

Financial support for the creation of forest owners' associations in Italy

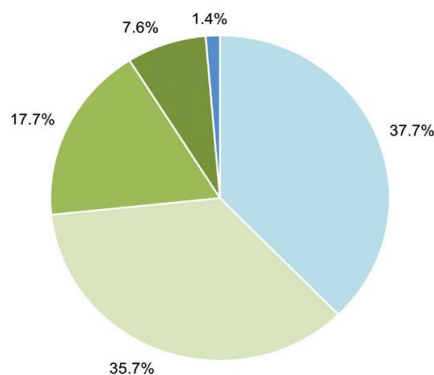
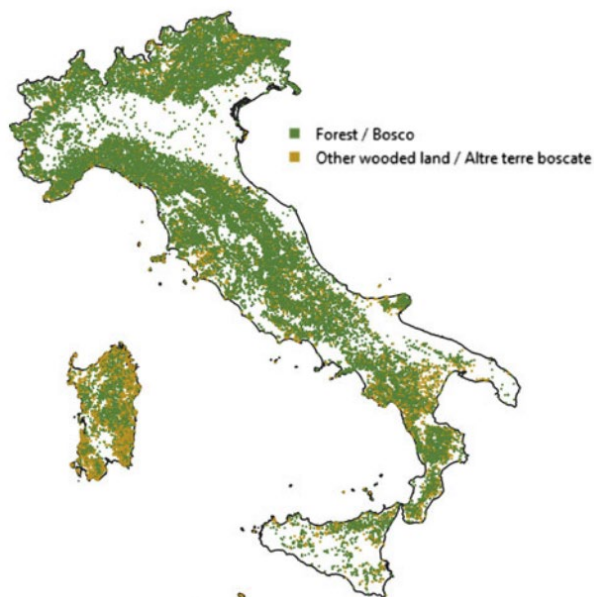
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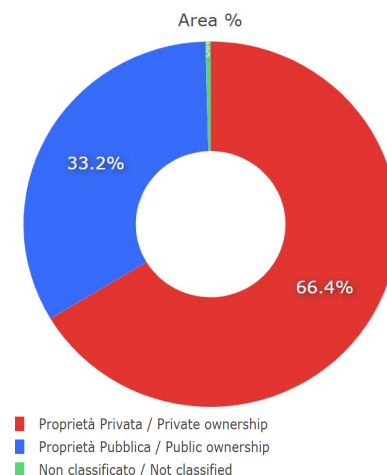
**CREA (Italy)

The Italian mountains and forests

Italian forest area 11.054.458 ha (36,7% of national area). Source NFI



62,4 % over 500 m. asl.



66,4 % private ownership

Italian legislation against forest land fragmentation

D.Lgs. 3 aprile 2018 , n. 34 - Testo unico in materia di foreste e filiere forestali
Consolidated Law on Forests and Forestry Supply Chains (TUFF)

Art.2 c.1 promote and protect the forestry economy, the mountain economy and their respective production chains as well as the development of agro-forestry-pastoral activities **through** the protection and rational use of the soil and **the productive recovery of fragmented land properties and abandoned lands, supporting the development of forms of associated management of public and private forest properties;**

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Art.10 c.5

"In order to ensure the protection and active management of agricultural, forestry, and pastoral resources, the recovery of abandoned lands, and the re-establishment of economically sustainable production units capable of promoting employment, as well as the creation and consolidation of new entrepreneurial activities, **the Regions promote land associations among the owners of public or private lands...omissis...as well as the establishment and participation in forestry consortia, cooperatives operating mainly in the forestry sector, or other forms of association between landowners and those responsible for managing land assets,** enhancing the joint management of small properties, state-owned lands, collective properties, and the civic uses of local communities."

Consolidated Law's (TUFF) Implementing Decrees

1. *Definition of national criteria for registration in regional registers of forestry companies* (Ministerial Decree No. 4470 of 29 April 2020).
2. *Definition of national minimum criteria for professional training of forestry operators* (M.D. No. 4472 of 29 April 2020).
3. *Guidelines for the definition of criteria for exemption from compensatory measures for forest transformation* (M.D. No. 9219119 of 07/10/2020).
4. *Provisions for the definition of the minimum national standards for the recognition of the state of abandonment of agro-pastoral activities* (Interministerial Decree No. 0365201 of 12 August 2021).
5. *Provisions for the establishment of minimum national standards for the preparation of territorial forest plans, and forest management plans, or equivalent instruments* (I.D. No. 563765 of 28 October 2021).
6. *Guidelines for the identification of areas that can be defined as old-growth forests* (I.D. No. 608943 of 18 November 2021).
7. *Provisions for the definition of minimum national criteria for works related to forest and watershed management* (Ministerial Decree No. 563734 of 28 October 2021).

8. National Forest Strategy (I.D. No. 677064 of 24 December 2021).

9. *Technical standards for the elaboration of technical-scientific cartography for the drafting of forest planning tools* (Departmental Decree No. 64807 of 9 February 2023).
10. *Establishment of the National Network of old-growth forests* (M.D. No. 193945 of 05 April 2023).

National Forest Strategy (NFS)

The NFS (2022) – promoted by the Ministry of Agriculture in collaboration with the Ministries of Environment, Culture, and Economy, as well as the State-Regions Conference – **represents an essential tool for outlining national forest policies within the framework of European policies and international agreements, defining national guidelines for the protection, enhancement, and active management of the national forest heritage and for the development of the forest sector.**

The document is the result of a significant and extensive **process of sharing, both through a multidisciplinary drafting table and through a public consultation**, followed by substantial work to **harmonize themes and language**, in close connection with the other implementing decrees of the TUFF

The SFN is valid for 20 years and is subject to review and update every 5 years.

It's already funded for 10 years:

- **EUR 30 million for the first 2 years (2022-23)**
- **EUR 40 million for each subsequent year (until 2032).**

National Forest Strategy **promote associations and land consolidation among public and private landowners**

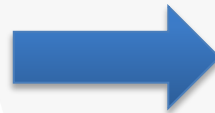
The promotion towards forms of associated management is explicitly mentioned in the following operational actions:

Operational Action A.2 - Ecosystem services and payments - Sub-Action A.2.1 - **Recognize and remunerate the public, environmental and social services provided by forests and maintained and increased by SFM.**

Operational Action B.1 - Sustainable Forest Management - Sub-Action B.1.1 - **Improve and increase SFM in existing forests.**

Fund for the implementation of the National Forest Strategy

Distribution of resources
to Regional Administrations
(2022-2023)



Each Region or Autonomous Province independently allocates these financial resources, assigning them in varying amounts to the implementation of all or only some of the actions provided for by the SNF, taking into account local specificities.

FONDO PER L'ATTUAZIONE DELLA STRATEGIA FORESTALE NAZIONALE (art. 1, comma 530, legge 30 dicembre 2021, n. 234)

Regione/Provincia	Superficie in ettari - dati dell'INFC 2015	Riparto ANNI 2022 e 2023				
		COLONNA A	COLONNA B	COLONNA C	assegnazione AF 2022	assegnazione AF 2023
		Quota fissa tra tutte le regioni	Coefficiente di riparto calcolato in misura proporzionale alla superficie del territorio regionale	Coefficiente di riparto calcolato in misura proporzionale alla sup. in ettari dell'INFC (*)	Sommatoria importi annualità 2022 (**)	Sommatoria importi annualità 2023 (**)
ABRUZZO	474.599,00	107.142,86	80.606,51	1.094.786,68	1.282.536,00	1.282.536,00
ALTO ADIGE	375.351,00	107.142,86	55.255,13	865.845,22	1.028.243,00	1.028.243,00
BASILICATA	392.412,00	107.142,86	74.629,15	905.200,88	1.086.973,00	1.086.973,00
CALABRIA	650.620,00	107.142,86	112.605,56	1.500.825,14	1.720.574,00	1.720.574,00
CAMPANIA	491.259,00	107.142,86	101.477,58	1.133.217,33	1.341.838,00	1.341.838,00
EMILIA ROMAGNA	638.816,00	107.142,86	167.647,89	1.473.596,13	1.748.387,00	1.748.387,00
FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA	373.614,00	107.142,86	58.663,87	861.838,38	1.027.645,00	1.027.645,00
LAZIO	648.148,00	107.142,86	128.488,72	1.495.122,83	1.730.754,00	1.730.754,00
LIGURIA	387.244,00	107.142,86	40.472,61	893.279,54	1.040.895,00	1.040.895,00
LOMBARDIA	692.220,00	107.142,86	178.182,47	1.596.786,42	1.882.112,00	1.882.112,00
MARCHE	313.081,00	107.142,86	69.928,86	722.203,19	899.275,00	899.275,00
MOLISE	173.273,00	107.142,86	33.135,67	399.699,48	539.978,00	539.978,00
PIEMONTE	975.424,00	107.142,86	189.659,01	2.250.070,49	2.546.872,00	2.546.872,00
PUGLIA	191.738,00	107.142,86	144.603,27	442.293,83	694.040,00	694.040,00
SARDEGNA	1.300.991,00	107.142,86	179.876,27	3.001.075,90	3.288.095,00	3.288.095,00
SICILIA	387.234,00	107.142,86	191.921,42	893.256,47	1.192.321,00	1.192.321,00
TOSCANA	1.189.722,00	107.142,86	171.666,30	2.744.404,86	3.023.214,00	3.023.214,00
TRENTINO	407.086,00	107.142,86	46.346,55	939.050,30	1.092.540,00	1.092.540,00
UMBRIA	413.956,00	107.142,86	63.140,74	954.897,75	1.125.181,00	1.125.181,00
VALLE D'AOSTA	107.976,00	107.142,86	24.366,27	249.074,88	380.584,00	380.584,00
VENETO	469.695,00	107.142,86	137.326,14	1.083.474,32	1.327.943,00	1.327.943,00
TOTALE	11.054.459,00	2.250.000,00	2.250.000,00	25.500.000,00	30.000.000,00	30.000.000,00

(*) Il coefficiente di riparto della colonna B è approssimato alla quarta cifra decimale

(**) Il calcolo dell'importo da assegnare a ciascuna Regione è stato effettuato arrotondando il risultato all'unità

SOMMA DA RIPARTIRE Fondo attuazione Strategia Forestale Nazionale per ciascun anno 2022 e 2023	30.000.000,00 €
7,5 % in misura equivalente	2.250.000,00 €
7,5 % in proporzione a sup. territorio regionale	2.250.000,00 €
85% in proporzione sup. INFC 2015	25.500.000,00 €
COEFFICIENTE DI RIPARTO in base superficie forestale in ettari	2,31 importo per ettaro

NFI, Instrumental Action 1.4: National Forest Information System (SINFor) and new National Forest Map



- Based on the provisions of the "Framework Law on Forests and Forestry supply chain,, (TUFF), Italy is **currently developing the National Forest Information System (SINFor)**, which is an innovative strategic tool to support the implementation of the National Forest Strategy.
- The SINFor System is made up of **two interconnected survey environments, the National Forest Map and the Information System on forest sector**, which provide up-to-date and reliable knowledge through the collection and consultation of timely and specific forestry data and information.
- SINFor provides a **unified point of access to data and information** from the wide range of knowledge available on forestry in Italy.

CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027

The forestry interventions adopted by Italy in the CAP Strategic Plan 2023-27 (PSN) are aimed at pursuing the objectives set out in the EU Forestry Strategy (COM/2021/572 final) and in the EU Biodiversity Strategy (COM(2020) 380 final), transposed in the Framework Law on Forests and Forestry supply chain (TUFF), in the National Forestry Strategy (SFN), and in the Forestry Programmes of the Regions and Autonomous Provinces.

For the forestry sector, the components of the Regional Strategic Plan (RSP) included must follow and enable the implementation of the TUFF and the NFS.

- Compared to the previous 2014-2022 programming period, **there has been a reduction in the resources committed at the national level by the regions for forestry interventions co-financed with rural development (about 15% less)**, despite the strategic role played by forests in climate, environmental and development challenges.
- In total, the resources available for all forestry interventions **do not exceed 4% of the available NSP resources**. Investments in the forestry sector alone are approximately 424 million euros.

MASAF Project

"Development and Cohesion Plan – ex Operational Agriculture Plan (POA)

Sub-plan 3: Forest multifunctionality and the sustainable use of renewable resources in rural areas.“.

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**NOTICE FOR THE SELECTION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSOCIATIVE OR CONSORTIUM FORMS FOR THE
MANAGEMENT OF FORESTRY-PASTORAL AREAS (DM 13329 22 aprile 2020)**

BENEFICIARIES: associations or consortiums constituted (or to be constituted) by owners or managers of public, private, collective forestry and pastoral areas, including their category/sector associations and organizations.

OBJECTIVES: creation of new associated or consortium structures for the management of forestry and pastoral properties (public, private and collective), in order to:

- combat the fragmentation of forest ownership;
- increase planning;
- enhance local productive, environmental and social vocations;
- support the development and strengthening of business networks.

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ACTIONS SUPPORTED



ACTION 1: TERRITORIAL ANIMATION

promotion of sustainable management and enhancement of private, public and collective forestry and pastoral resources

ACTION 2: ESTABLISHMENT AND FIRST MANAGEMENT OF ASSOCIATIVE OR CONSORTIUM FORMS

establishment of associative forms and drafting of a multi-year plan that promotes active and sustainable management of land assets and the development of production chains linked to it

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TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES 4.898.562,93 EURO



20% CENTRAL-NORTHERN ITALIAN REGIONS
(979.712,586 euro)

80% SOUTH ITALIAN REGIONS (3.918.850,344 euro)

Coverage of 100% of eligible costs and up to a maximum
of 200.000,00 euro

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MAIN RESULTS OF THE PROJECT

- n. 27 beneficiary associations (22 from the Italian Southern Regions) have received funds
- 82.682 hectares involved
- 4.688.904,72 euro (96% of availability) resources allocated
- n. 23 new formed associations
- n. 4 associations already established

Conclusion

- Private forest ownership is a fundamental element of the landscape and must be supported in order to fulfill its role in sustainable forest management.
- The National Forest Strategy will provide resources over the next 10 years to implement land consolidation measures and promote associations among forest owners.
- The experience of the POA project, although small and with limited resources, was highly positive and paved the way for the funding of further projects in this sector.

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