TRANSFORMIT
- Integrating societal demands with biodiversity conservation

We **understand integrative forest management (IFM)** as an approach to harmonise forests' ecological and socio-economic functions through sustainable forest management.

The idea of IFM is well-established, but so far lacking operational elements in verification, monitoring, guidance and Europe-wide implementation. Thus, **the overall objective of TRANSFORMIT is to demonstrate and improve the effectiveness of IFM** to combine productive forestry and biodiversity conservation by integrating existing practical and scientific knowledge. Furthermore, we stipulate collaboration and mutual learning amongst science, policy and practice. Finally, TRANSFORMIT will lay the basis for larger scale implementation of IFM through proactive engagement with well-established networks, such as the Integrate Network, and a corresponding Chinese consortium.

Project **OBJECTIVES**

1 Promote Integrative Forest Management (IFM) by establishing seven Living Labs across Europe, serving as models to spread IFM principles and best practices.

2 Develop a Stakeholder Engagement Platform for intensive collaboration, mutual learning and sharing of knowledge to exploit synergies and minimise trade-offs in forest management.

3 Create a set of practical IFM recommendations and evidence-based guidelines for upscaling and addressing multiple objectives of forest management.

4 Demonstrate and verify IFM actions to help achieve realisStrategy and the EU Forest Strategy 2030.

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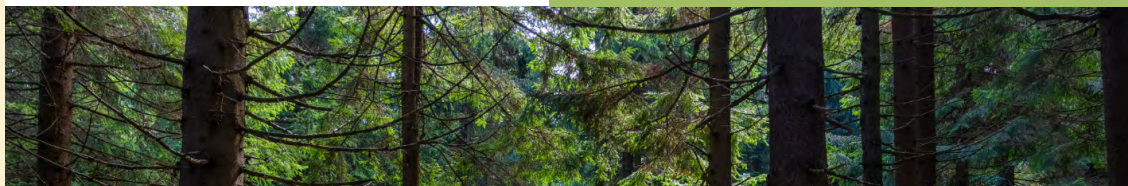
5 Demonstrate approaches for the diversification of IFM methods and appropriate use with a strong involvement of practitioners.

6 Actively use Decision Support Tools (DSTs), forest modelling and innovative technologies to address effects of different forest management approaches on ecosystem services provision and climate change impacts.

7 Share best practice on IFM via workshops, webinars and events, and connect with science and practice stakeholders beyond Europe, and specifically with China and North America.

8 Apply context-dependent interdisciplinary methods to create and promote knowledge on IFM practices fostering climate change adaptation and biodiversity conservation, resilience enhancement and ecosystem restoration.

9 Develop educational material to support teaching of IFM in curricula of universities and forestry colleges.



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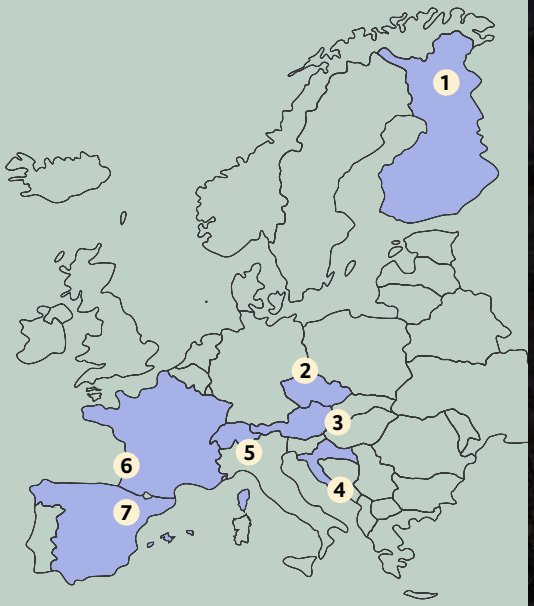

1 **Lapland**
Metsähallitus and The Finnish Forest Centre
200 ha

2 **Central Bohemia**
State forest enterprise
250 ha

3 **Styria / Intermediate Alps**
Austrian Federal Forests
1 200 ha

4 **Zagreb City Forest**
Croatian Forests ltd.
1 250 ha

5 **Basel Canton**
Cantonal Forest Agency
2 000 ha

6 **Les Landes**
Alliance Forêts Bois
20 000 ha

7 **Catalunya**
Centre de la Propietat Forestal – Generalitat de Catalunya
30 000 ha

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