



### ***FOREST Forestry Operators – Reflecting on Equalising. Skills and Training***

#### **Operatori Forestali – Riflessioni sull'equivalenza. Competenze e formazione**

Project of exchange of good practices aimed at defining training standards for the qualification of forestry operators with particular reference to the themes of safety, innovation, female presence, transactional recognition of qualifications. FOREST is supported by ERASMUS+.

Forestry sector in Europe hasn't identified yet a common educational path to get the qualification of "Forestry Operator", neither a system of mutual recognition of competences. Like is also outlined in the EC communication "A new EU Forest Strategy: for forests and the forest-based sector", 2013, "A strategy for forests and the forest sector is necessary since there is no common EU forest policy or guiding framework for forest-related issues. "project aims to promote the exchange of good practices and techniques with other European countries in order to improve the level of professionalism and competitiveness of forest workers (at cross-border level), raising knowledge and safety standards of workers as well as the quality of their interventions. The objective is to discuss the possibility to create a standard level of competences and skills of forestry workers, valid across national borders and to work together on joint projects aiming at promoting innovation and professionalism. Debates will be channeled into three levels: technical, legislative and in the field of innovation and sustainability. Technical changes concern the contents of training programmes and skills required to forestry operators. Legislative adaptations are needed to harmonize authorizations to emit diploma and certificate.

Though 6 transnational meetings partners will be able to define a common strategy to harmonize training systems and recognition of competences, aiming, on the other side, to foster innovation and the introduction of sustainable tools.

The project will focus its attention on 5 themes that will be the topic of transnational meetings:

Technical harmonisation: Safety in the workplace

Legislative process: Comparison on the existence of skill certificates

Sustainability and innovation

Focus on women inclusion in forestry sector

A new common curriculum for forestry operators

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