



PROTECTING AND RESTORING MEDITERRANEAN FORESTS

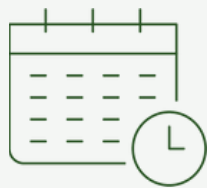


STRATEGYMEDFOR

Strategy for the Sustainable Management of Mediterranean Forests

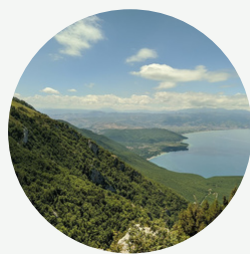
HOW TO MAKE MEDITERRANEAN FORESTS RESILIENT TO CLIMATE CHANGE?

Despite the increase in Mediterranean forest coverage in the last decades, these forests are not in a good condition and require an urgent action to increase their resilience to climate change and to re-establish their biodiversity. StrategyMedFor aims to develop a Strategy for the Sustainable Management of Mediterranean Forests that will integrate new technologies & wide-Mediterranean data in order to identify which forests to protect, restore or manage.



Project duration
30 months

Pilot Sites



Galičica National Park,
North Macedonia



Dinaric Alps,
Bosnia & Herzegovina



Samaria National Park,
Lefka Ori - Crete, Greece

PROJECT PARTNERS

ETC-UMA University of Malaga, Spain ·
CIHEAM-MAICh Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Greece · Oikos Institute, Italy ·
CNPf Centre Régional de la Propriété Forestière, France · AIFM Association Internationale des Forêts Méditerranéennes, France ·
Galičica National Park, North Macedonia · University of Sarajevo - Faculty of Forestry (UNSA FoF), Bosnia & Herzegovina





Timeline of activities

Based on maps and geodata, combined with the expertise of project and associated partners and the review of existing literature, **the project will determine criteria and sub-criteria to define the status and quality of Mediterranean forests.**



01/2024



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These criteria will be adapted to information layers and geodata to generate a map of high ecological value forests, degraded forests and abandoned lands. Adding other data, **the project will produce a final map of priority areas for protection, restoration and resilient management.**



Our methods will be evaluated and tested in 3 countries: Greece, North Macedonia and Bosnia & Herzegovina. Both criteria and cartography will be validated on the field in 3 different pilot sites.

Pilot Sites



Galičica National Park



Dinaric Alps



Samaria National Park

01/2026



06/2026

Transfer of knowledge, capacity building, exchange of experience, governance, networking and transboundary activities between various public, private and non-governmental Mediterranean Institutions (research, management, development and/or education) at several scales (international, EU and local) are planned for the successful development of the StrategyMedFor project.



ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

National Institute of Research in Rural Engineering, Water and Forests, Tunisia • Environmental Protection Agency, Montenegro • Committee of Mediterranean Forestry Questions - Silva Mediterranea, Italy • European Forest Institute, Finland • Lebanon Reforestation Initiative, Lebanon • Municipality of Sfakia, Greece • Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania, Albania • Society for the Protection of Prespa

