

PAWS-MED: Pedagogic Work in the Mediterranean forest

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New competences for foresters:

Forest pedagogy is a priority area for developing a shared comprehension of forests and their role on solving the environmental, economical and social challenges that we are facing in the present. European foresters either have a limited education in the pedagogical area or none at all.



This very well structured concept for foresters didn't take into account, the Mediterranean forest ecosystems, with specific threats like Wildfires, desertification and pests.

PAWSMED project (2009-2011):

Guided by training and research institutes based in Germany and Austria, it gathers partners coming from six Mediterranean countries (Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Slovenia).



The project **PAWS** (2004-2007) was promoted by partners from Central Europe and created a "Seminar concept for foresters" having as final products:

1. **Course framework**, which describes the goals and foundations of forest pedagogy as well as the seminar concept;

2. **Seminar concept**, which lays out the prerequisites for conducting the course and comments on methodological and didactic aspects;

3. **Course Book**, which conveys the pedagogical approach as oriented to age and learning level;

4. **CD-ROM**, which can be used to plan excursions, tours and specific group tasks.

PAWSMED steps:

- adaptation to the Southern European framework of the pedagogic products from the previous project;
- direct training of the multipliers;
- indirect training of foresters in the partner countries;
- spreading of concepts, methods and tools in 10 languages.

