

Social innovations in forestry: Lessons-learned from more likely cases

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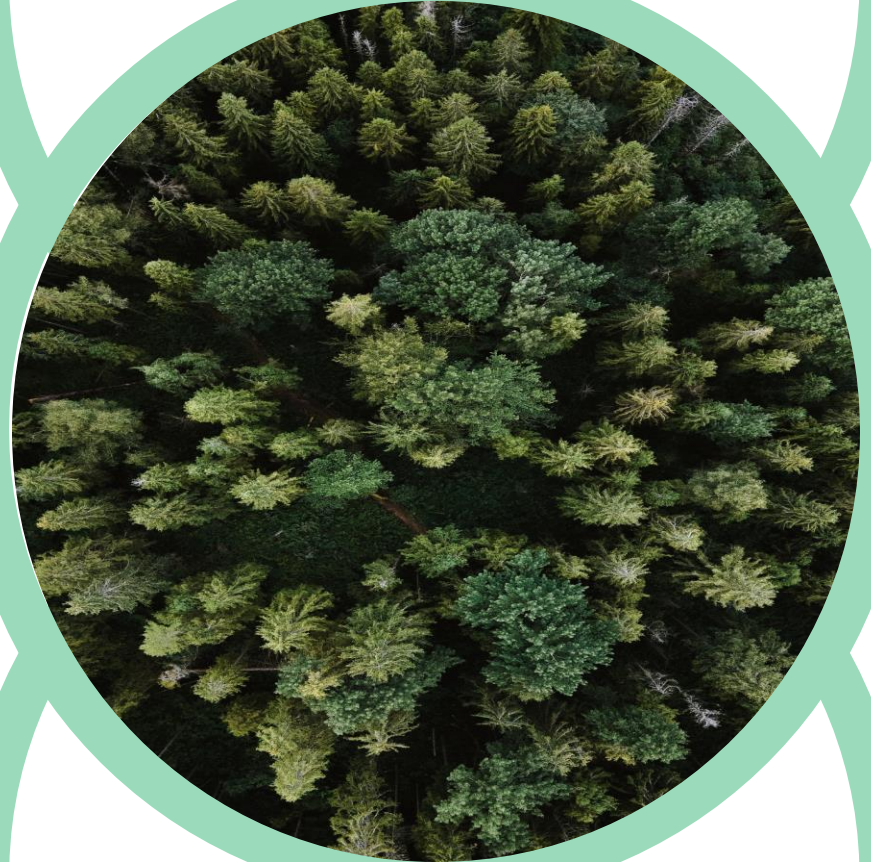
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More-likely cases for (social) innovation in forestry



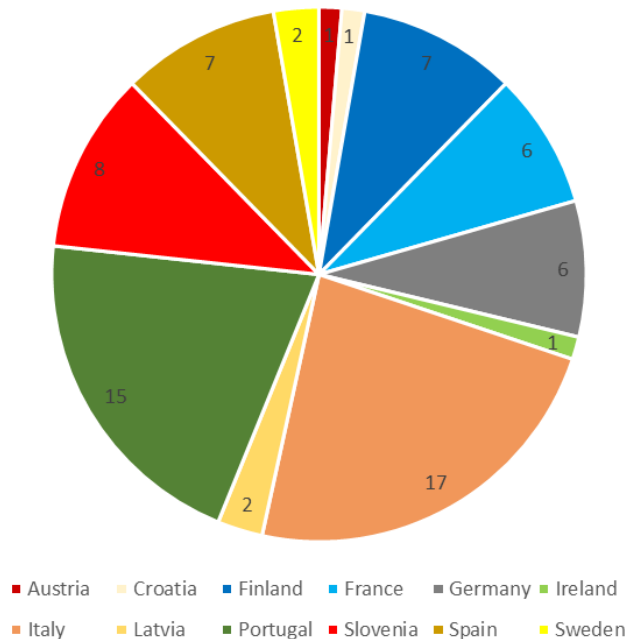
EIP-Agri Operational Groups

- Multi-actor innovation partnerships, incl. farmers and foresters, research, associations, business
- Temporary, collaborative projects based in interactive innovation model
- Initiated by the EC (Regulation (EU) 1305/2013, Articles 5, 8.1)
- CAP funding:
 - 2014-2022 Rural Development Program
 - 2023-2027 CAP Strategic Plans
- In early 2023:
 - around 2500 OGs, yet only 141 in forestry
 - mainly in South-West Europe, very few in Central and Eastern Europe



Lessons-learned from Operational Groups for research on social innovations in forestry

Response from OGs in FOREST4EU survey (n=73)



Full response FOREST4EU survey n= 326
Countries: AT, HRO, FI, F, DE, IT, LV, PT, SI, ES, others

Social innovators in forest-related OGs

- respond to changing demands in society (*significant, t test*)
- rely on direct contacts, exchange and social media to stay up to date
- pursue social innovation together with process innovation
- have regional scope

All OG innovators

- largely perceive climate change and markets for FES as important drivers
- expect direct profits from innovations
- are practice-based and try out something new in multi-actor, interactive setting



Thank you!

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