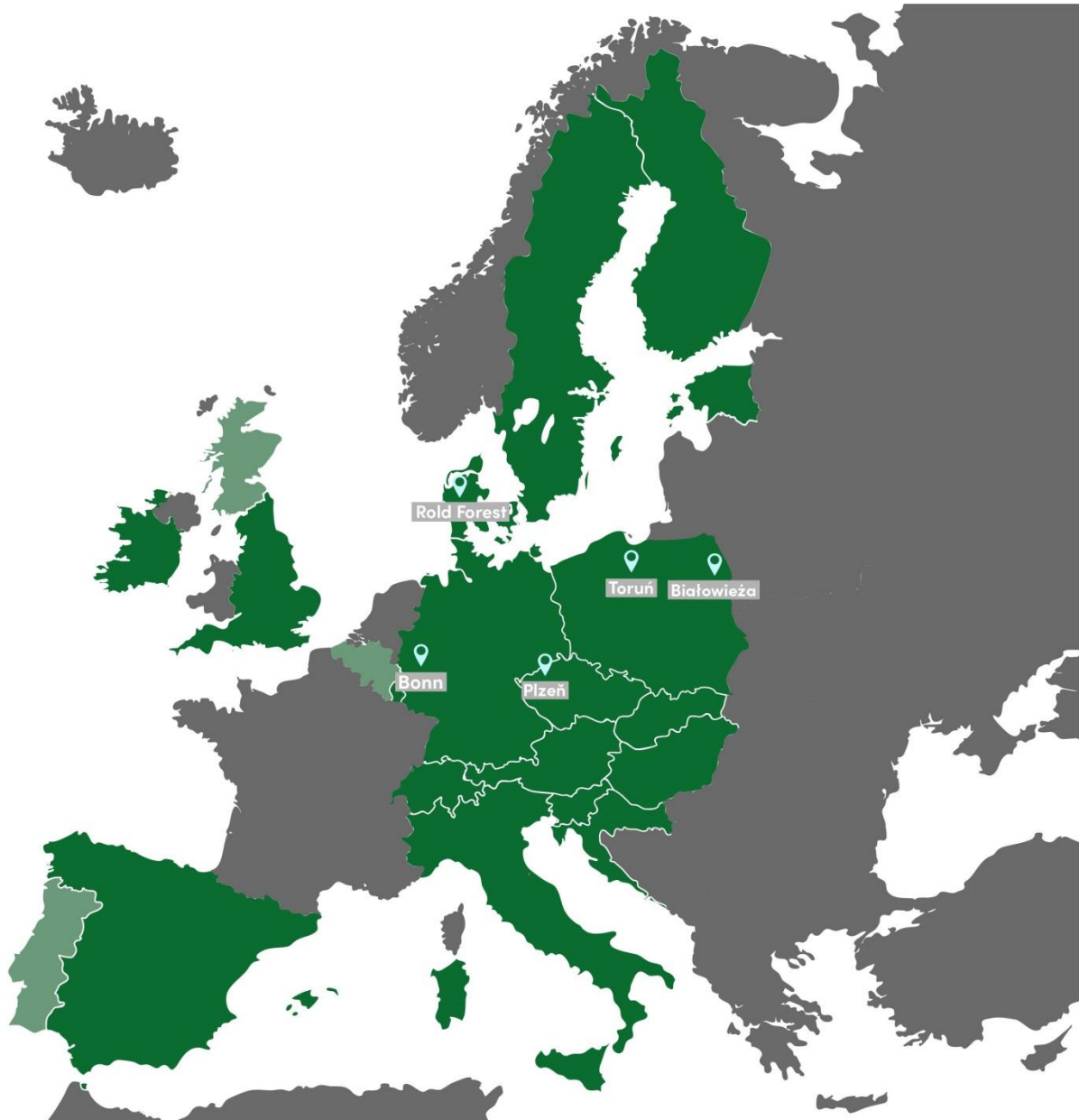




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*“The European network INTEGRATE promotes and advances forest management approaches for **the integration of nature conservation into sustainable forest management** at three levels: the decision-making **policy** level, the level of forest **practitioners/managers**, and the level of **research and academic knowledge**”*

- Initiative driven by country representatives and their topical interest
- EFI facilitates the process within the framework of the INFORMAR project



Members & events

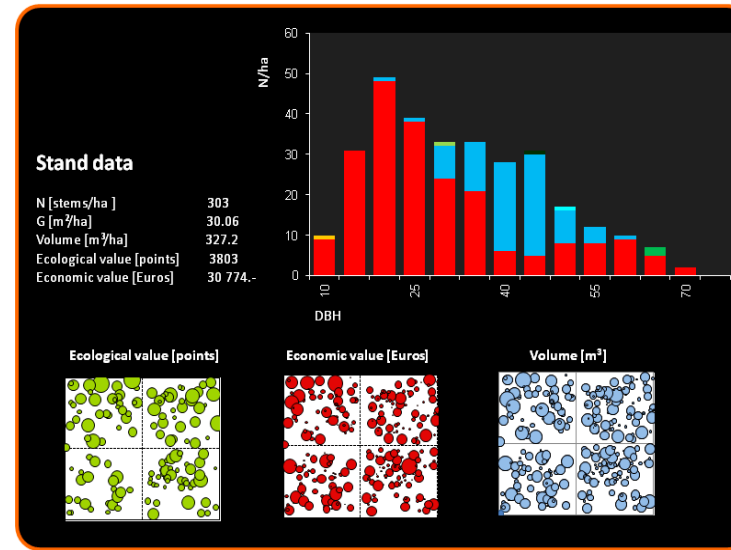
- **Event in-person planned for April 2021**
- Webinar under the Swiss Chairmanship (November 2020)
- Webinar under Danish Chairmanship (September 2020)
- Rolf Forest, Denmark (October 2019)
- Toruń, Poland (April 2019)
- Białowieża Forest, Poland (June 2018)
- Plzeň, Czech Republic (March 2018)
- Bonn, Germany (June 2017)

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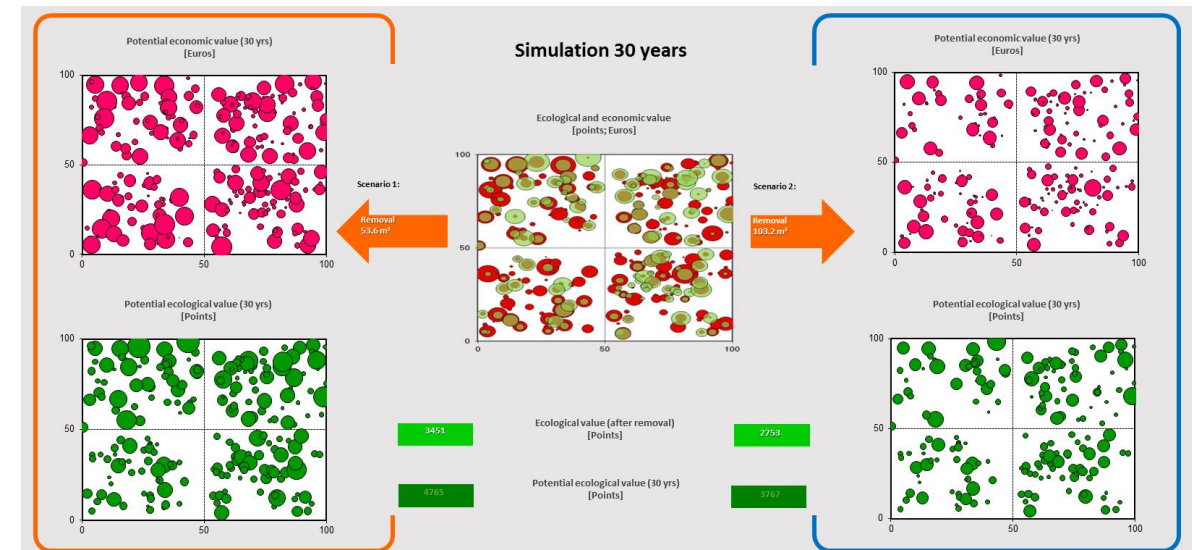
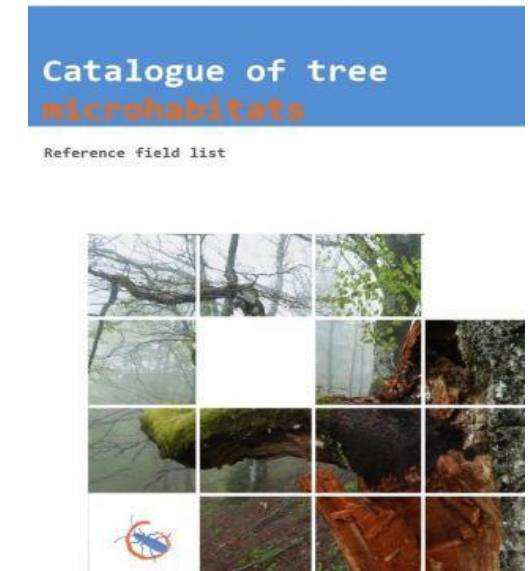
Scientific basis - Marteloscopes



115 demonstration sites
in 16 countries



Stand summary, DBH-distribution, thematic map



Kraus, Daniel (2016)

Integration as a solution

Innovative approach – **integration** of nature/biodiversity conservation in sustainable forest management; make use of advantages which **forest management** provides measures

Maintaining and enhancing forest-related biological diversity with respect to the historical, multifunctional and professionally managed forests of Europe

Advantages:

- ✓ win-win solution (supporting both bioeconomy and biodiversity)
- ✓ cost-efficiency and low impact on public budgets
- ✓ areal coverage (possibility of a large-scale application)
- ✓ respect to local economies
- ✓ making use of traditional forestry technics

LAND SHARING INSTEAD OF LAND SPARING

BALANCING OF PROVISION OF FOREST ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



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Questions discussed

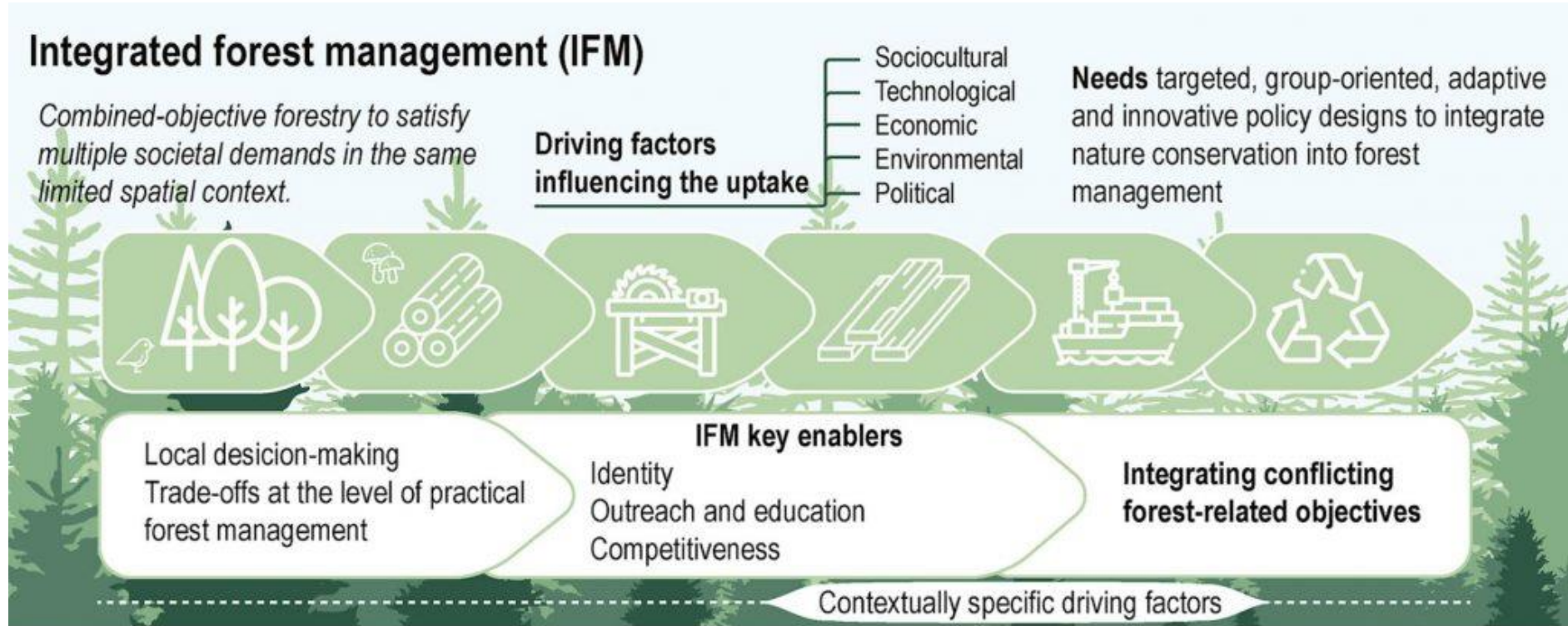
- What drives the integration of nature conservation in forest management in Europe?
- Integration approaches to nature conservation versus segregation approaches
- How to balance biodiversity and bioeconomy (or nature conservation and wood production)?
- Compatibility and suitability of climate change adaptation and integrated forest management measures in Europe
- Policy brief on „Advancing biodiversity conservation through integrated forest management in Europe“

https://efi.int/sites/default/files/images/governance/policy_brief_INFORMAR_oForest.pdf



Integrated Forest Management

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Expectations

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- Consider integrated forest management approaches as core objectives of future European forest policies and strategies, **enhancing economy, biodiversity and social needs together**, and develop instruments to effectively support implementation.
- Advance integrated forest management as **response to the accelerating impacts of climate change**, in view to improving biodiversity and the adaptation potential of forests.
- Support the motivation and the experience amongst Europe's forest owners and managers for **advancing pragmatic and regionally rooted integrated forest management approaches**, while promoting further education and training with sharing lessons learnt.
- Consider that integrated forest management in Europe **avoids a leakage effect**, as sustainably produced wood from European forests can decrease the pressure on forests globally.

Chairs conclusions on “How to balance forestry and biodiversity conservation – a view across Europe” (selection)

https://integratenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Integrate_Policy_ChairsSummary_for_10.11.2020.pdf



The new EU policy framework post-2020

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- New policy developments: European Green Deal, The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, A new EU Forest Strategy (under preparation)
- Unprecedented attention to forests and their management
- New targets: Protect 30 % of EU land; Strictly protect a third of these areas
- Further support to the segregation approach?
- What does the strict protection mean?
- Work on the close-to-nature forestry
- New legislation with impacts on forest management (especially Taxonomy Regulation, Delegated Act)
- A new concept of „improved forest management“
- Need for enabling environment for provision and payments for forest ecosystem services

OPPORTUNITIES OR THREATS TO INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT?