

**Vienna, July 9-10, 2007 - First Meeting WG SARDF**

# **The Forestry Sector in The Carpathian Mountain Region**

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# Background

EU Community Initiative INTERREG III B CADSES  
Neighbourhood Programme (**Carpathian Project**)

September 2005 - August 2008

**The assessment of the forests status is a necessary  
implementation of the Work Package 2 (total 5 WPs)  
(General Strategic Process),**

**Activity 2.7: Forestry and timber industry**

**May 2007, the Dept. TeSAF of the University of Padova  
signed a contract with UNEP/GRID Warsaw in order to  
carried out the activity 2.7  
(dead line 15 December 2007)**

**In spite of the importance of the ecosystem (about 60% of  
the CA is forested) the forestry sector seems to play a  
“minimum” role (resources/budget) within the CP**

# Main Objectives

Analysis of the current state of forest resources in the Carpathians based on:

- description of **forest resources and forest management problems**, also in relation to national, EU and international regulations;
- analysis of the **main policy issues** connected with the protection and use of forest products and services
- **Only the strategic topics (budget/time)... sorry!!**

# Objectives of the reports

In particular, the following topics will be hopefully analysed:

- Forested area and land use change
  - Biodiversity and forest disturbances
  - Protective functions
  - Productive functions and other socio-economic functions
  - Policy and legislation: forest sector administration and private forestry sector regulation; national and international cooperation
  - Prospects and future challenges
- forest cover, increment and growing stock, biomass and carbon sequestration; certified forests,...
  - primary forests, forest area designated for conservation of biodiversity, air pollution, fires, insects and diseases,...
  - forest area designated for protection; soil protection & water cycle problems, ...
  - Wood and NWFP removals, illegal logging, forest plantations, employment in the sector, wood-working industry structure, ...
  - Administrative structure, decentralisation, land restitution, privatization, State forest enterprises, property rights regulation, ...
- draft points for the discussion of a Forest Protocol

# The working group

**UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA - FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Dept. TeSAF (Territorio e Sistemi Agro-forestali)**  
**(about 45 professors/researchers permanent; 40 technicians/administration; 60 PhD students-post Doc; 4 M Euro annual research budget)**

- **Tommaso Anfodillo (forest ecology and forest carbon budget)**
  - **Davide Pettenella (forest policy and economics)**
- **Marco Carrer (forest structure, dynamics and dendroecology)**
  - **Elisa Giacomini (sustainable management, silviculture)**
  - **Silvia Lamedica (land use change, forest inventories)**
- + **consultants and advisors from international institutions and local organisation working in the Carpathian area**

# Data needs and possible cooperation

The study will be carried out through the support of information, publications, databases, documents and maps collected from forest administrations, Ministries of Environment, non governmental organizations, Universities and research institutes.

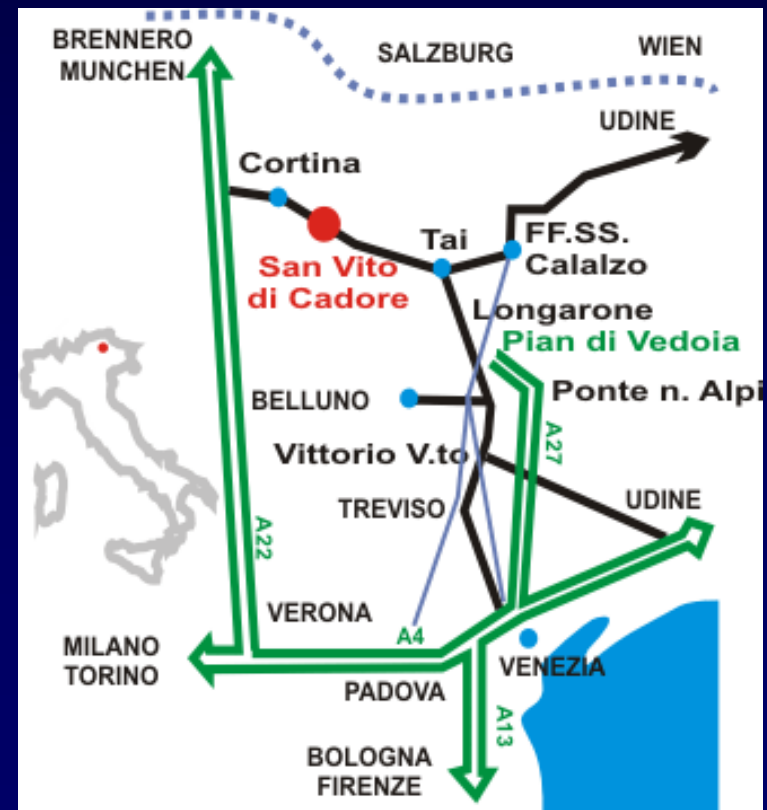
UNEP, UNFF, UNECE, FAO, MCPFE, EFI, IUFRO, EURAC, WWF, etc...

The main aim of this meeting is to contact the “data owners” and to share information in order to produce synthetic outputs

Next meeting November 2007?



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of the University of Padova  
S. Vito di Cadore (BL)  
DOLOMITES





**Meeting room (45 people)  
video conference**







**Hoping to see you in S. Vito!**  
**(... with some results to discuss)**