




Network Mountain Forest

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NMF Network Mountain Forest Main Topics

- Project management and Coordination
- Definitions and methodology, AS-IS status of mountain forests
- Current mountain protection forest policy and measures
- Transnational strategy und prospects
- Dissemination of results and public relations



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Partnership



	Lead partner/partner
Austria	Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, (BMLFUW), Division IV/4
Austria	Regional forestry service of Tyrol, Carinthia Salzburg Vienna
Germany	Bavarian State Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
Italy	Department of Forestry / Office of Forest Planning, Autonomous Province of Bozen
Slovenia	Slovenia Forest Service
Slovenia	Torrent and Erosion Control Service of Slovenia
Switzerland	Swiss Agency for the Environment BAFU



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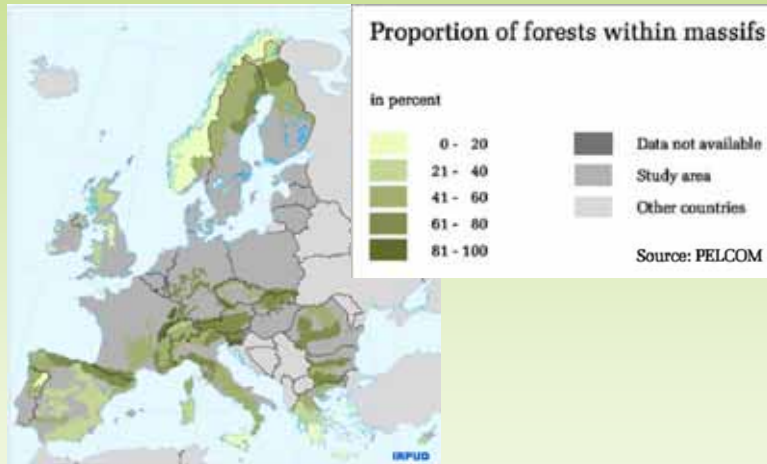
	Associated Partners
Bulgaria	National Forestry Board/ Ministry of Agriculture and Forests
Greece	Ministry of Agriculture - General Secretary of Forest
Slovakia	Forest Research Institute - Zvolen
Liechtenstein	Amt für Wald, Natur und Landschaft
UNEP	Interim Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention



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Mountain areas in Europe (EU)



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Mountain forests in partner countries criteria



Partner	Criteria
Bayern	Based on forest ecoregions; High altitude Mountains (Alps); Low altitude Mountains (Tops > 450 - 500 m sea level and high relief energy)
Bulgara	above 700m altitude
Liechtenstein	above 800m altitude and protection forest
Austria	altitudinal belt „montan“ and higher (above 900m) and protection forest
Switzerland	above 800m altitude.
Slovenia	Forests within the border of the Alpine Convention in Slovenia from 700m above sea level and higher. Outside the border of the Alpine Convention (>700m sea level) with the condition, that the forest complex had an area of at least 3000 ha.
Italy (South Tyrol)	Total forest area



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Mountain Forests in partner countries Overview



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Main topics of the sustainable mountain forest management



- Protection of people and objects from natural hazards
- Protection of soil and stands from natural hazards
- Protection of biodiversity and natural ecotyps
- Sustainable production of timber and energy wood
- Storing water and reduction of the runoff
- Carbon sequestration in stands and humus
- Preserve cultural landscapes as resource for tourism and agriculture
- Preserve recreation areas as resource for tourism



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Strategic Objectives



- Establishment of a mountain forest platform at EU level modeled on Austrias protective forest platforms with the aim to install an EU Mountain Forest Programme



- Acknowledgement of the Alpine Convention Mountain Forest Protocol by the EU



- European exchange programme for professional further training on mountain forest topics



- Fast implementation of the most urgent care measures in 1 million hectares of mountain forest area
- Efficient controlling (monitoring) for priority setting and success analysis in view of mountain forest measures.



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Public Relation



- European mountain forest promotion day
- European mountain forest campaign
- Forest education for children and adults
- Permanent publication of the benefits



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Rural development



- Timber production and processing cluster building



- Building of local forest cooperatives
- Public private partnership between forest owner, tourism, energie and water utilities, railway etc.



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Experiences and Results



- Overview and harmonization of terminology
- Common overview of legal acts concerning mountain forests



- Presentation of existing management models with examples of application in the field of protection forests



- Overview of “Best Practice” examples for mountain forest management



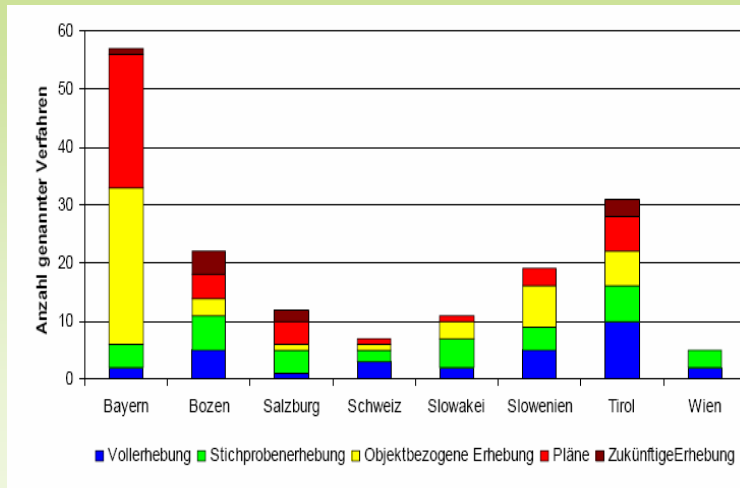
- Comparison of
 - the procedure of planning measures in the partner countries
 - forest inventories for diferent purposes for forests and protection forests in the partner



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Experiences and Results



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Final Meeting in Lindau, 29. – 30. October 2007



- Preservation and enhancement of the protective function
- Careful use of the raw material wood
- Preservation and enhancement of biodiversity in mountain forests, taking into account the climate change
- Declaration for the Mountain Forest



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