



Acronym	MIMONTE
Full Title	Multi-stakeholder Initiative for More Involvement in Natural Forests in Eastern Spain
Partner(s)	Fundación Desert Leaves, Spain (<i>coordinator</i>) Pego Viu, Spain Egenerastudio SL, Spain
Grant Theme	Citizen and Stakeholder Engagement in CSF and forest restoration
Start Date	November 2024
Duration	18 months
Description	Roughly one third of eastern Spain is tree-covered forestland; 70% of these forests are owned by families, typically by inheritance, and very often on abandoned agricultural land. Most of these generate no economic income nowadays. While forests owned by public bodies still receive some maintenance, paid for with tax money, most private owners do not invest in their forests, hence allowing these to suffer from climate related problems such as drought, wildfires, plant diseases and reduced biodiversity. MIMONTE promotes the Climate Smart restoration and management of Mediterranean forests in degraded areas of eastern Spain empowering local actors, and disseminating the knowledge gained. The project leverages on four reforestation projects, in the municipalities of Pego, Fuente la Reina, Sant Joan de Labritja, and Sant Josep de Sa Talaia. The objectives of MIMONTE are: • Increase the knowledge about climate smart reforestation in drylands through sensibilisation campaigns at regional and provincial levels, • Engage local communities and facilitate public/private collaborations in climate smart forestry financing, developments and governance. The target audience is local communities, private companies, municipalities and NGOs. The path is to follow a bottom-up approach to go from municipal to province and autonomous community levels.

