



PLAN FOR
**SOCIOECONOMIC ACTIVATION
OF THE FOREST SECTOR**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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1. OBJECTIVE

This Plan is promoted by the Directorate-General for Rural Development and Forest Politics (DGDRPF), which belongs to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment (MAGRAMA), and its objective is to profit from the forest sector ability to **promote socioeconomic activity, with the following main objectives:**

- Contribute to the diversification of economical activity at rural areas.
- Increase the number of employments related to forest activity.
- Improve the incomes of the working people in the forest sector.
- Improve life conditions of rural area residents linked to forest activity.
- Increase the number of ordered and managed forest holdings.
- Increase the size of the forest property and attain economically efficient surfaces for a sustainable forest management.
- Contribute to a rise in the added value of forest products.
- Increase the demand for forest products.

2. MEASURES

From the study of the collected information and as a consequence of a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats analysis, **85 specific measures** or actions have been defined (identifying at the end of each one of them the organisations implied in the execution of the same).

Because of their relevance, regarding the consecution of the objectives of the Plan, those measures that contribute to these **four fundamental axes** have to be **prioritised:**

- Compromise a minimum of the FEADER schedule to forest measures and define them in a useful way for the achievement of the objectives of the Plan for Socioeconomic Activation of the Forest Sector.
- Support the energetic valuation of biomass.
- Support associativism and producer organisations for the mobilisation of forest products.





- Support transformation, differentiation and diversification of use of forest resources.

The measures can be encompassed within two kinds of initiatives, depending on the organisms mainly implicated in their development:

- The measures to develop by **initiative of the Administration and within its working scope** belong to the following improvement areas:
 - Schedule design.
 - Development of regulations and guideline documents for its adaptation to the needs of forest sector.
 - o Forest property.
 - o Planification and sustainable management of forest lands.
 - o Woodland management by means of associations.
 - o Specific physical regulation.
 - Improve coordination and cooperation between all the administrations and participation of all the social and economic agents interested in making decisions about forest environment.
 - Strengthen society forest culture through information, training and dissemination.
 - Have up to date and quality forest information available for all the Spanish land, based on common criteria and methodology.
- The measures for which **the sector has to participate in an active and leading way** are included in the following improvement areas:
 - Encourage utilization and mobilisation of the forest products and associated economic sectors.
 - o Associativism, contracting and transparency.
 - o Mechanisation and cost reduction.
 - o Use diversification.
 - o Commercialisation and added value.
 - o Innovation.





- Improve workers training and qualification, easing professional training, contributing to productivity and competitiveness improvement of the companies in the sector.

3. CONTEXT

The Plan for Socioeconomic Activation of the Forest Sector appears like a **Coordinating Plan**, with no intention to lessen the competencies that belong to the Autonomous Communities (ACs), in which the main socioeconomic aspects of the forest sector are analysed under the global perspective for the whole territory. Hence, it is a general analysis, complementary to the ones developed, where applicable, by the ACs depending on their additional needs because of the particularities of their forest sector and their territory.

The Plan for Socioeconomic Activation of the Forest Sector (2014-2020) will be a chapter in the Plan for Diversification of the Economic Activity of the rural environment, also constituting a reference framework for the review of Spanish Forest Plan. Additionally, the content of the Plan is closely linked to the review of the Forestry Law 43/2003.

Thus, on the one hand the Plan for the Diversification of the Economic Activity of the Rural Environment –to which the Plan for Socioeconomic Activation of the Forest Sector belongs– goes after maintaining and increase the economic base of rural environment through the preservation of competitive and multi-functional activities, and the diversification of its economy with the incorporation of new activities compatible with sustainable development.

On the subject of the revision of the Spanish Forestry Plan, the Plan for socioeconomic activation of the forest sector focuses on socioeconomic aspects of the forest sector, not dealing with other important aspects that will be addressed in the future global review of the Spanish Forestry Plan, but constituting the socioeconomic reference framework for such future revision.





The review of the Forestry Law will allow to respond to measures identified in the Plan that require legislative adaptation at a national scale.

This Plan develops in a first level what is contained in the new strategy of the European Union (2013) promoting forests and forest sector, said strategy reviewing the previous one created in 1998. Thus, the Plan includes the priorities and acting aims pointed by this strategy in its socioeconomic dimension following the requests and tendencies required by actual circumstances.

Additionally, a large part of the measures included in this Plan agree with the recommendations listed in the strategic frame for Mediterranean forests, approved on 2013 during the Third Mediterranean Forest Week organised by FAO's Silva Mediterranea Committee.

Finally, it is to be mentioned that the present Plan also agrees with the vision, strategy and aims defined for the forest sector in the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy, approved by FAO-UNECE in the joint meeting at Rovaniemi, Finland, in December 2013.

The Plan appears like a tool for national application **closely linked to FEADER schedule**, one of the priorities being the orientation of FEADER measures to the aims of the Plan. Furthermore, in order to be able to carry it out, it will rely on other financial instruments.

ACs and representatives of the sector have provided their contributions to the Plan drafting, their comments have been studied and, where appropriate included in the corresponding paragraphs.

4. BUDGET

Because it is a Coordinating Plan, the Plan For Socioeconomic Activation of the Forest Sector has no specific budgetary line.





Nevertheless, the schedule for rural development 2014-2020 in agreement with the aims of the Plan will allow to set aside FEADER funds and national funds for the start up of the proposed measures.

On the other hand, the aims of the present Plan are framed within the eleven thematic objectives of the Common Strategic Framework, which means that the finances of the Plan have to rely on the rest of funds that integrate it.

Furthermore, the Plan also foresees the possibility of using other budgetary lines, identifying for each the possible fund sources.

Finally, because it is a Plan that lasts for several years, the possibility of a specific budgetary amount in the coming years is not to be dismissed, depending on the availability and the identified priorities.

5. TIME LIMIT, MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT

The Plan is valid for 7 years, after its approval, during which **monitoring and assessment** of its application will be performed. For the monitoring and the evaluation of the development of the actions considered in the Plan, the **Plan for Socioeconomic Activation for the Forest Sector Monitoring Committee** will be created, which will meet at least once a year. The Committee will be formed by a President, a Vice-president, a Secretary (with a say, but not a vote) and seven chairs:

- Presidency: Secretary-General for Agriculture and Food.
- Vice-presidency: Director-General for Rural Development and Forest Policy.
- Secretary: A representative of the Directorate-General for Rural Development and Forest Policy, with level 30.
- Chairs:
 - o Deputy Director for Silviculture and Forestry.





- A representative of the Directorate-General for Food Industry, with level 30.
- A representative of the Directorate-General for Agricultural Productions and Markets, with level 30.
- Two representatives of the ACs (annually elected in a meeting of the Directors-Generals of Forestry of the ACs convened by MAGRAMA's Directorate-General for Rural Development and Forest Policy, amongst the same ones).
- Two representatives of the sector, annually designated by MAGRAMA's Directorate-General for Rural Development and Forest Policy.

The Committee will be responsible for the assessment and start up of the actions in the Plan and for the achievement of the set goals, for which it may request information to the ACs, as well as to the sector agents. Additionally, the Committee will be in charge of directing the prioritisation of the measures, elaborating the periodic monitoring reports about the state of application of the Plan, and making proposals, where necessary, that contribute to comply with the goals.

In order to assess the put into operation of the measures foreseen in the Plan, a series of **monitoring indicators** are defined which allow for the assessment of the integration with the policies concerning the forest sector and the development of the necessary regulations. For the assessment of the start up of the Plan, an **intermediary assessment** will be performed after three years of entering into force (2017).

Additionally, once the period of validity finished, an **assessment of the actions of the Plan and their effects** will be performed. To do this, coinciding with the intermediate assessment, a series of **result indicators** will be defined that allow for the assessment of the progress made towards the achievement of every objective of the Plan. Such assessment will be performed one year after the completion of the validity period of the Plan (2021).





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Annex





A. Develop the regulation in order to adapt it to the needs of the forest sector*

1. Harmonise and define the minimum criteria for the forest measures in the Rural Development Programmes (RDP).

Define minimum criteria for the development, execution, assessment and monitoring of the forest measures, with a common administrative protocol for its control and, where applicable, execution, in order to include them in future Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020 (in process of negotiation).

Type of action	Actions at the level of Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

2. Include in the advisory measures for Rural Development aspects aiming to meet the needs of the forest sector.

In the measures of assessment for Rural Development, there must be a place for actions regarding the forest sector, such as the development of a simple and applicable management plan (needed in all the holdings).

Type of action	Actions at the level of Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

* National regulation will be addressed by topics in the corresponding paragraph.

B. Improve coordination and cooperation between all the Administrations and participation of all social and economic agents interested in decision making about forest environment

3. Improve coordination mechanisms regarding forest policy.

In order to improve the coordination regarding forest policy it is required, among other actions, to keep periodical working meetings between competent Administrations, to create nationwide common guidelines, to use data models which are common to all ACs, etc.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

4. Create collaboration mechanisms between the agents concerned in the sector to improve information flux (administration, forest managers, Universities, forest bodies, forest enterprises, forest platforms, NGOs, etc.).

Holding forums for interchange of information, experiences, sector needs, etc., in order to keep a constant flux of information to avoid duplicities and holes in the lines of investigation, taking advantage of the specific aptitudes and qualifications of every body concerned and directing the efforts towards those aspects that are really necessary for the users.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector



5. **Encourage territorial contract subscriptions (Royal Decree 1336/2011) or other formulas and mechanisms of co-responsibility between forest managers, town councils, neighbours and individuals for the conservation and sustainable management of their forests.**

The ACs will be able to define new contractual formulas that substitute the reforestation committees and agreements repealed in the Law 43/2003.

Type of action	Development at the Autonomous Community level
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	ACs



C. Contribute to solve the problems related to forest ownership

6. Creation of the appropriate legal and administrative instruments to foster forest management through associations.

Facilitate the grouping, for purposes of management, of owners of small forests or bigger forests on the exploitation of which economies of scale can apply.

Type of action	Development of the nationwide regulation (taking advantage of the modification of the Forestry Law 43/2003)
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

7. Specific fiscal regulation adapted to the particular characteristics of the sector and of the forest ownership.

The formalisation of forest associations entails significant economical costs, in addition to serious fiscal loss (double taxation applied to forest owners entering into an association). It is necessary a specific fiscal regulation in order to avoid the problems emerging from these forest associations: modify corporate income tax Law so as to ensure an equal fiscal treatment of natural and legal persons concerning yields coming from forest exploitation.

Type of action	Negotiation with the Ministry of Finance and Public Administration
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, MINHAP



8. Develop regulation for the establishment of a specific legal framework for the forests belonging to partners in co-ownership.

This is a way to motivate the management and the exploitation of forests whose owner is an owner association which, following legal requirements, needs majority agreements between owners for a sustainable management of the terrains.

Type of action	Development of the nationwide regulation (taking advantage of the modification of the Forestry Law 43/2003)
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA

9. Support the constitution of managing associations for forests belonging to partners, in order to encourage their management and exploitation.

Promote the constitution of managing associations in forests belonging to partners, informing the owners about the possibility of accessing to funds for this purpose through the EAFRD (Art. 36, Cooperation).

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA

10. Apply the processes of plot concentration to the forest sector.

On one side, the unawareness of the ownership of a great amount of forest plots (many of them treeless), and on the other side, the atomisation and mosaic of the said ones with the plots which ownership is known (either public or private), make unfeasible the management and the value enhancement of a significant part of the territory and, particularly, prevent the reforestation of terrains with that vocation.



The development and the application of forest concentration as a method to ownership clarification and grouping of plots of lands would allow for the recovery for investment, management and value enhancement of a great number of hectares, and would particularly ease the reforestation of many of them by their private or public owners.

Type of action	ACs actions
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	ACs

D. Provide the administrative mechanisms and instruments that encourage a sustainable planning and management of the forest terrains

Jointly promoting from the MAGRAMA and the ACs the creation of planning and management instruments which allow the owners, among other actions, to properly plan and program the works to perform on their forests, so as to profit from them while ensuring the regeneration.



11. Motivate forest planning as an essential tool to ease forest exploitation management and to improve their benefits.

The holdings having a forest management plan may be given priority, following the regulating terms of every announcement, for the bestowal of subventions and grants (investment measures), as well as for the actions foreseen in the program for rural development (articles 22, 25 of the Proposed Rules for EAFRD), or for any other actions decided according to the regulation. Sometimes (holdings bigger than a given size), it may be compulsory to have a management plan to obtain the grant.

Type of action	Actions at the level of Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

12. Drafting and approval of common basic guidelines for forest planning and exploitation that facilitate the approval of the plans for forest management by competent autonomous administrations.

The AGE, in collaboration with the ACs, will draft and approve the common basic guidelines for sustainable forest management.

Type of action	Nationwide development (taking advantage of the modification of the Forestry Law 43/2003)
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

E. Promote the exploitation and mobilising of the forest products and the associated economic sectors

E.1. Promote the sustainable mobilising of wood in Spain and favour the mechanisation of the timber forest exploitation (including biomass)

Contribute to solve the main problems, of various kinds, related to the mobilising of forest products (including the biomass); intrinsic to the forest sector (product dispersion, difficulty to gain access to the same, etc.), administrative and legal (like auction procedures in the processes of extraction in forests of public interest), as well as favouring the mechanisation of the timber forest exploitation.

13. Improve the logistical network in the timber sector.

As a result of the scarcity of services and infrastructures in the rural environment, the difficulty of access to products and the resultant high transport costs, it is necessary to improve the logistical network, and therefore, the following aspects will be addressed:

a. Improvement and maintenance of the forest roads, as well as their inventory and georeferencing.

Promote aids for the improvement and maintenance of the forest roads , as well as their inventory and georeferencing.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ERDF EAFRD - <i>Art. 35 Co-operation</i> - <i>Art. 17 Investments in physical assets</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



b. Evaluate the possibility of creating distribution areas or centres for wood uploading and downloading operations.

Evaluate the possibility of creating distribution areas or centres (attached to motorways and dual carriageways) for wood uploading and downloading operations, from which a distribution network to the recipients would be developed.

Type of action	Project (legal and economic) viability study
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

14. Facilitate the application for special authorisations.

Facilitate the application for special authorisations for freight transport in particular sections of the logistical network. By means of these special authorisations, it will be possible to increase the maximum allowed load in the transport vehicles for the period and section specified in the authorisation.

Type of action	Negotiation with the Directorate-General of Traffic (DGT, Ministry of the Interior)
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, DGT (Ministry of the Interior), ACs

15. Design a network strategy:

a. Develop a machinery database (forest machinery registry), with owner data and even its availability.

The high cost of the machinery used in the forest sector involves an important handicap for the mechanisation of the works in the forest, although such mechanisation implies an improvement of the yields which translates into higher operating profits .

In order to invest in the mechanisation of forest work , it is necessary to have a continuity in time in the forest exploitation so as to ensure machinery amortization. The discontinuity in the works implies unavoidably the standstill of the machines, which involves a high cost by reason of which the forest exploitation is economically unfeasible.

To preventing the initial investment from becoming a hindrance for the exploitation activities and also to favour forest work, a network strategy is presented to put the forest owner or forest operator in contact with the machinery needed for the extraction of the resource.

The MAGRAMA will provide the creation of this platform by means of the diffusion of the advantages it means, performing a coordination effort of the agents involved, etc.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>ERDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 5.1</i> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 35 Co-operation</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector



b. To develop a database of timber exploitation transport in which data and information about the transport and its availability are included.

Aligned with previous measure, in order to reduce transport costs, the development of a timber exploitation transport database is considered in order to put producers in touch with transporters allowing for the optimisation of transport profitability (a high percentage of trucks on their way are not fully loaded), which contributes to the reduction of CO₂ and achieves a saving in the transport price.

The MAGRAMA will promote the creation of this platform by means of the diffusion of the advantages it entails, performing an effort of coordination of the agents involved, etc.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>ERDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 5.1</i> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 35 Co-operation</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

16. Grants for the mechanisation of forestry treatments.

Promoting grants for the mechanisation of forestry treatments.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: EAFRD - <i>Art. 26 Investments in forestry technologies and in processing, in mobilising and in the marketing of forest products</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

17. Simplification of administrative processes related to forestry exploitation.

In order to ease the application and speed up the administrative processes related to activities linked with forestry exploitation (cutting, pruning, cork harvest, etc.) and other activities (repopulations, densifications, forest species changes...), MAGRAMA will coordinate a simplified procedure for those ACs wishing to apply it (such as the substitution of the authorisation for particular activities by a previous communication or shortened authorisations, where applicable, or other actions that allow for a more speeding-up processes).

Type of action	- Coordination actions conducted by the MAGRAMA - Autonomous regulation development
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



18. Define the legal framework to improve the commercial quality of the forest products through the guarantee of the legality of their origin.

Developing, through a Royal Decree, the European Community regulation to combat illegal logging, needed to increase the capacity to control the cuttings and reduce the trade of illegal timber products, so contributing to improve the commercial quality of the forest products through the guarantee of the legality of their origin.

Type of action	Development of the nationwide regulation (Royal Decree)
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA

19. Developing, in collaboration with the autonomous communities, the National Plan for Control of the Legality of the Commercialised Wood.

Defining, collaborating with the ACs, the minimum needed controls to assure the enforcement of the European Community regulation for fight against the illegal logging.

Type of action	Development of regulation and document with nationwide guidance
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



20. Promoting the wood as an element for construction, furniture and other high added-value products.

Encouraging the collaboration between associations for the drafting of a technical manual for the use of wood in construction for promoting its use, as well as for facilitating its diffusion and the training of the people concerned.

Administrative actions intended to set an example in the development of infrastructures.

Type of action	Coordination actions conducted by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

E.2. Fostering the energetic use of the forest biomass

To promote, in a general way, the exploitation of biomass coming from forest fields cultivated for this goal, as well as energetic exploitation of the forest by-products resulting from forestry, usual exploitation and forest fire prevention works. It is necessary to perform actions aimed at adapting the offer to meet the demand on exploiting the biomass and provide adequate guarantee for raw materials supply to the energetic promoters. To this effect, the collaboration of the forest Administrations with forest owners, either public or private, is required, as well as with other agents of the forest sector like highest bidders. It is also required to encourage, among other actions, the necessary regulative changes and the drafting and execution of management plans that consider the energetic use of the produced forest biomass.



21. Create basic guidelines that help planning the sustainable extraction of forest biomass out of consolidated masses and the extraction of forest biomass expected for the future through forest crops.

The actual masses are a biomass resource which, if sustainably and reasonably exploited, represents an economic resource and an opportunity to improve the forestry and ecological condition of the forests, because thinning and the clearings allow for the evolution of the forest system, the improvement of preventive infrastructures, etc. This biomass, however, is limited in time and it will likely generate a future demand that will not be satisfied unless new resources resulting from a sustainable forest management of new forest cultivations are available. This regulation has to be developed based on the best possible knowledge available, and under the precautionary criterion.

Type of action	Nationwide development
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

22. Promote drafting and execution of management plans that consider the energetic use of the forest biomass produced.

Promote grants for the drafting and execution of management plans that consider the energetic use of the forest biomass produced.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ERDF - <i>Art. 5.4.</i> EAFRD - <i>Art. 17 Investments in physical assets</i> - <i>Art. 35 Co-operation (j)</i>
Bodies participating in the action	ACs, sector



23. Establish patterns of by-laws to promote renewable energies like biomass and central city heating networks.

Creation of models of by-laws promoting renewable energies like biomass and central city heating networks, being a higher priority at small or mid rural towns linked to the local resources.

Type of action	Development of a document for guidance
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

24. Diffusion and implementation of good practices by the Administration, substituting gas or fuel boilers by biomass boilers in administrative facilities, preferably in the rural environment.

Promote the substitution of gas or fuel boilers by biomass boilers in Administration facilities, preferably in the rural environment.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ERDF - <i>Art. 5.4.c.</i> EAFRD - <i>Art. 20.1.b.</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism, ACs



25. Definition of technical criteria and guidelines for the appropriate management of forest masses for energetic use.

Define common criteria and guidelines relative to biomass exploitation, extraction and transport for energetic use, as well as for the planning, selection and approval of forest equipment for reproduction and exploitation of energetic crops with forest species, both in arable and forest soil.

Type of action	Development by MAGRAMA collaborating with the ACs of a document for guidance
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

26. Favour the development of logistics for the biomass for energetic use, favouring short and efficient forest biomass circuits by public or private initiative.

Promote the construction and establishment of biomass logistic and preparation centres in the regions with abundant forest resources taking advantage in this way of all the potential of the transport and distribution system.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ERDF EAFRD - <i>Art. 26 Investments in forestry technologies and in processing, in mobilising and in the marketing of forest products</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



27. Grant aids for the purchase of forest biomass harvesting, transport and treatment equipment.

Promoting grants for the purchase of forest biomass harvesting, transport and treatment equipment, that allow to guarantee the production with high quality levels and appropriate costs for its energetic use.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ERDF EAFRD - <i>Art. 26 Investments in forestry technologies and in processing, in mobilising and in the marketing of forest products</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

28. Support the energetic service companies for them to promote the change of gas or fuel boilers to forest biomass.

The support will be performed by means of subventions or soft loans that facilitate the decision making and integrate the forest exploitation in the cycle of energy production.

Type of action	Action promoted by the MINETUR
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



29. Development of information and divulgation campaigns for the promotion of heating and refrigerating with biomass.

To develop information and divulgation campaigns for the promotion of heating and refrigerating with biomass, both to the owners of public buildings and to the general society, as well as communication campaigns to favour the knowledge of the benefits of different kind contributed by the bio-energy.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	National funding
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

E.3. Strengthen resin sector

Contribute to solve the main structural problems of the Spanish resin sector; the smallholder structure, the high extraction costs and the sharp price fluctuations produce a loss of competitiveness before other substituting products coming from petrol. On the other hand, the implementation in other countries of more productive and lower-cost resin harvesting techniques implies a serious threat for the sector. The temporary nature of work and the fiscal regulations have acted as dissuasive elements before the incorporation of new workers to the sector.



30. Encourage associativism and cooperativism among resin producers.

The MAGRAMA will motivate associativism by means of the promotion, diffusion, training, stimulus and development of cooperative societies and their economic and representative integration structures.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>Order APA/180/2008, of 22 January, by which the regulatory bases are defined for the grant of subventions aiming at the promotion of cooperative integration at the state level (modified by Order ARM/2759/2008, of 19 September and by Order ARM/1219/2010, of 6 May).</p> <p>Law 13/2013, of 2 August, to promote the integration of cooperatives and other associative entities with food and agriculture character.</p> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 27 Setting-up of producer groups and organisations</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

31. Support the creation of a resin interprofessional organisation (OIA) to improve the sector structuring.

The MAGRAMA will support the creation of interprofessional organisations through the promotion and diffusion of the advantages of this kind of association, coordinating and advising on each phase of the process, like in the drafting of the statutes.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	National grants, through ministerial order, supporting the OIAs.
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector



32. Promote and provide encouragement for the signing of contracts between producers and industry.

The purpose of this action is to ensure the continuity of the forest product supply, to obtain better quality products and to guarantee the commercial transactions transparency, thus gaining balance and legal certainty in commercial relations.

The MAGRAMA will support the signing of contracts between producers and industry through the promotion and diffusion of the contract’s advantages, coordinating and advising the parties.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

33. Take into consideration the resin sector as an activity that contributes to Rural Development.

Integrate the resin activity in the Common Agricultural Policy for the new programming period 2014-2020, for it is an activity that contributes to rural development in some regions.

Resin production should be specifically considered in the formulation of the future Rural Development Programs (national and regional), from the perspective of the diversification of activities in the rural environment and the innovation in the forest sector.

Type of action	Development in the guidance documents of the new programming period 2014-2020
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



34. Facilitate the cooperation between the different producing regions and all the key players (administration, resin collectors, industry, research centres), through the creation of information platforms and communication channels, the organisation of conferences, the creation of a specific entity for the sector, etc.

Celebration of conferences and workgroups with the presence of all the concerned entities and coordinated by the MAGRAMA for the follow up of the sector and the implementation of measures.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

35. Promote the collaboration with producing Member States (France, Portugal and Greece), adopting common stances and consolidating an acting strategy that allows to influence the EU's politics.

Common work by the sector agents of the resin producing and industrial regions of Spain, France, Portugal and Greece, for the design of a new organisation and representation of the sector in the EU, focussing on innovation, productivity improvement and quality, to guarantee a stable, lasting and dependable supply of natural resins originating from the European woods.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA



36. Integrate resin works with forest management works (forestry actions, fire prevention, etc.).

Integration of the resin tasks with the preventive forestry and forest fire extinction tasks for the preservation of those forests. Complete the annual work cycle of the resin collectors, completing deferred, non productive ongoing investments.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: EAFRD - <i>Art. 24 Prevention and restoration of damage to forests from forest fires and natural disasters and catastrophic events</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

37. Propose the recognition of a legal, working and fiscal status for the resin collectors, to promote the ordered extraction of resin from the pine woods.

It is proposed to the Ministry of Finances and Public Administration that freelance resin collectors working on other’s pine woods be subject to the special regime of agriculture defined in the articles 43 to 49 of the VAT Regulation, approved by RD 1624/1992, of 29 December, and at the same time, that resin exploitation be explicitly included in the annual Ministry Order developing the method for objective estimation of the Personal Income Tax and the special simplified regime of the Value Added Tax.

Additionally, to suggest the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment to the Ministry of Employment and Social Security:

- to consolidate the criterion currently applied by which the resin collectors can conform to the Special System for Self-Employed Agricultural Workers,
- To accept the multi-activity of resin workers already paying contribution for other activity, framed in another regime, and the multi-tasking of resin workers already paying contribution as self-employed agricultural workers.



Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, Ministry of Finance and Public Administration, Ministry of Employment and Social Security

38. Promote the training and information of all concerned agents.

Creation of training activities specific for workers of the sector and people interested in joining it and make management and advisory services relating to technical, financial, working, etc., matters available to the workers in order to achieve a higher sector professionalisation and recognition and to improve the economical result of the same.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ESF - <i>Art. 3.1.b.</i> EAFRD - <i>Art. 14 Knowledge transfer and information actions.</i> - <i>Art. 15 Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services exploitation.</i>
Bodies participating in the action	ACs, sector



E.4. Strengthen the cork sector

Diversify cork production (currently limited to stopper production) and improve production processes, strengthen the processing industry in order to balance the existing imbalance between the raw materials production and the industrial transformation, not forgetting the need for solving the shortage of qualified workforce for particular works.

39. Encourage associativism and cooperativism among cork producers

The MAGRAMA will encourage associativism through promotion, diffusion, training, stimulus and development of the cooperative societies and their economic and representative integrating structures.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>Order APA/180/2008, of 22 January, by which the regulatory bases are defined for the grant of subventions aiming at the promotion of cooperative integration at the state level (modified by Order ARM/2759/2008, of 19 September and by Order ARM/1219/2010, of 6 May).</p> <p>Law 13/2013, of 2 August, to promote the integration of cooperatives and other associative entities with food and agriculture character.</p> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 27 Setting-up of producer groups and organisations</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, sector



40. Promote and encourage the signing of contracts between producers and industry.

The purpose of this action is to ensure the continuity of the forest product supply, to obtain better quality products and to guarantee the commercial transactions transparency, thus gaining balance and legal certainty in commercial relations.

The MAGRAMA will support the signing of contracts between producers and industry through the promotion and diffusion of the contract’s advantages, coordinating and advising the parties.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, sector

41. Promote training in the cork sector to solve shortage of qualified workforce for particular works.

Creation of training activities specific for workers of the sector and people interested in joining it with a view to achieving a higher sector professionalisation and recognition and to improving the economical results.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ESF - <i>Art. 3.1.b.</i> EAFRD - <i>Art. 14 Knowledge transfer and information actions</i>
Bodies participating in the action	ACs, sector



42. Promote cork production diversification.

In order to diversify cork production, perform a market analysis to assess the viability in the introduction of new derivative products.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: EAFRD - <i>Art. 26 Investments in forestry technologies and in processing, in mobilising and in the marketing of forest products</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

E.5. Strengthen chestnut production

Improve chestnut competitiveness through product differentiation. Solve the shortage of qualified workforce for particular works related to the harvesting and production and for technical works, and also try to satisfy some of the claims of the sector mainly oriented to achieve a higher transparency in the sector.

43. Promote the constitution of producer organisations in order to access the aids from EU’s operative programs.

From the MAGRAMA, urge the producers to become Fruit and Vegetables Producer Organisations (FVPOs). Chestnuts are included in part IX of Annex I of the Single CMO, thus, their producers can become FVPOs to perform different investments allowing to improve their production and commercialisation, funded at 50% by the EU and the FVPO.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 27 Setting-up of producer groups and organisations</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA

44. Promote and encourage the signing of contracts between producers and industry.

The intention with this is to guarantee the continuity in the forest products supply, to obtain better quality products and to guarantee the transparency in commercial transactions and to have commercial relations with more legal certainty and balance.



The MAGRAMA will support contract signing between producers and industry through the promotion and diffusion of their advantages, coordinating and providing advice to the parties.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, sector

45. Promote training in the chestnut production sector to solve the shortage of qualified workforce for particular works concerning chestnut harvest and production (pruning, grafting, etc.) and for technical works (planting patterns, fertirrigation, protection against wild fauna, etc.).

Creation of training activities specific for workers of the sector and people interested in joining it in order to achieve a higher sector professionalisation and recognition and to improve the economical results.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ESF - <i>Art. 3.1.b.</i> EAFRD - <i>Art. 14 Knowledge transfer and information actions</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



E.6. Strengthen pine nut sector

Improve pine nut competitiveness through product differentiation and consumption promotion. Simplify commercial transactions, improving the situation of illegal harvest and related trade existing in the sector, and also try to satisfy some of the claims of the sector mainly oriented to achieve a higher transparency in the sector.

46. Promote the constitution of producer organisations in order to access the aids from EU’s operative programs.

From the MAGRAMA, urge the producers to become Fruit and Vegetables Producer Organisations (FVPOs). Pine nuts are included in part IX of Annex I of the Single CMO, thus, their producers can become FVPOs to perform different investments allowing to improve their production and commercialisation, funded at 50% by the EU and the FVPO.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 27 Setting-up of producer groups and organisations</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA

47. Promote and motivate the signing of contracts between producers and industry.

The purpose of this action is to ensure the continuity of the forest product supply, to obtain better quality products and to guarantee the commercial transactions transparency, thus gaining balance and legal certainty in commercial relations.

The MAGRAMA will support the signing of contracts between producers and industry through the promotion and diffusion of the contract’s advantages, coordinating and advising the parties.



Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, sector

48. Promote and spread mechanised harvesting of pinecones as an essential element to make exploitation profitable.

This minimise the effect of the short existing workforce resources and their high price. This is also a way to obtain the greatest profit of the harvest and to reduce harvest duration, what ultimately avoids pine theft. The harvest has to ensure the ecological, economical and social role of the stone pine masses.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: EAFRD - <i>Art. 14 Knowledge transfer and information actions</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector



49. Study the possibility to create a separate marque for the pine nut from Pinus Pinea.

One of the points that are complicating in the last years the commercialisation of the pine cone products is the competition against pine nuts from other origins, with very different organoleptic properties.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA collaborating with the ACs
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

50. Promote training in the cork sector to solve shortage of qualified workforce for particular works.

Creation of training activities specific for workers of the sector and people interested in joining it in order to achieve a higher sector professionalisation and recognition and to improve the economical results.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ESF - <i>Art. 3.1.b.</i> EAFRD - <i>Art. 14 Knowledge transfer and information actions.</i>
Bodies participating in the action	ACs, sector

E.7. Strengthen the sector of mushrooms and truffle

Improve the exploitation and the value of the mycological resource and promote the rational harvest of the same, to try to solve the overexploitation problems. Response to the lack of common nationwide criteria regarding the regulation of mushrooms and truffle exploitation.



51. Promote the constitution of producer organisations in order to access the aids from EU’s operative programs.

From the MAGRAMA, urge the producers to become Fruit and Vegetables Producer Organisations (FVPOs). Mushrooms and truffle are included in part IX of Annex I of the Single CMO, thus, their producers can become FVPOs to perform different investments allowing to improve their production and commercialisation, funded at 50% by the EU and the FVPO.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 27 Setting-up of producer groups and organisations</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA

52. Promote and motivate the signing of contracts between producers and industry.

The purpose of this action is to ensure the continuity of the forest product supply, to obtain better quality products and to guarantee the commercial transactions transparency, thus gaining balance and legal certainty in commercial relations.

The MAGRAMA will support the signing of contracts between producers and industry through the promotion and diffusion of the contract’s advantages, coordinating and advising the parties.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, sector



53. Perform training and social awareness efforts regarding wild mushroom harvest.

Develop training and social awareness activities regarding wild mushroom harvest, that allow to improve resource exploitation and value and promote the rational harvest of the same.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ESF - <i>Art. 3.1.b.</i> EAFRD - <i>Art. 14 Knowledge transfer and information actions.</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

54. Define common nationwide criteria regarding the regulation of mushroom exploitation.

Type of action	Development by MAGRAMA collaborating with the ACs of a document for guidance
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



E.8. Strengthen hunting and fishing sector

55. Work on the elaboration of a National Strategy for wildlife game Management.

The MAGRAMA, collaborating with the ACs will elaborate a National Strategy for wildlife game Management that will constitute the guiding and coordinating framework for the nationwide planning of hunting exploitation.

Type of action	Nationwide development (taking advantage of the modification of the Forestry Law 43/2003)
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

56. Advance on the agreement for single hunting and fishing licences.

The hunting and fishing licences can be valid for the territory of one or more of the ACs, if the competent ACs agree upon it.

Type of action	Nationwide development (taking advantage of the modification of the Forestry Law 43/2003)
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	ACs



57. Create a Spanish Registry of Hunting and Fishing Offenders

For information purposes, the Spanish Hunting and Fishing Record will be created. The ACs will submit to the MAGRAMA the information regarding the entries in their corresponding hunting and fishing offender records, including those regarding the licence cancellation and validity expiry, particularly those derived from penal offences and from a disciplinary proceeding.

Type of action	Nationwide development (taking advantage of the modification of the Forestry Law 43/2003)
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

58. Incorporate the hunting activity in the programs for diffusion and spread of the image of Spain both internally and externally.

Diffuse and spread hunting activity through the web “Marca España”.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



59. Promote game meat consumption in collaboration with the interprofessional association (ASICCAZA).

The MAGRAMA will collaborate with the interprofessional association ASICCAZA to promote game meat consumption. In order to achieve a higher national consumption, commercialisation channels should be improved, investigation projects that can help improving the product image should be developed, etc.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 17 Investments in physical assets</i> - <i>Art. 26 Investments in forestry technologies and in processing, in mobilising and in the marketing of forest products</i> <p>Order ARM/2141/2010, of 16 July, by which the interprofessional Association of the Wild Game Meat is recognised as an Agricultural and Food interprofessional Organisation.</p>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, sector



60. Develop innovative activities regarding hunting and fishing tourism (photographic safari, ornithological tourism, etc.).

Inform the sector about the existence of instruments for the development of innovative activities regarding hunting tourism (photographic safari, ornithological tourism, etc.).

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 20 Basic services and village renewal in rural areas</i> - <i>Art. 35 Co-operation</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



E.9. Strengthening sustainable extensive stock grazing in forest fields

61. Promote the growth of livestock linked to a controlled pastoralism in forest areas

Motivate the growth of the livestock linked to a controlled pastoralism as a measure to prevent forest fires, because of the competitive advantages it has: lower ecological impact, costs are lower than using machines and easier access to terrains that are uneven and difficult to access.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: EAFRD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 28 Agri-environment-climate</i> - <i>Art. 24 Prevention and restoration of damage to forests from forest fires and natural disasters and catastrophic events (local, small scale prevention activities against fire or other natural hazards)</i>
Bodies participating in the action	ACs



62. Advance in the definition of grass to solve the admissibility of direct aids and to clarify the uses in the cartographic and information databases.

Pastures are vegetable formations subject to a continuous intervention in order to guarantee their persistence. They are ultimately associated to a use either for livestock farming or for hunting. Nevertheless, simplifications are usually made that restrict pastures to a stable vegetation, with no link to an animal use, and this usually distorts the application of aid regimes or the mere ecologic, farming and forest consideration of these fields. An exercise of clarification is then advisable, which will allow for a better integration of livestock use in the forests.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA collaborating with the ACs
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



E.10. Strengthen the use of the Spanish dehesa

63. Support the appropriate acknowledgement of the Spanish dehesas as an agro-sylvo-pastoral mixed exploitation system.

The agro-sylvo-pastoral exploitation is acknowledged in the Forestry Law in a particular way, the coincidence of livestock agricultural and forest uses on the same tree-covered open field with pasture difficultly can be integrated in many measures coming from the different Administrations. Nevertheless, notwithstanding its indubitable landscape, economic, ecologic and forest relevance, Spanish dehesas are not comprehended. It is necessary to renew the effort to appropriately transmit to the European administration and other decision-making forums the existence of this kind of open forests, as well as, in the national level, to attain common agreements that allow for better comprehensive solutions that benefit all the parties.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA collaborating with the ACs
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



64. Define a specific research program about trees decline, particularly the “seca” of the Quercus.

One of the main problems the forest ecosystems are currently facing is the incidence of decline processes. It is a complex phenomenon, difficult to systematise, influenced by both anthropic (handling) and natural factors (incidence of plagues and illnesses) and also very influenced by global warming. Particularly, its effects on holm oaks and cork oaks are being dramatic, having caused the loss of tens of thousands of hectares and the threat of an uncertain future for an important fraction of the Spanish dehesas and Mediterranean wooden formations. In the last decades, knowledge has been gathered about factors of predisposition, recommended management practices that should be spread and extended. But there are still deep knowledge deficiencies that can only be attenuated through a large national effort in research and development.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>Possible national aids for the promotion of R&D&I (INIA, Autonomous, etc.)</p> <p>Instrument EIP for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability.</p> <p>ERDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 5.1.</i> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 26 Investments in forestry technologies and in processing, in mobilising and in the marketing of forest products</i> - <i>Art. 35 Co-operation</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector



E.11. Strengthen the recreational use of the woodland

65. Promote and strengthen nature tourism.

Promote and strengthen nature tourism through recreational and leisure activities, nature interpretation and knowledge and the practise of different sporting activities.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 20 Basic services and village renewal in rural areas</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, MINETUR, ACs, sector

66. Promote natural paths and non motored natural routs.

Promote the recovery and reutilisation of structures and infrastructures into disuse through programs like Natural Paths and Green Ways.

Perform informative actions about the existence of the natural paths strengthening their touristic appeal.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Program of Natural Paths</p> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 20 Basic services and village renewal in rural areas</i> - <i>Art. 14 Knowledge transfer and information actions.</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



67. Inventory and restore the forest field heritage elements and direct their use to new uses that allow for their exploitation in terms of rural, cultural tourism, etc.

The long history of uses and exploitation has given rise to a wide variety of real estate in the woodlands (forest houses, stoves, charcoal kilns, drying places, walls, etc.), many of which are in the state of ruins. In addition to the needed cataloguing in order to know and unveil this heritage, it is necessary to determine the priorities for the recovery and restore, especially of those goods which can have a new usage, or those which because of their indubitable cultural and ethnographic interest can become resources for the rural tourism, or simply come to be a part of our collective heritage.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	EAFRD - <i>Art. 20 Basic services and village renewal in rural areas</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

68. Modernise and improve the infrastructures, equipment and assets that favour forest recreational use.

Infrastructures, equipment and assets that are key for the recreational use of the forest will be identified, and a plan for equipping and improving the same will be designed.

Type of action	- Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	EAFRD - <i>Art. 20 Basic services and village renewal in rural areas</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



69. Study the development of innovative activities related to nature tourism.

Night visits to the forest, visits of collectives with higher access difficulties, etc.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	EAFRD - <i>Art. 20 Basic services and village renewal in rural areas</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

70. Promote actions for environmental awareness increase.

Perform promotion and information actions in collaboration with the competent authorities in order to avoid abandonment of waste, forest fires, etc. and generally speaking any practice that may harm the forest.

Type of action	- Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA - Awareness increase campaigns against forest fires. Edition of publications about prevention and forest fire extinction measures
Possible funding tools	EAFRD - <i>Art. 20 Basic services and village renewal in rural areas</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector



E.12. Improve the exploitation and the commercialisation of forest products

71. Encourage associativism and cooperativism among producers.

Support the producer organisations to facilitate the exploitation of forest products and the access to the markets.

Type of action	- In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	<p>Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through:</p> <p>Order APA/180/2008, of 22 January, by which the regulatory bases are defined for the grant of subventions aiming at the promotion of cooperative integration at the state level (modified by Order ARM/2759/2008, of 19 September, and by Order ARM/1219/2010, of 6 May).</p> <p>Law 13/2013, of 2 August, to promote the integration of cooperatives and other associative entities with food and agriculture character.</p> <p>EAFRD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Art. 27 Setting-up of producer groups and organisations</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

72. Support interprofessional organisations in the forest sector.

The MAGRAMA will support, provided the characteristics of the sector do it possible, the creation of interprofessional organisations through the promotion and diffusion of the advantages of this kind of association, coordinating and advising on each step of the process, as statute drafting.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector



73. Promote and motivate the signing of contracts between producers and industry.

The purpose of this action is to ensure the continuity of the forest product supply, to obtain better quality products and to guarantee the commercial transactions transparency, thus gaining balance and legal certainty in commercial relations.

The MAGRAMA will support the signing of contracts between producers and industry through the promotion and diffusion of the contract’s advantages, coordinating and advising the parties.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, sector



E.13. Encourage research and innovation in the forest sector

74. Promote R&D&I about integrated management of forest holdings.

Favour and motivate R&D&I in order to improve the exploitation of forest products.

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: Possible national aids for the promotion of R&D&I (INIA, Autonomous, etc.) Instrument EIP for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability. ERDF - <i>Art. 5.1.</i> EAFRD - <i>Art. 26 Investments in forestry technologies and in processing, in mobilising and in the marketing of forest products</i> - <i>Art. 35 Co-operation</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

75. Guide the lines of R&D&I with the real needs of the sector.

Establish data flux and collaboration agreements in order to avoid duplications and holes in lines of research, making good use of the specific aptitudes and qualifications of every body concerned (public or private) and guiding the efforts towards the aspects that are really necessary for the sector.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector



F. Improve the training and qualification of the workers favouring the professional preparation, contributing to the improvement of productivity and competitiveness of the enterprises in the sector

76. Training activities for new workers in all the work chain of the forest sector.

Professional training activities and competence acquisition (training courses, workshops and guidance sessions).

Type of action	In the framework of the National or European Community grant programs, to consider actions aimed at fulfilling the goal
Possible funding tools	Funds for this action can potentially be obtained through: ESF - <i>Art. 3.1.b.</i> EAFRD - <i>Art. 14 Knowledge transfer and information actions.</i>
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector

77. Organise, systematise and give credit to the training of new workers in all the work chain of the forest sector.

Expand the process of professional competences acknowledgement foreseen in the Organic Law 5/2002, of 19 June, of qualifications and professional training, which is already being applied to various fields of professional activity, like health, commerce and hotel industry, to the forest sector (including forest fires). The process consists in the assessment of professional competences of workers with expertise in a given field of activity, but who do not have the corresponding training certificates.

Thus, it is an acknowledgement to the professional expertise in a given field of activity, granted by the Administration, when workers have acquired their competences through the professional activity, not by the educating system. The accrediting is set out by means of the expedition of official certificates called "professionalism certificate", with national validity.



Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

78. Propose needs, opportunities, criteria and guidance for curricular paths related to forest management and exploitation and the preservation of the natural environment in the different training modalities (professional training, university).

The former forest and natural environment management education, structured in different levels (forest preparation, technical engineering degrees, degrees, higher engineering degrees) has evolved towards a very diverse educating system, integrating a wide range of options in the professional training and in the university education. The proposal is to work in the analysis of the current situation, examining the existing curricular paths in order to be able to formulate proposals and to present them to the concerned bodies, following a spirit of cooperation and collaboration.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA collaborating with the ACs
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs



G. Strengthen the forest culture of the society through information, educating and divulgation measures

To publish the importance for the society of the existence of forests and their sustainable management, source of natural resources, providing a variety of environmental services (soil and hydrological cycle protection, fixation of atmospheric carbon, reservoir of the biological diversity and fundamental element of the landscape), as well as the importance of its products as renewable natural resources.

79. Creation of a workgroup with the Ministry of Education and the ACs concerned in order to assess and propose new contents in the programs of regulated education relating to forests and the use and protection of the goods and services they generate.

To create training modules for school-workshops, forest owners and centres for environmental education.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, Ministry of Education, ACs

80. Strengthen the affective link of the society with the forests through support and divulgation actions like participative repopulations, environmental education campaigns, the tree days, etc.

In a society that is getting more urban, it is necessary to continue the determination to establish affective links with nature, continuing the historic work that has been performed through divulgation and environmental education actions, actions supporting participative repopulation actions, etc.

Type of action	Coordination actions directed by the MAGRAMA
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector



H. Availability of updated and best quality forest information for all the Spanish land, based on common criteria and methodologies

81. Define a nationwide methodology to follow for the gathering of information.

To establish data models that are common to all the ACs for the information record.

Type of action	Development of nationwide guidance document
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

82. Improve the systematisation and the resources available for a statistic information flux appropriate to the reality of the sector

To coordinate from the MAGRAMA an improved procedure for interchange of forest information.

Type of action	Development of nationwide guidance document
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs, sector



83. Organise SIGPAC and SIOSE information and improve it with the necessary information for it to be exploitable in the forest sector.

To analyse the information recorded in the SIGPAC and the SIOSE and their potentialities that are applicable to the forest management (identification of forest ways and information about their state, planning projects, etc.).

Type of action	Development by the MAGRAMA (internal work)
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, Cadastre, FEAGA

84. Review in the Social Security the information concerning the forest sector.

To separate the information in the Social Security concerning the forest sector, currently linked to agricultural activity, in order to improve the forest statistics.

Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nationwide development - Negotiation with Ministry of Employment and Social Security
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, Ministry of Employment and Social Security



85. Create a record of forest cooperatives, enterprises and industries, both the enterprises performing works or forest exploitation in the forest and the forest industries.

To advance in the development of cooperative, enterprise and industry records of the autonomous communities, described in the article 61 of the Forestry Law 43/2003, in order to complete and contribute to the maintenance of updated forest statistics.

Type of action	Nationwide development (taking advantage of the modification of the Forestry Law 43/2003)
Possible funding tools	---
Bodies participating in the action	MAGRAMA, ACs

