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6th Forest Innovation Workshop



Introduction to the SMURF project

(Sustainable Management models and value chains for small Forests)



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1. Presenting the issue

There are more than
25 million forest owners
in Europe, responsible of managing more than
100 million ha of forest land

This poses some challenges,
although *it is not a problem*, but
a strength and an opportunity

Europe is a cultural landscape
with forests as one of its main
cultural and natural elements



There is a huge **problem of forest ownership fragmentation**

with a high and **increasing risk of forest abandonment**

2. Relation to the topic



AS RESOURCE HOLDERS, forest owners play a crucial role in implementing sustainable forest management and securing a sustainable supply of wood and other multiple goods and services.

Forest owners need profesional support

The focus should be moved to Forest Holdings

Diverse and progressively stronger ways of collaboration are needed

3. Benefits and beneficiaries

The entire forest value chain

and

the present and future Europeans



4. Challenges

More than 80 different Forest Authorities in Europe !

**Lack of a European Forest Policy and
lack of coordination among forest related policies**

**Insufficient cooperation among
Forest Owners Organizations**

5. Solutions for mainstreaming

**Promoting new income sources and
developing innovative business opportunities**

**Strengthening cooperation and
exchanging best practices**

**Work in the 27 member states, with existing FOAs,
Forest Authorities and the entire value chain**



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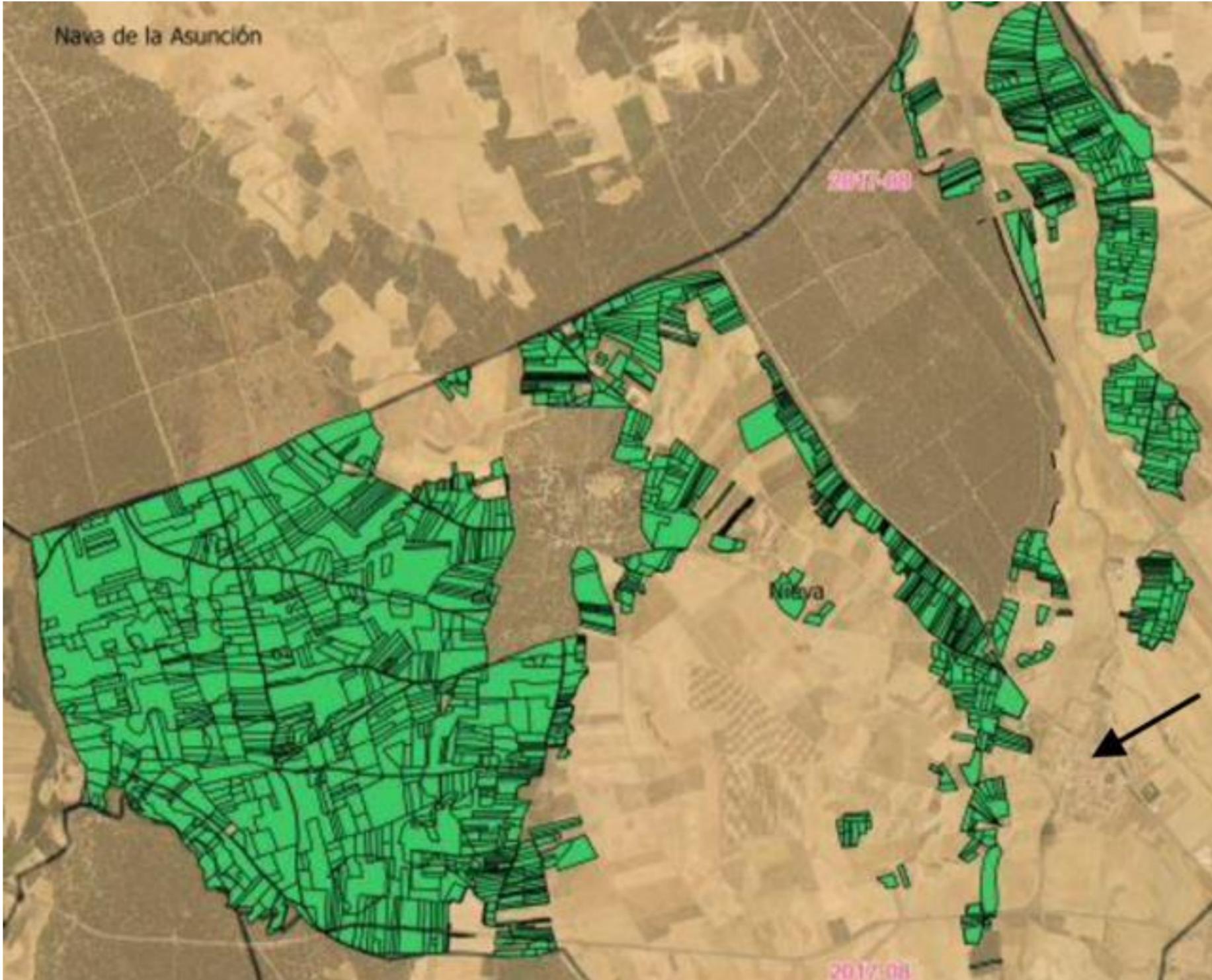
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Small Forest Holdings





On behalf of the
 SMURF' team
Thanks a lot !
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Topic A - Adopting decision support tools for small-scale forestry

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