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# Galicia (Spain) hosts this week a new meeting of the Forest-IN project aimed at smallholders and forestry technicians

More than fifty professionals related to the forestry sector (smallholders, forests managers, technicians, associations) will participate this week in Galicia in a new meeting of FOREST-IN, an European project which aims to promote good practices and forestry education among private owners of the forests, their managers and technicians, and other agents involved in the sustainable forest management of forests.

Project partners will also hold their first meeting in 2018, with the purpose of reporting the progress of their works and tasks in this European initiative.

On this occasion Galicia Forestry Association will be the host of the open event. Under the title From theory to practice: Hands on sustainable forest management, a broad program of activities will be carry out to show the forestry reality of that Community and its industries associated, including meetings with other owners of private forests, producers of quality timber, entrepreneurs of forestry and timber companies, and representatives of associations that ensure the conservation of natural heritage, among other agents of the sector.

The actions of the FOREST-IN project are also addressed to them, which in one of its aspects aims to respond and to address the main problems related to forest management in some territories of the partner countries, all with very similar characteristics: predominance of private forest property with very small areas, and in many cases under the management of owners without technical training, where it is urgent to promote good practices and forestry education for a sustainable management of resources.

# About the FOREST-IN project

The FOREST-IN project aims to promote good practices and forestry education through workshops and international technical visits, tutorials and the creation of a mobile application aimed at helping in the decision-making process for sustainable forest management. All this integrated in a concerted strategy that involves the forest community and the general public. The pedagogical techniques will be innovative and personalized for the recipients of the project, and will be based on a model of horizontal and participatory learning.



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