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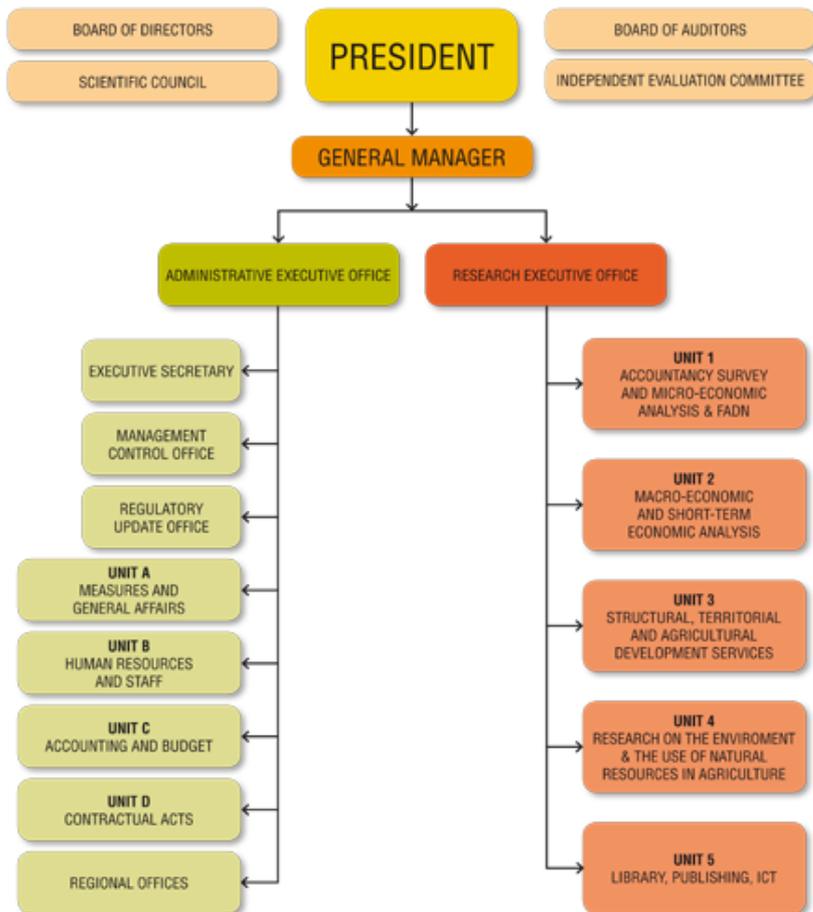
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INEA is a research institute controlled by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry policies. It has a regional structure (20 regional offices). The head office is located in Rome and it is divided into more Units. The Forest Observatory is a part of Unit 3 and is included in the task force “Environment” of National Rural Network.

The research areas of Forest Observatory are three:

1. Forestry and rural development
2. Forestry and agriculture
3. Forestry-wood chain

**OBSERVATORY OF STRUCTURAL POLICIES
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The main objective of FO is to give technical assistance and technical-scientific support to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry in the analysis and programming of the forestry and rural development policies (European, national and regional level). The FO is giving support and assistance in the preparation of forestry measures for the next RD period and participates in different national and international projects (ERANET, SCAR, COST, FP programmes, etc.).

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The research and support activity of Forest Observatory concerns these topics:

1. Forestry and Rural development policy: situation, perspectives and good practices
2. Voluntary agreement for CO2 compensation and voluntary market of credit carbon (national level)
3. Estimation of the high nature value forests (national and regional level)
4. Forest management criteria and best practices: baseline for the application of silvo-environmental measures in the RDP
5. Rural Development challenges and opportunities for mitigation and climate change adaptations (White Paper)
6. Forest and multifunctionality
7. Forestry accounting
8. Forestry associationism in Italy
9. Agroforestry
10. Definition of National Forestry Strategy /PQSF) and Innovation and research agenda in the Italian forestry sector



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Main past and current projects

RICA-FOR: pilot project to extend FADN accounting system to forestry sector. Aims: to collect income and economic information about forestry enterprises Outputs: articles, conference papers (national and international).

CAMALDOLESE FOREST CODE: system of rules and disposition wrote almost 500 years ago by the monks of Camaldolese congregation (a Benedictin order foundend around 124). Aims: to discover the roots of sustainability in the relationship between monastic life and nature. Outputs: digitalization of historical documents, publications, conference papers (national and international), historical-geographical Atlas.



RURALAND: promoted by the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Rural Network during 2007-2013 period. It included three project for schools. Aims: to enhance the scientific and environmental aspects of biodiversity, climate change, water resource, energy.



BIOMASSES Aims: technical assistance to the central and regional administration in the definition of sectorial policies for the use of biomasses in the forestry sector. Outputs: maps of the plants and definition of the sustainable criteria in the short chains.



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Transnational collaborations (European and international)

FO is a part of the National Rural Network and is involved in the activities of the European Rural Development Network. Specific topics and joint activities: use of forest biomass for the generation of energy at a local level (Punkaharju, Finland); multiple, socio-economic and environmental dimensions of forest management (Aquitaine, France)



COST Actions: FO is involved in the following actions



FP1203 | European non-wood forest products (NWFPs) network | 09 April 2013 - 08 April 2017

FP1201 | Forest Land Ownership Changes in Europe: Significance for Management And Policy (FACESMAP) | 15 November 2012 - 14 November 2016

FP1207 | Orchestrating forest-related policy analysis in Europe (ORCHESTRA) | 24 January 2013 - 23 January 2017

ERANET SUMFOREST: Sustainable forest management and multifunctional forestry

Twinning project (AT, BG, IT, Kosovo) Further support to sustainable forestry management Aims: increase the contribution of the forestry and agricultural sector to rural development.

The scientific and technical activity of Forest Observatory is disseminated in different ways: written publications (research reports, conference papers, articles, books) and on-line publications (on the website).



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Transnational collaboration

Our interest is improving our knowledge about the socio-economic and political aspects concerning the Mediterranean forests (agroforestry, wood and non wood forest products, etc.) but also to give our contribution to the international scientific debate on the importance of forests in the development of rural areas.

A transnational collaboration permits to be a part of a wider community, to compare ourselves with different points of view (especially in the field of forestry policies and rural development) and this help us in our research activities and also in the assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.