

Location

The Living Lab is located in the center of Spain, in the regions of Cuéllar (Segovia) and Montemayor de Pililla (Valladolid).



Forest Characteristics

Pure stands of maritime pine (*Pinus pinaster*) and stone pine (*Pinus pinea*), with some areas where these species mix with holm oak (*Quercus ilex*). The associated vegetation includes riparian forests with species such as willows (*Salix* spp.) and ashes (*Fraxinus* spp.), along with understory shrub communities comprising rockrose (*Cistus* spp.), thyme (*Thymus* spp.), and (*Retama* spp.).

Forest Situation

• Current State

The small landowners in this area have highly fragmented and scattered properties, making their management very challenging. Many landowners are unaware of the exact locations of their plots. Additionally, there are bureaucratic problems and a lack of information from the administrations.

• Desired State

The association among landowners, locating their plots, facilitating their bureaucratic issues, providing incentives from the local administration for maintaining their plots clean, and providing them with more information on forestry-related topics.

Forest Owner Characteristics

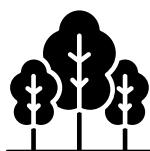


Number of forest owners (ca.)

12 930

7 602 in Cuéllar

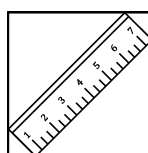
5 328 in Montemayor de Pililla



% of private forest

18.97 % in Cuéllar

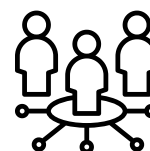
20.70% in Montemayor de Pililla



Average ha

1.38ha/owner in Cuéllar

1.73ha/owner in Montemayor de Pililla

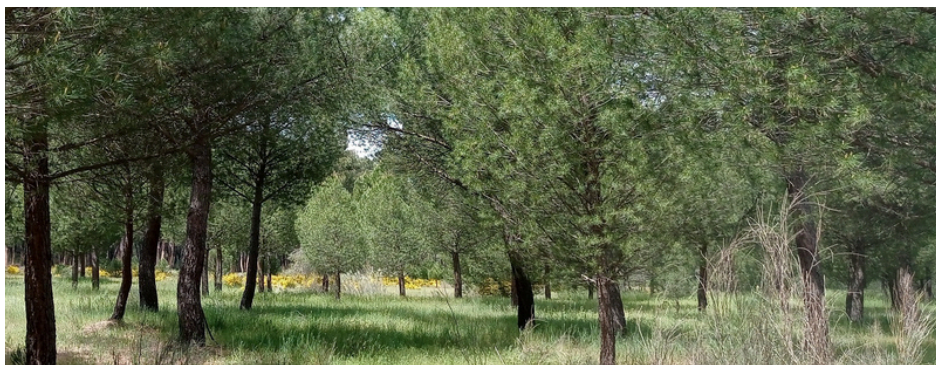


Regional forest owner association

ASFOSE y ASFOVA

Upscaling Potential

The Living Lab in this region is representative because it has a high percentage of small forest landowners. This allows us to study the implications of property fragmentation and explore future forest management strategies.



Place

Cuéllar (Segovia), Spain

Participants

37 participants from: FACYLE, University of Valladolid, ASFOSE, ASFOVA, Junta de Castilla y León, Cuellar council, timber and resin companies, forest owners and forestry engineer.

Topics

- Presentation of the Small4good Project
- Presentation of FACYLE and ASFOSE
- Presentation of the participants in the living lab and the organizations they come from.
- Sharing and discussion of problems identified by small forest owners in the area.
- Discussion of proposals and possible courses of action to address the identified problems.

Key Points

The living lab held in Cuellar brought together all the entities involved in the project, including FACYLE, ASFOSE, and the University of Valladolid, as well as the small landowners in the area. The main goal of this living lab was to get to know the perspectives of small forest owners regarding the forest management of their territory and to create synergies that could be developed within the project. The excessively small size of the plots and the disengagement of a large part of the forest owners were unanimously identified as major issues in the area. Communal management, machinery collectivization, and increased association were common synergies that emerged to tackle the problem of forest management.

