

# Forests for Future

Optimisation of forest carbon sinks through adapted forest management in Slovenia

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### BIO4ECO and Forests for Future

#### Related thematics:

- 1. Mitigation of climate change
- 2. Sustainable use of biomass, cascading use of wood
- 3. Policy recommendations

#### Joined efforts:

- 1. Preparation of policy recommendations
- 2. Dissemination efforts





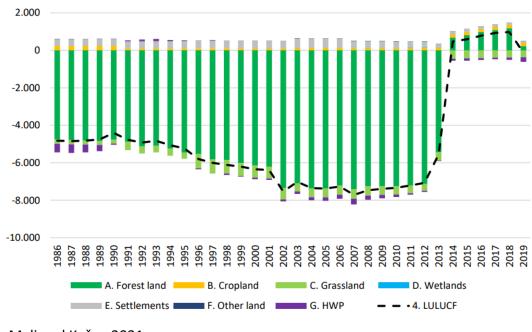






### Carbon and forests

- Main source of carbon sink in LULUCF sector
- Significant change from past trends
- Effect of natural disturbance
- Required adaptation of forest management planning and forestry policies



Mali and Kušar, 2021











## Project Forest for Future

- Aim: Optimisation of forest carbon sinks through adaptation of forest management in Slovenia
- Financing: **European Climate Initiative EUKI**, financing instrument of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Protection (BMWK)
- Project consortium: Slovenia Forest Service (leading partner), BF UL,
  Department of Forestry (partner)
- Project duration: November 2020 February 2023
- Funding: 448.466 EUR











## Project goals

- Preparation of forest management planning guidelines, policy recommendations
- Increased knowledge of forestry experts and policy-makers about possibilities of forest carbon sink management
- Implementation of forest management planning guidelines into practice
- Increased awareness of large forest estate owners, managers and other relevant stakeholders









based on a decision of the German Bundestag



## **Project outputs**

- Output 1: Forest development modeling and scenarios
- Output 2: Forest management planning guidelines and policy recommendations
- Output 3: Expert trainings
- Output 4: Networking with large forest estate owners and managers
- Output 5: Dissemination











# Forest development modeling and scenarios

- Parameterization of forest development model
- **Simulations** of forest development under various forest management scenarios
- Optimisation of forest management regarding carbon sink
- Preparation of a digital tool prototype for forest development planners











# Forest management planning guidelines and policy recommendations

- Elaboration of two documents:
  - I. forest management planning guidelines
  - II. forestry and climate policy recommendations
- Fundations for document creation:
  - I. existing scientific developments
  - II. result of modeling and creation of scenarios (Output 1)
  - III. feedback from expert trainings
  - IV. feedback from forest owners and managers











## **Expert trainings**

#### Organisation of 16 workshops:

- I. 1 workshop for forestry experts and national policy- and decisionmakers
- II. 15 workshop for Slovenia Forest Service (central and reginal units)

#### • Participants:

- I. 50 forest management planners
- II. 50 heads of local field foresters
- III. 20 experts and policy-makers
- IV. 10 relevant institutions











# Networking with large forest estate owners and managers

- Preparation of document presenting measures for optimisation of management with forest carbon stocks
- Organisation of 14 periodic **meetings** with large forest estate owners and managers
- Implementation of collected **feedback** into policy recommendations





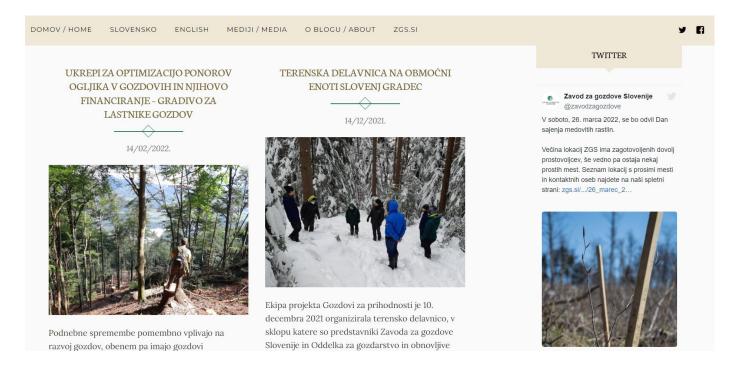






#### Dissemination

- Blog, traditional media, workshops, meetings, printed materials
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)
- Participation and organisation of international networking events







#### Thank you for your time and attention!





