

Description of best practice

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Title	SAXMEL— Local-scope forest management support system
Picture	 <p>Saxmel Sistema de apoio á xestión dos montes no eido local</p>
Domain	Communities / networks; Forest ownership and land tenure;Ownership structure; Sustainable management and planning ;Product development; Digitalization, IT driven solutions.
Source of wood	All
Location	A Coruña, Galicia..
Implementers	Municipalities or other representative local players such as community-scope forest land-owners
Actual status	Pilot & development stage
Approach	SAXMEL intends to become a novel highly systematized and protocol-based approach aimed as a solution to contribute improving current forest management practices acting at local scope. SAXMEL consists of a catalogue of services composed of identified key processes considered essential to solve major problems affecting forest resource development. Also it includes some inner processes and procedures aimed to steer the system itself functioning such as resource management, communication, financing & founding, ...SAXMEL has been conceptualized based on some key mainstays: participatory approach, transparency, self-sufficiency, selfgovernance, territorial persistency, technical criteria-based, local scope.
Main results	Currently the solution is under development, being piloted in the

	municipality of Gondomar (Pontevedra, Galicia) thanks to broad support from 80% of community-scope forest landowners. There is an approved regional operational group as well as a national operational group still both pending from funding.
Lessons learned	<p>1- Providing solutions to and gaining interest from public administration is a failed task as their functioning are far from efficient, transparent and sound</p> <p>2- There is a great need from private stakeholders towards integral solutions to forest resource problems, this has been checked on several territories</p> <p>3- SAXMEL's concept approach is valid preliminarily, although implementation needs to be broadly validated.</p>
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Best practice assessment

Region	Galicia
Time scale	18 – 24 months
Mobilization Potential	10:1, (SAXMEL can mobilize 10 times additional figures at production stage)
Kind of wood concerned	All
Sustainability Potential	Very Positive. SAXMEL can provide wide support to implement sustainable practices in any forestry realm
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Very positive
Ease of implementation	Difficult Collaborative practices are highly needed, which is not in the forest sector habits, this makes approach difficult to implement.
Economic impact	At Galicia scope, with 313 municipalities with average of 65-70% of forest land: target market : 3M€, target wealth mobilization 30M€/yr
Job effect	Estimated average: 10 direct jobs/municipality /year
Income effect	Estimated average: 200k€/yr/municipality at production stage
Specific knowledge needed	1- Collaborative skills 2- Participatory tools 3- IT
Costs of implementation	100-120k€/municipality
Technical readiness level	Immediately applicable
Key information for adoption	Ownership structure. Stakeholders' status.