhance active management and forest exploitations

PEFC Veneto Group, was created with the support of Veneto Region in 2003.

Today the group counts more than 70 private and public forest properties

More than 80.000 hectares of certified forests



To tackle the impacts of climate change and to adopt adaptation and mitigation strategies.

Veneto Region is participating the C3-ALPS project

Capitalising Climate Change Knowledge for adaptation in the alpine space



www.c3alps.eu

Veneto Region is partner of another project LIFE + Carbomark

Improvement of policies toward local voluntary carbon markets for climate change mitigation

www.carbomark.org

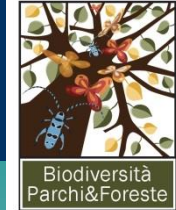


To enhance the development of forest economy and the viability of forest enterprises through Regional and European funds

- Forest enterprises in Veneto Region are 322
- The workers are only 690 (2,1 worker for enterprise)
- The fleet of cars estimate at some 30 million of euro.



CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION PRIORITIES



To improve biodiversity and forest resilient

Veneto Region is participating to Manfor C.BD project
Management of Forests, Carbon and Biodiversity



www.manfor.eu

European LIFE project aiming at testing and verifying in the field the effectiveness of forest management options in meeting multiple **objectives** (timber production, environment protection and biodiversity conservation, etc.), providing data, guidance and indications of best-practice.

The project activities can be considered to be at **level of “pilot-scale”**, with application over test areas distributed in **Italy and Slovenia**





DEFENSE OF THE TERRITORY PRIORITIES



To contribute to the livelihood of mountain population and to promote the social inclusion

Veneto Region is promoting studies and analysis in collaboration with Padua University for on PES– like scheme in protect areas

To use the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development for this priority

We need to improve Rural Development Programmes reporting to change impressions that Rural Development Programmes may give money to farmers

To support for horizontal and vertical co-operation among actors in the supply chain, as well as for promotion activities in a local context



COORDINATION PRIORITIES



To work for coordination between national and regional organisations and administrations.

Veneto Region is preparing the new regional forest law.

This regional law will simplify the administrative procedure and apply the pan-European indicators for sustainable forest management.





CONCLUSIONS



- The forest management **is vital for future generation**
- The forest management has to provide the protection of **biodiversity, preserve landscape and enhance carbon sequestration and ecosystems health**
- The **role of the forest management has to be recognized at the European and National governance and received economic support**



THANK FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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