## INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO SMALL-FORESTS PROPERTIES



SMURF is a transformative project aimed to provide sustainable and profitable solutions that benefit the entire European forest-based value chain

This includes addressing ecological concerns, promoting economic viability through wood and non-wood products, and considering the social and cultural aspects of forest management with a multidisciplinary approach and inclusive stakeholder engagement.

SMURF is aligned with the EU's Forest Strategy 2030 and will work over the next four years to enable 20 million forest owners across Europe to generate economic activity and provide employment in forests, while managing forests to conserve and adapt to climate change.



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## NEW FOREST MANAGEMENT MODELS: CLOSE TO NATURE SILVICULTURE (CNS)

SMURF seeks to broaden European forest management approaches by embracing a variety of models and emphasizing diversification of products and services, promoting biodiversity. Through collaboration with organizations like Pro Silva and Association Foret Irregulier (AFI), SMURF will develop and implement 11 forest management models for different European forest types, establishing 7 Pilot Study Areas and 11 Demonstration Stands and will try to incorporate them into the Integrate Network.

**CAP Network** 

**CLUSTERING** 

SMURF is willing to collaborate with related projects and networks sharing similar aims.

4 thematic focus groups

\_\_ HUB \_\_ CASCADE FUNDING

THE EU SMALL FOREST HOLDINGS NETWORK

EU Conference on Small Forest Holdings. SPRING 2025



SFH 2030 Roadmaps, 2027 National Action Plans, and Policy Recommendations will boost lighthouse implementation, refine legal frameworks, and enhance support systems.

15 national working groups



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## WE SEEK TO TRANSFORM FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Analyze the whole forest-based value chain focussing on small-forest properties in different European regions.

Provide innovative tools to small-forest owners to valorise unexploited non-wood products and damaged/infected wood.

Establish innovative management models based on Closer to Nature Silviculture practices (CNS).

Propose a new standardised Payment for Ecosystem Services system (PES), empashizing carbon and biodiversity criteria.

Co-create a comprehensive framework to support small-forest owners throug trainings, guidelines and recommendations.

## SMURF IN A NUTSHELL CORE DATA

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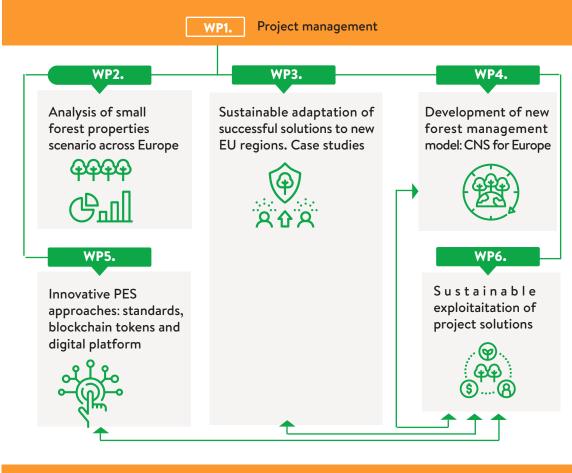
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