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Climate-Smart Forest Management for Central and Eastern Europe

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Main negative impacts on forests by the climate change



In recent years, "unusual" in terms of their **intensity, period of occurrence, extreme climatic events** have been observed, such as:

- frequent and intense "heat waves";
- long periods without precipitation in summer;
- strong storms with heavy rains;
- others

This necessitates a drastic increase in "forced sanitary fellings" due to significant damage from snow, ice breakers, windfalls, insect attacks, fungal pests, etc..

Climate-Smart Forest Management for Central and Eastern Europe

Main goal: to improve management of forests in Central and Eastern Europe by fostering a transition to climate-smart forestry for the benefit of people and nature.

Project title: Climate-Smart Forest Management for Central and Eastern Europe (CLIMAFORCEELIFE)
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Project specific objectives and activities:

- *Proof of the effectiveness of selected climate-smart forestry measures in project demonstration sites in 3 countries of the Central and Eastern European region (Slovakia, Bulgaria and Hungary) and to test their economic feasibility and environmental impact comparing to the conventional forestry methods.*

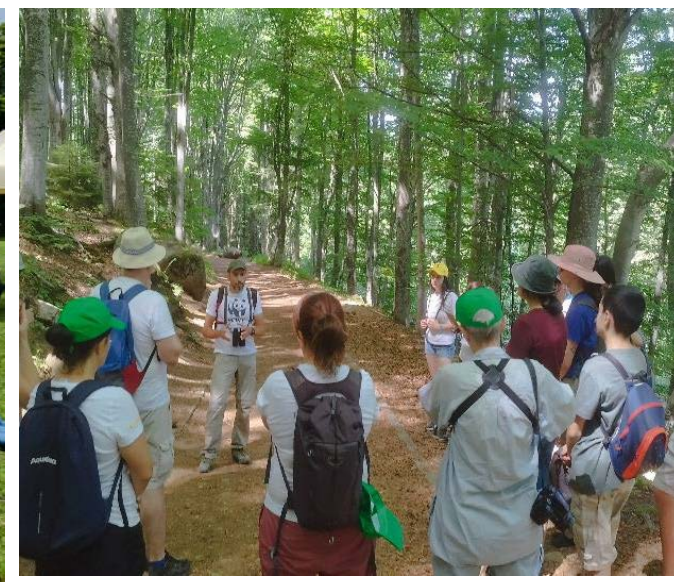
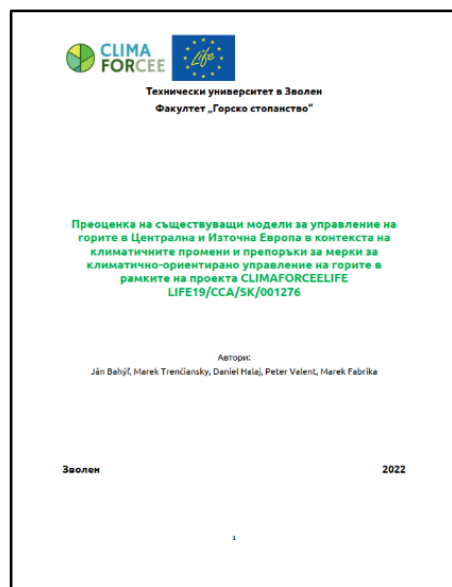
(Implementation of thinning in the demonstration sites, experimental afforestation with drought-resistant tree species, implementation of water retention measures to improve the water resilience and establishment of Remote sensing system for the observation of forest health.)



Project specific objectives and activities:

- Increase awareness on climate-smart forestry methods among professional foresters and other relevant professional groups (researchers, conservationists) in the Central and Eastern European Region

- Workshops, Study tours, Conferences, specialized analysis
- Mailing bulletin, issued in every 6 months
- Public events– Festivals, Natura 2000 day
- Educational and communication materials



Project specific objectives and activities:

- Promoting the inclusion of climate-smart measures in forest management plans; - ongoing
- Exchange of experience from demonstration sites and application of these methods in other areas in the Central and Eastern European region;
- Handbook on climate-smart forestry measures; -upcoming!



Project specific objectives

- Monitoring the effect and success of the measures, their impact on biodiversity and the socio-economic benefits of the climate-smart forest management.

The next report is coming soon!



Thank you!

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