



FORWARDS PROJECT

Towards an observatory to secure
the resilience of European forests



The EU project **FORWARDS** will prototype a pan-European monitoring and evaluation tool – The ForestWard Observatory. By showcasing the impact of climate change on forests, it will help in guiding decision-making in practical forest management.

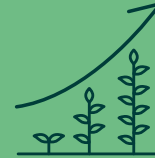
Forests and society can transform, mitigate and adapt to climate-induced changes thanks to climate-smart forestry (CSF). The project will engage different stakeholder groups in evaluating CSF and restoration activities. Based on these as well as future projections on climate change, the project will develop forward-looking best practice guidance on forest management that helps to restore ecosystems and preserve biodiversity.



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FORWARDS aims to create a long-lasting impact on policy.

This impact will be significant for the scientific and operational development of novel monitoring systems to address the effects of climate change and natural disturbances on European forests. The network of CSF and Restoration pilot sites will be instrumental in identifying, quantifying and evaluating management practices across Europe, through targeted actions at each pilot site and involving stakeholders in the decision-making process. The ForestWard Observatory will function as a hub of knowledge, data, tools and alternative practices, accessible to practitioners to guide their decision-making on the best forestry activities in their local areas.

FORWARDS will employ information from several EU-wide networks.

A network of monitoring supersites will help adapting the current network of ICP Forests for its use alongside remote sensing technologies. A network of CSF & Restoration pilots will help assisting in practical forest management.

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