



**FORESTERRA**

Enhancing Forest REsearch in the MediTERRanean  
through improved coordination and integration



**FORESTERRA Transnational Call for Joint Collaborative Projects and Networking action proposals on "Mediterranean-scale approach to study global change drivers, impacts & indicators on forest ecosystems and to foster forest system resilience through managing biodiversity"**

The FORESTERRA call was launched on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, 2013 and all the documents, including the Application forms, were available at the website <http://www.foresterra.eu>.

Project consortia were invited to apply to one of the two Thematic Research Areas:

The **Thematic Research Area 1** was opened to **Networking Actions** and they involved a one-step procedure with submission of full proposals. The deadline took place the 15<sup>th</sup> January of 2014. Three Networking Action proposals were submitted to the FORESTERRA Call.

1. RESILIST, which was coordinated by Michel Venetier, from the National Research Institute of Science and Technology for Environment and Agriculture (Irstea/CEMAGREF Aix-En-Provence, France).
2. NETMEDFOR, which was coordinated by Domingos Manuel Mendes Lopes from the Centre for the Research and Technology of Agro-Environmental and Biological sciences (CITAB), University of Trás-os Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD), Portugal.
3. MedWildFireLab, which was coordinated by Francisco Manuel Cardoso Castro Rego, from the Instituto Superior de Agronomia (ISA), Universidade Tecnica de Lisboa (UTL), Portugal.

The call of **Thematic Research Area 2** was opened for **Collaborative Projects**, which involves a two-step procedure with submission of pre-proposals and selection of shortlisted project consortia to submit full proposals. The closing date of the first stage for pre-proposal submissions took place on 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2014.

Concerning the Collaborative Projects, four proposals have responded to the FORESTERRA Call.

1. MEDITREEVAR, which was coordinated by Pr. Jesus V. Jorrín Novo, group leader of Agricultural and Plant Biochemistry and Proteomics Research Group, from University of Córdoba, Spain.
2. INFORMED, which was coordinated by François Lefèvre, a researcher at the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA, Avignon, France) and Director of the Unit of Mediterranean forest ecology.
3. FORENANCES, under the coordination of Martin de Luis, an Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Regional Planning, University of Zaragoza.
4. FORESTMED, which was coordinated by Domingo Alcaraz-Segura, from the Department of Botany, University of Granada.

For the last two months, the evaluation process has been performed by 17 different experts nominated by the 13 different funding agencies participating in the Call. After the evaluation of the different excellent proposals by the Scientific Advisory Board, the Call Steering Committee of FORESTERRA is pleased to announce the funding of the **MedWildFireLab** networking action and the invitation to the second stage of the submission process to **FORENANCES** and the **INFORMED** proposals.