



Acronym	FoResil
Full Title	Co-Governance Alliance for Resilient Forests in the Pyrenees
Grant Theme	Citizen and stakeholder engagement in Climate-Smart Forestry and forest restoration
Participants	ECODES - Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo, Spain
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Duration	15 months
Description	The Aragonese Pyrenees share challenges with other alpine forest ecosystems in southern Europe, such as abandoned pastures, increasing forest fuel, unchecked shrub growth, and the loss of traditional mosaic landscapes. Yet, they present distinct features in forest governance. Through a previous BioPirineo project, ECODES has strengthened municipal forest management in the Western Valleys while revitalizing local forestry activity—once a vital socio-economic and demographic pillar, now nearly extinct across the region. This experience revealed that one of the main barriers to effective management lies in the lack of coordination between the regional forest administration, responsible for forest policy, and the municipalities, which own most Pyrenean forests. Building on these lessons, the new FoResil project aims to consolidate and expand that progress by integrating adaptive, territory-based management practices consistent with local conditions. It will empower municipalities as co-managers alongside forest administrations, following sustainable forest management principles while valuing local knowledge and rural cultural heritage. The target groups include municipal governments, forest administrations, Natural Park authorities, and local communities—with special attention to youth, women, and elderly residents. The project addresses two Climate-Smart Forestry (CSF) pillars: • Promoting the sustainable use of wood resources as substitutes for non-renewable materials, and • Fostering social innovation by empowering municipalities and citizens as co-managers. Co-design of a CSF governance model and pilot interventions will combine knowledge exchange and education, raising “forest literacy” among young people and linking heritage, sustainability, and community engagement. This approach raises awareness and builds capacity but also strengthens multi-level governance by fostering innovation in both practical forest management and stakeholder collaboration.



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