FOREST Forestry operators reflecting on equalising skills and training

3rd **Transantional Meeting** 15th – 16th April 2021

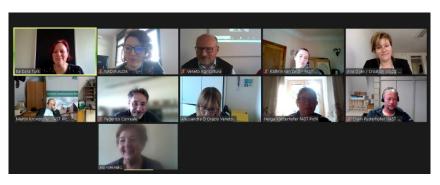


On 15 and 16 April 2021, the 3rd Transnational Meeting organised within the <u>FOREST</u> project took place and focused on the topic of certification and qualification in the forestry sector.

The meeting was held in virtual mode and was hosted by the project partner Grm Novo Mesto.

On the first day of 15th April, a public conference was held in which, following the institutional greetings of the project partner Grm Novo Mesto, each partner presented an overview of the existing certifications and qualifications at national level, outlining both the legislative and training aspects and also highlighting the criticalities in terms of standardisation compared to other European countries.

The conference was attended by forestry technicians and trainers from 5 European countries (Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, Austria) working in the project partner organisations.



During the second day on the 16th of April, a technical meeting between the partners took place and focused on the development of the manual for the standardization of forest workers' competences, one of the main project output.

The manual will collect all the good practices that emerged from the project and in the topics addressed, including: safety in

the workplace, certification, sustainability and innovation, and female inclusion in the forestry sector. In particular, the handbook will also contain a comparative analysis of forestry training programs among the 5 project partner countries, highlighting strengths, gaps and proposing recommendations and suggestions to achieve a European standardisation of forestry training.

First of all, the partners discussed what are the main questions to which they want to try to give an answer through the project and therefore the Manual, defining the key points of the publication and a possible index.

Among them, special attention was given to comparative analysis.

Through interactive brainstorming and using a collaborative online platform, the partners reflected and defined who are the main targets the publication will address and what are the objectives they want to achieve.

Finally, based on these, the partners started to discuss what will be the methodology of the analysis and thus the activities to be carried out. This last aspect will be deepened in a next

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