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Project partnership

LEAD PARTNER

AGENZIA VENETA PER L'INNOVAZIONE NEL SETTORE PRIMARIO (Italy)

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

Hrvatski drvni klaster - Croatia,

Grm Novo mesto - center biotehnike in turizma- Slovenia,

Landeskammer Fuerland Und Fortwirtschaft in Steiermark - Austria,

Asociatia Nationala a Femeilor din Mediul Rural - Romania,

Association des Agences de la Démocratie Locale - France

Project description

PROJECT BACKGROUND

FOREST replies to the fragmentation of competences in forestry management at national and international levels, by giving rise to debate around the possibility to create a standard level of competences and skills of forestry workers and promoting innovation and professionalism by joint actions and initiatives.

Debates will be channelled into three levels: technical concerning the contents of training programmes and skills required to forestry operators; legislative to harmonize authorizations to emit diploma and certificate; innovation and sustainability.

OBJECTIVES

- Map out, discuss and exchange knowhow about forest management, VET and standard of security
- Promote the exchange of good practices and techniques with other European countries;
- Improve the level of professionalism and competitiveness of forest workers at cross-border level;
- Raise knowledge and safety standards of workers as well as the quality of their interventions.
- Discuss the creation of a standard level of competences and skills of forestry workers, valid across national borders.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Through 6 thematic transnational meetings, partners will be able to define a common strategy to harmonize training systems and recognition of competences, as well as to foster innovation and the introduction of sustainable tools. 5 focus themes will be discussed and deepen in the international meetings:

- Safety in the workplace at EU level
- Sustainability and Innovation
- Focus on women inclusion on forestry sector
- In addition, local activities will be carried out by each partners involving local stakeholders and focusing on:
 - Collecting information about existent certifications accepted and analysis of the state of the art in their regions/countries;
 - Reflecting with local stakeholders on how to introduce the technical and legislative harmonisations discussed with partners in the international events;
 - Capitalising results and put the basis for further collaborations.

SHORT-TERM RESULTS

- Dialogue and exchange between entities working in the forestry sector are set up
- Debate on the challenges that the forestry sector is facing at national and European level;
- Harmonization of forestry training programs at technical, legislative and sustainable level;
- Improved opportunities to learn across national borders and to work together on joint projects aiming at promoting innovation, professionalism and mobility in the forestry sector;
- Exchanging good practices and knowledge on technological tools and innovative practices to adopt in the forestry sector;
- Improve public information about forest heritage and its importance in mitigating climate change

LONG-TERM

- Achievement of mutual recognition of skills and competencies in the forestry sector;
- Knowledge transfer and facilitation of (cross-)sectorial and (trans)national collaboration is facilitated;
- Increased capacity of the forest-based sector to respond to developments and innovation in various policy areas;
- Realization and publication of a Manual gathering recommendations, new methods and approaches emerged from meetings.

TARGET GROUPS

Forest operators and private forest owners

Vet providers

Schools

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