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Present and future role of forest resources in the socio-economic development of rural areas

# **Final remarks:**

## ***The future of European policies for forest resources***

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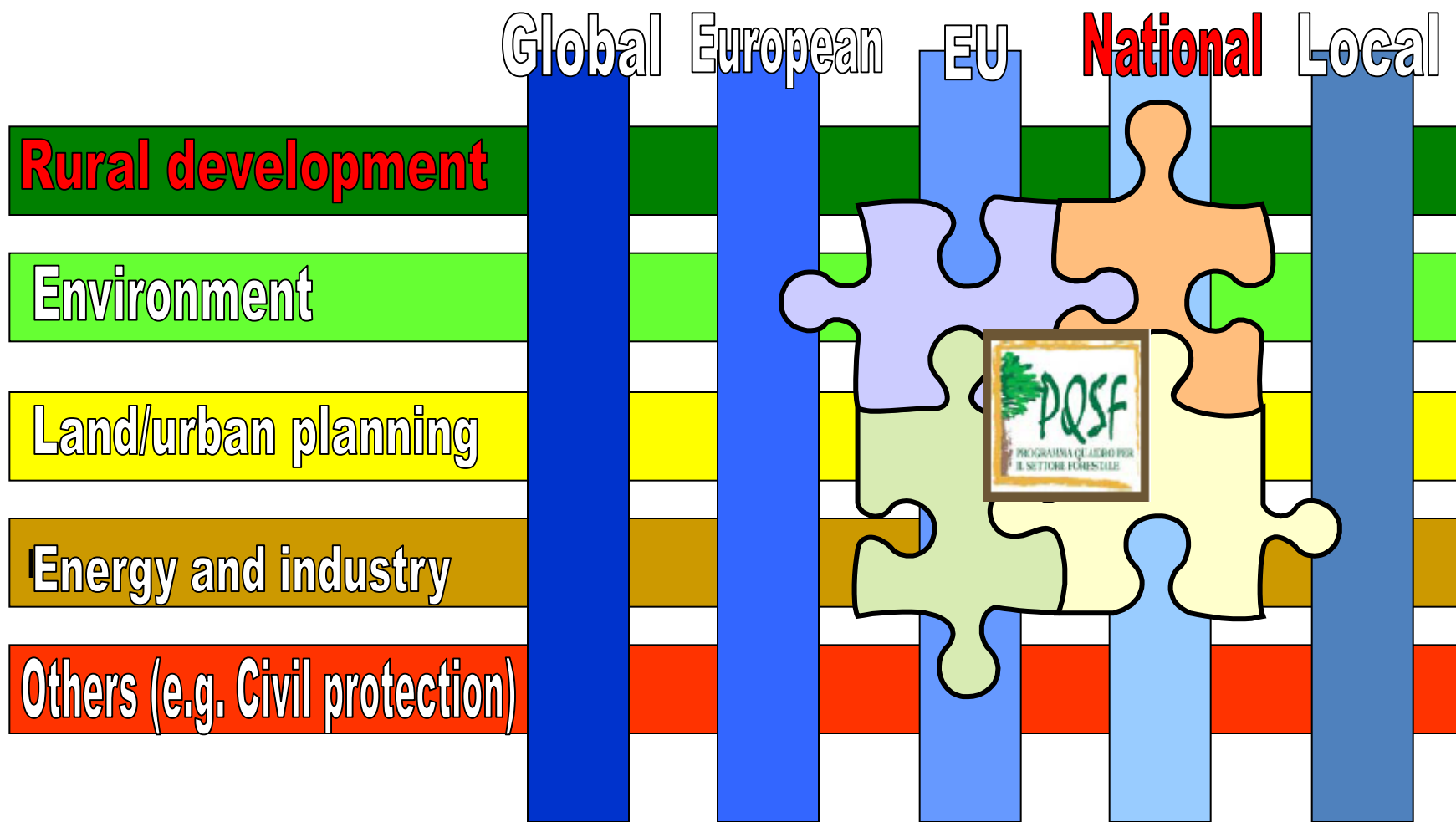
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# The future of European policies for forest resources

- The “forest puzzle”
- The EU forest tools
- Other forest tools
- Italian implementation
- The way ahead



# The “forest puzzle” – a tridimensional matrix



# The EU forest tools – main strategies and funds

- DG AGRI: EU Forestry Strategy, EU Forest Action Plan, Rural Development Regulation – “*chef de file*”;
- DG ENV: Green Paper on forest protection and information and Arsenis report, LIFE+, Natura2000:
- DG CLIMA: LULUCF, White Paper on adaptation, ...;
- DG ENER: Directive 2009/28/EC 20-20-20;
- Others: DG DEV for FLEGT/DD, DG RTD for research (7FP), DG SANCO for reproductive materials, DG ITC for databases, DG ENTR for market topics, ...





# Other forest tools – forests, but not only

- Forest influences by the 3 “Rio Conventions” (UNFCCC, UNCDD, CBD) and other agreements;
- Expertise and support from international agencies (e.g. FAO Forestry Department /UNFF/IUFRO, etc);
- Europe: Growing size and role for EFI, increasing regional Conventions and processes as Forest Europe

# Other forest tools – forests, and not only

## Oslo Conference – 14/16 June 2011

- Signed two forest decisions, one voluntary (tasks until 2020), one having a possible mandatory nature;
- Opened the negotiates for the draft of a European legally binding forest Convention (LBA) – 2013?



# Italian implementation – to be or not to be?

- PQSF – Framework Programme for the Forest Sector;
- 2009/2018, national forest programme shaped around the EU Forest Action Plan;
- Aims to give coherence to forest actions carried out in Italy;
- Established the National board for forest coordination;
- But... lacks of funds for implementation...



# The way(s) ahead - 1



Apart from scenarios of climate change the forest sector is expected to receive a significant impact from 3 vital sectors:

**FOOD**  
**WATER**  
**ENERGY**



## The way(s) ahead - 2

- A revised Forestry Strategy/Forest Action plan to mainstream EU funds and forest policies – “Ghost” FD?;
- New forest measures put inside a third generation Rural Development Programme - \$ ring-fencing?;
- Follow-up of the Green Paper, starting from a common forest information system - co-financement?;
- Full establishment FLEGT/DD schemes – effective?;
- Grown research-policy interface (EFI, INEA,...) - a better focus on Green economy/Green infrastructures?;
- Potential of the European LBA to improve national coordination and better implementation - feasible?



## The way(s) ahead - 3

**... Linking tradition and innovation  
as everything as already been said...**



## The way(s) ahead - 4

**... and, in all these joint efforts,  
do not ever forget to  
communicate with the public!**





***Thanks for the attention!***