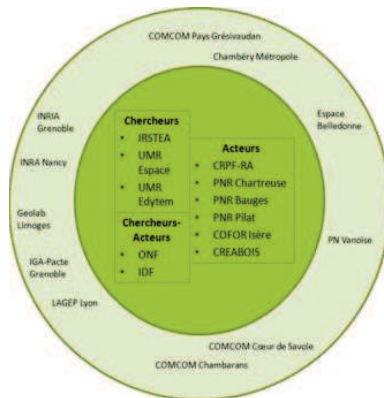# Operational Group:

Innovative tools for collaborative forest management

Practical problem

The OUI-GEF Operational Group aims at developing technical and organisational innovations that help to build territorial forest strategies. In a context of increasing pressure on wood resources, it should promote a sustainable management that warranties the diversity of ecosystem services.

Partners

Researchers and territorial managers work together within 7 Work Packages

- WP1: Forest ressources assessment
- WP2: Ecosystem services assessment
- WP3: Wood resources mobilisation
- WP4: Wood chains analysis
- WP5: Territorial governance
- WP6: Demonstration
- WP7: Technical and scientific valorisation

Project proposal

Project idea

OUI-GEF comes from a brain-storming between local development structures (regional parks), forest managers, and researchers of both forestry and social sciences. It was initiated by forest researchers.

Developing the idea

The discussion was initiated by the collaborative regional research programme PSDR ("For and about regional development"), which is partly funded by the Rural Development Plan (FEADER funds).
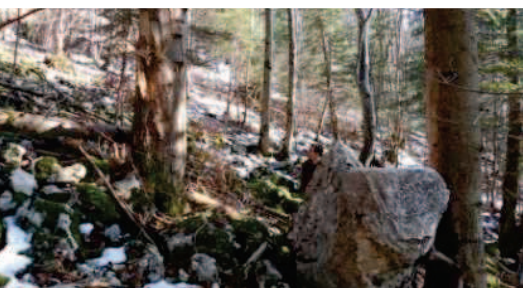
Implementation

Good practices

- Collaboration between social and biotechnical sciences
- Collaboration between stakeholders and researchers, equally represented in the steering committee
- Collaboration between local development actors, forester managers and researchers, through the interactive improvement of knowledge tools

Challenges

- Foster a common culture on forests and forestry at a local territory scale
- Provide local actors with measurement tools and indicators on forest resource and services, and on their economic valorisation
- Ensure a fair share of the knowledge
- In the long run, provide tools ad methods for a collaborative forest planning at the territory scale.

First results

- An inquiry on existing local wood supply chains, in the scope of a diagnosis of their sustainability.
- A set of indicators to assess contradictorily the quality of multifunctional cuttings in their field implementation

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