

# Adopting decision support tools for small-scale forestry

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# Goals of the Table Discussion

Improving the understanding on the presented cases

Identifying opportunities to spread the idea or establish cross-border cooperation through relevant EU and other programmes or instruments, for example activities within the European CAP Network;

Indicating intentions/opportunities for cross-border cooperation (which regions; intended partners to implement/further improve the innovation issue);

Collecting new ideas related to the topic/innovation challenge, in addition to the aspects dealt with by the presented cases.

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## Challenges

- DSS adapted to local level conditions / needs
- Lack of communication and linkages between sectors (PFOs, forest practitioners, R&D sector, policy level)
- Data overload (focus on data, not on advisory role)
- Low level of awareness among stakeholders on DSS tools
- Abandonment of forest properties
- Lack of EU level forest related policy (Common Forestry Policy)

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## Measures

- Development of EU level DSS tools
- Development of the EU level Communication strategy
- Improvement of data usage – digital skills
- Implementation of awareness raising campaigns on innovations in forestry
- Improvement of the land register at regional level
- Cross-border and cross-sectoral collaboration on development of joint strategy development – practitioners' involvement

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## Lessons learned

- Money is not the main driver for the maintenance of the landscape.
- Communication & information exchange - researchers, ICT, PFOs, forest managers.
- Key factor is PEOPLE - Experience and knowledge transfer.
- Introduce the balance between timber market and new forest related markets (carbon sequestration and storage, biodiversity, other eco system services).