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# Forest Ecosystem Services Policy-Relevant Insights

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# Dialogue in Action: How a 2-step process shapes the project's Policy Memo



## Policy inventory

- Identification of relevant policy sectorial fields
- Identification of policy leverage instruments
- Map of policy actors
- Interview to relevant policy makers
- Input from Living Labs
- Analysis: obstacles, opportunities, good solutions

## Policy forum

- **Regional policy forum:** intense policy dialogue involving Living Lab stakeholders and regional – national level policy makers- discussing on obstacles, opportunities and possible solutions
- **Transnational policy forum:** policy dialogue involving regional – national – transnational policy makers developing a shared policy memo



# Policy-relevant Insights

The project's Policy memo : 7 proposals offered to the whole Alpine Region to be selected and implemented following the territorial, cultural and legislative conditions

**Policy Action:**  
Summary and Recommendations

**FOREST ECOVALUE**

**SUPPORTING MULTIPLE FOREST ECOSYSTEM SERVICES THROUGH NEW CIRCULAR/GREEN/BIO MARKETS AND VALUE CHAINS**

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**FUNDAMENTALS**

- Forests constitute strategic assets that provide essential ecosystem services, employment opportunities, and significant environmental benefits.
- They are increasingly exposed to multiple threats, including climate change, diseases, pests, lack of active management, and natural disturbances.
- Strengthening their resilience requires a fair economic valuation of the services they deliver to society, the implementation of appropriate management practices, and enhanced public-private cooperation.
- Long-term sustainability depends on the recognition of Forest Ecosystem Services (FES), the equitable sharing of associated costs, and reinforced solidarity between forest owners and beneficiaries.
- Adaptation efforts must promote biodiversity, nature-based solutions, the development of new markets, and the modernization of value chains, in full alignment with regional strategies, national policies, the European Green Deal, and international commitment

**7 PRIORITY POLICY ORIENTATIONS**

1. **Mainstream ecosystem services into forest management:** Promote an integrated approach that combines the full range of ecosystem services to enhance the economic viability and social value of forests, underpinned by sound legal, scientific, and knowledge-based instruments.
2. **Strengthen cooperation and collective action among forest owners:** Encourage the establishment of consortia, cooperatives, and supportive legal frameworks to overcome land fragmentation, facilitate shared management, and optimize resource efficiency.
3. **Identify and manage strategic ecosystem services:** Develop comprehensive mapping and management strategies for both site-specific services—such as water regulation and protective forests—and large-scale functions, including carbon sequestration and climate regulation.
4. **Align and direct compensation and funding mechanisms:** Ensure that a proportion of environmental and carbon-related revenues is reinvested to offset management constraints, support restoration initiatives, and foster innovative projects delivering public goods.
5. **Enhance capacity building, knowledge exchange, and public awareness:** Strengthen skills and competencies across the forest value chain, and establish a transnational platform to promote data sharing, collaborative opportunities, and active citizen participation.
6. **Foster innovation and green growth:** Support the emergence of new forest-based products and services—such as bio-based materials, green chemistry, and circular economy solutions—through certification, labeling, and innovation-friendly frameworks.
7. **Promote sustainable, integrated, and adaptive planning:** Implement flexible governance and planning tools (e.g., forest contracts, participatory mechanisms, integrated management approaches) to reinforce stakeholder cooperation, improve policy coherence, and secure long-term co-financing for sustainable forest landscapes.

**IN CONCLUSION**

To ensure sustainable and resilient forests, it is essential to promote:

- Fair and equitable financial compensation for the services provided by forests;
- Long term vision and integrated multi sectoral approach;
- The strengthening of current value chains and support the creation of new green ones;
- Enhanced cooperation and solidarity among all stakeholders;
- Innovation in the promotion and utilization of Forest Ecosystem Services, as well as in the development of related economic markets.

**Priority 2**  
Carbon neutral and resource sensitive Alpine region

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## Policy proposal 1

Foster cooperation between multiple ecosystem services

## Policy proposal 2

Foster cooperation between forest owners

## Policy proposal 3

Identify strategic services

## Policy proposal 4

Dedicate compensation and carbon market money

## Policy proposal 5

Capacity building and raising awareness platform

## Policy proposal 6

Promote innovative products and services

## Policy proposal 7

Strategic and flexible planning and co-planning

# Policy–relevant Insights (3)

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- Ensure Fair Compensation
- Foster Cooperation & Solidarity Among Stakeholders
- Drive Innovation in Forest Ecosystem Services & Markets

