

## Project ID Card

Project title: Forests in Women's Hands

Acronym: Fem4Forest

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Ending date: 31.12.2022.

Project duration: 30 months

Total Budget: 1,622.544.45 €

Partnership: 14 partners from 10 countries

Partner countries: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Ukraine


**FEM4FOREST** project aims to integrate innovative methods and tools for better integration of woman into working places and decision-making processes into the forestry sector in the Danube region, exchange the best practices and increase capacities of the local and regional forest sector by more active roles of woman, as well as support female forest owners in increasing job opportunities and income from their forests and enter new markets.

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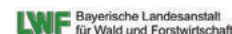
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## FEM4FOREST - FORESTS IN WOMENS HANDS



## KEY MESSAGES

1. It is time to push forward the ability of women actors to gain a foothold in the workforce in forestry sector. Female actors are bringing an improvement for forest business which will boost the competitiveness of the sector on the European market and further.
2. Female actors (especially private forest owners) in forestry sector are numerous and often neglected. They need support for increasing job opportunities and income, as well as new ways to enter business markets.
3. Equality is the key. More active role of woman unlocks the door of better practices and increased capacities of the local and regional forest sector.



## OUR MISSION

The mission of Fem4Forest project is to strengthen the capacity of forestry sector at local, regional and inter-regional levels through increased involvement and skills of women actors, supporting their equal presence and competences at the labor and timber markets.



## THE OBJECTIVES

1. Integration of innovative methods and tools for better integration of women into working places and decision-making processes in the forest sector of DR;
2. Exchange of the best practices and increasing capacities of the local and regional forest sector by more active roles of women;
3. Support of the female forest owners in increasing job opportunities and income from their forest and enters new markets.



## MULTI-ACTOR APPROACH

The overall Fem4Forest concept follows an interactive innovation model where innovation occurs as a result of multi-actor interactions driven by needs of society and market, state of the art of science and technology, and organizational capabilities. The planned activities are demand-driven and target three most crucial components: social inclusion, gender equality and economic independency. Due to multi-actor approach, Fem4Forest has the genuine and strong involvement of target groups that will be engaged in various activities in order to voice their needs and co-create.



## METHODOLOGY

At the beginning of the project, enhanced efforts will pursue to develop knowledge on the status quo of women in forestry sector and to make a solid basis from existing knowledge, international and national initiatives and good practice examples. Collection of needs of women in forestry and active participation of different stakeholders along the woodchains will be the foundation of all further activities. To implement changes, innovative approaches will be needed (to reach out to women, to change the perception, to build new skills and to gain acceptance) and policy frame conditions must be adopted. The core of the project is development of the Transnational Awareness Raising Campaign Model, training and mentoring program to support successful change in forestry sector in DR. Through planned pilot activities, tools will be tested and improved (if needed), and recommendations will be prepared and disseminated. Partners will select most relevant tools and implement them in their respective countries.