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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EMEA acted as the regional ecosystem orchestrator for ReForest and, with the support of project partners on local network development, established a permanent pan-European agroforestry ecosystem connecting science, practice, policy, and finance by focusing on three strategic outcomes: (1) reinforce a pan-European community through coordinated stakeholder engagement; (2) mainstreaming agroforestry into European and International policy discussions on climate finance, carbon markets, biodiversity finance, CAP reform, sustainable development, and regenerative economies; (3) the creation of a sustainable engagement infrastructure that will continue beyond the project.

Networking has been central to achieving the project's objectives, enabling knowledge exchange, co-creation, and cross-sector collaboration at local, national, and European levels. The ReForest Engagement Platform, thematic Working Groups, webinars, Living Lab activities, and high-level policy events collectively transformed isolated actors into an active, interactive community, fostering lasting professional and institutional relationships.

Over the lifetime of the project, ReForest mobilised over 96 standing organisations, engaged with 36 projects, regrouped 253 registered members on its online platform, engaged stakeholders across numerous events, and facilitated the participation of partners in high-profile policy spaces, including COP28, COP29, Brussels and Barcelona policy dialogues, the European Carbon Farming Summits, FAO World Forest Week, and the World Agroforestry Congress in Rwanda, among others, positioning agroforestry within discussions on climate finance, carbon markets, biodiversity finance, CAP reform, sustainable development, and research on regenerative economy, thereby demonstrating ReForest's influence on EU and international policy debates. These activities provided visibility for the project and its network members, strengthened cross-sector connections, and contributed to the mainstreaming of agroforestry in research, policy, and practice.

The platform, Working Groups, and community activities created spaces for sustained collaboration, enabling partners to exchange knowledge, co-design solutions, and engage in policy-relevant discussions. Feedback loops from webinars, Living Labs, and partner interactions. This ensured that knowledge and results were shared widely across the network, stimulating new collaborations, follow-on initiatives, and policy-relevant discussions. Lessons from the project highlight the importance of early stakeholder engagement, alignment around common goals, practical and relevant content for participants, and deliberate community management for online and in-person networking.

Looking forward, the ReForest network and platform are designed as a durable, cross-sectoral European infrastructure for agroforestry, with plans for ongoing maintenance, onboarding of new projects, and integration into broader initiatives such as the Sustainable Transformative Alliance. This infrastructure will serve as a central hub for new projects such as 101295821 - ADAPT-FIN, and others, providing continuity for Living Labs and enabling the network to connect researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and private sector actors across Europe and beyond. These measures ensure that the network continues to facilitate knowledge exchange, collaboration, and policy dialogue in agroforestry, supporting the adoption of sustainable land management practices. Through these efforts, ReForest has transformed a Horizon Europe project output into a lasting, self-sustaining European ecosystem that will



continue to advance agroforestry research, practice, and policy well beyond the project's official conclusion.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Definition
AF	Agroforestry
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CEPS	Centre for European Policy Studies
CIHEAM	International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies
COP	Conference of the Parties
CZU	Czech University of Life Sciences Prague
DeFAF	German Association for Agroforestry
EMEA	Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association
EURAF	European Agroforestry Federation
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
GID	Groupeement Interacadémique pour le Développement
IEEP	Institute for European Environmental Policy
IUFRO	International Union of Forest Research Organizations
LL	Living Lab
MENA	Middle East and North Africa
MRV	Monitoring, Reporting and Verification
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
ORC	Organic Research Centre
OSA	Polish Agroforestry Association
PES	Payment for Ecosystem Services
REA	Research Executive Agency
SOE	Soproni Egyetem (University of Sopron)
UCPH	University of Copenhagen

UK	United Kingdom
UKRI	UK Research and Innovation
UBO	University of Bonn
UMR	Philipps Universitaet Marburg
UREAD	University of Reading
UPM	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
US	United States
WG	Working Group

1. INTRODUCTION

The ReForest project aimed to accelerate agroforestry adoption across Europe by fostering innovation, collaboration, and sustainable land management practices. A central impact of the project has been the creation of a robust and inclusive network of stakeholders, as outlined in the Grant Agreement, connecting farmers, researchers, advisors, policymakers, civil society organisations, and private sector actors across national and European levels.

Building on the established Innovation Network described in Deliverable D1.2 and the networking results captured in Milestone 3 Interim assessment and report on networking impact, this report presents a comprehensive assessment of the ReForest Network and the mechanisms implemented to develop it into a sustainable and lasting community of practice. The report highlights both project-level and partner-level engagement, providing an overview of activities, platforms, Working Groups, and events that facilitated collaboration, knowledge exchange, and co-creation. By documenting these interactions, the report demonstrates how ReForest created a pan-European community that strengthened relationships between researchers, practitioners, and policymakers, enabled cross-sector collaboration, and supported the mainstreaming of agroforestry in both policy and practice.

INPUTS	OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES	LONG-TERM IMPACT
+Platform +Working Groups +Living Labs +Events	-253 Platf. Members -132 Org. (36 Projects) -5 International Hybrid Conferences - 3 Policy Debates - 5 Webinars	-Knowledge Exchange -Policy Engagement -Cross-Project Collaboration -Finance Innovation	-Agroforestry Mainstreaming -Improved Access to Finance -Policy Recommendations -European Agroforestry Ecosystem

Figure 1: Network Impact Framework

2. THE EXTENT OF THE REFOREST NETWORK

Networking efforts in ReForest were realised at both project and partner level, engaging over 132 external organisations, 96 standing organisations and 36 time-bound EU projects, across Europe and beyond. Throughout the project, ReForest consolidated its role as a key platform for agroforestry discussion, creating spaces for interaction, knowledge exchange and collaboration. ReForest saw its network growth considerably with activities related to the dissemination and engagement of its project results. EMEA, with the active support of EP, acted as a central connector, leveraging its existing networks (EMANES, CEPS, COP platforms, European and Mediterranean policy network) to bring together Living Lab representatives, EU projects, financial institutions, and policy actors into a cohesive European agroforestry ecosystem. During the lifetime of the project, ReForest organised 5 International Hybrid Conferences, including the kick-off meeting, 4 policy debates, and 5 webinars with the continuous support of EP on communication and dissemination efforts, reaching a total of over 2600 individuals on ReForest's led activities only (See appendix 2 – ReForest Led Events). This facilitated early engagement, cross-sector dialogue, and integration of local and regional knowledge into the broader ReForest network.

At the same time, partners contributed independently to the expansion of the network, connecting with complementary EU projects, national initiatives, and sectoral stakeholders to broaden engagement and strengthen local and thematic networks. These combined efforts ensured that the ReForest Network not only supported the exploitation of project results but also reinforced partner-level and local Living Lab networks, increasing the reach and impact of the project across multiple governance levels.

Organisations involved in the Innovation Network have been categorised based on their nature, following the classification defined in the Milestone 1 Co-creation and knowledge capitalisation strategy and Milestone 2 AF Co-creation guidelines (Table 1), with the exception that "Farmers" has been replaced by "Association of Farmers and Landowners". This adjustment more accurately reflects the nature of these organisations and their relevance, given their effectiveness in reaching local farmers. Due to the challenge of identifying the accurate number of farmers that have been actively involved in ReForest, the below table is not mentioning this specific group of users in order to avoid reporting inaccurate data, and focuses on the below type of organisations:

Type of organisation	Number of Org.
NGO	12
Public sector	24
Association farmers and Landowners	8
Scientific Community	35
Private sector actors	17
Projects	36
Grand Total	132

Table 1: Types of organisations part of the ReForest Network

These organisations are geographically distributed across Europe and beyond:

Country or Region	Number of Org.
Belgium	16
Bulgaria	3
Czechia	10
Denmark	1
France	1
Germany	7
Greece	1
Hungary	5
Italy	1
Poland	5
Regional EU	35
Regional EU+Balkans	3
Regional EU+MENA	1
Regional EU+North Africa	1

Regional EU+UK	2
Regional EU+UK+SWISS	3
Slovenia	1
Spain	9
United Kingdom	16
Portugal	1
Regional EU + Mediterranean	6
Worldwide	4
Grand Total	132

Table 2: Geographical reach of the Network

The nature of collaboration within the network varied. Some organisations contributed on multiple fronts, including communications, co-creation, policy engagement and Living Lab support. A summary of the types of collaboration is shown below:

Nature of collaboration	Number of Org.
Communication, Advocacy & Networking joint efforts	14
Contributed to results through working sessions and consultations	32
Local support of living Lab	35
Policy Debate, Workshop, Consultation	27
Stakeholder engagement	24
Grand Total	132

Table 3: Overview of collaboration types within the ReForest Network

ReForest also fostered partnerships with 36 projects, local and regional, of which 10 were completed and 26 remain ongoing, giving a particular focus to younger projects in its networking efforts to contribute to the sustainability of the network. The scale and breadth of the network resulted in partners being organically contacted, directly or via the project LinkedIn account or platform, and invited to participate in high-profile events, including major conferences, training sessions, webinars and Agroforestry Shows. Over the course of the project, these activities generated 179 event participations, 33 training events, and 50 scientific collaborations as recorded in the project's monitoring and reporting system.

For detailed information about the organisations involved in the project, please see the ReForest project internal records, ReForest project website, www.agroreforest.eu, ReForest Engagement Platform, <https://reforest.euromed-economists.org/>, and information available on the ReForest Social Media: LinkedIn, <https://www.linkedin.com/company/agroforesteu/>; X (formerly Twitter), <https://x.com/ReForestTweets>; Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/agroforesteu/>; Instagram, <https://www.instagram.com/agroforesteu/>; YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/@AgroReForest>

Following the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the ReForest Ethics Protocol, any names and any affiliations of participants who have not had obtained an explicit consent via the ReForest project available public channels by providing clear, direct and unambiguous agreement to a specific action, in particularly concerning the use of personal data, the records are safely and securely kept on

the ReForest internal registry. As per ReForest project General Agreement, those records could only be made available either upon the request of the European Commission or its authorised representatives for audit or verification purposes and in line with the applicable legal and ethical standards of full compliance.

2.1 PARTNER-LED ENGAGEMENT & NETWORKING SUCCESS STORIES

ReForest consortium members have actively involved external experts, practitioners, farmers, and local actors in their activities. By the end of the project, 96 standing organisations have been collaborating at different level and stages with ReForest to contribute to the project results and make the ReForest Network. Engagement has been organised in different structure. On Project level, with the organisation of working groups, international webinars, and project level engagement, and at partner and living lab level, with local activities and partner-led engagement.

2.1.1 Working groups

During the project, Working Groups were created to bring the community closer to ReForest activities and focus engagement around key research areas. Each Working Group grew considerably over the last year of the project (Table 4), attracting individuals from diverse sectors drawn to ReForest both through coordinated communication and dissemination efforts on social media and email campaigns and through successful events showcasing project results. These interactions strengthened the innovation network around agroforestry, providing opportunities for collaboration, follow-up, and contribution to research and policy outputs.

Working Group – registered members in the platform	May 2025	June 2026	% increase
Agronomic productivity and valorisation of agroforestry products in the network of living labs	22	48	+118%
Training & Upskilling farmers for AF	27	54	+100%
Agroforestry Sector Finance and Policy	28	45	+61%
Institutional barriers in European Countries	13	31	+138%
Parameterizing dynamic tools for country or living lab-specific agroforestry systems	19	37	+95%
Network and Engagement	4	32	+700%
Tools for Tree Species for Agroforestry Systems	11	44	+300%

Table 4: Working Group Membership on the ReForest Platform

Activities, gathering, and level of engagement varied among working groups:

Agronomic Productivity and Valorisation of Agroforestry Products in the Network of Living Labs

This group focused on understanding and enhancing the productivity and economic value of agroforestry systems across the Living Labs. The group met twice in dedicated online working group meetings. Members actively shared practical examples of profitable agroforestry systems, such as alley-cropping with fruit trees, cereals, grass ley and integrated livestock, which served as peer-to-peer learning opportunities across the network. The group also tracked results from studies like the 30-year-old organic agroforestry system in Taastrup, Denmark, highlighting the positive link between

soil organic carbon, crop yields, and climate resilience. Meetings and discussions on the platform, alongside contributions to the webinar “Agroforestry as a Viable Business,” ensured that insights were communicated to the wider ReForest community, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange between researchers, advisors and practitioners.



Institutional Barriers in European Countries

Members of this group mapped updates and new entries on national support measures for agroforestry establishment and maintenance. The Working group meeting in December 2024 facilitated cross-country knowledge sharing on policy and regulatory frameworks, helping partners identify gaps and opportunities at the national level and set the ground for collaboration to the data base, tracking support measures for the establishment and maintenance of agroforestry systems in the different countries. The group then supported the work on Finance and Policy and participated in the Special Session on the Regenerative Finance Scheme with insight on institutional barriers.



Agroforestry Sector Finance and Policy

This group supported linking research, policy and financial actors. Meetings in February and April 2025 supported the development, validation and provided feedback loop on the Innovative Finance scheme developed by EMEA. Results were presented during the EMANES conference during the ReForest Special Session on the Regenerative Finance Scheme. The group also contributed to the Brussels Policy Dialogue and fed directly into the Barcelona Policy Recommendation Workshop. These activities enabled cross-sector engagement and strengthened networks with financial institutions, policymakers, and advisors.



Training and Upskilling Farmers for Agroforestry

From November 2024 to January 2026, this group focused on co-developing the toolbox, sharing good practices for training farmers and advisors, and disseminating training events. Platform discussions and five online working group meetings allowed members to collaboratively exchange training recommendations, align activities with practical needs of farmers and advisors, develop tools, and foster peer-to-peer learning.



Parameterizing Dynamic Tools for Country- or Living Lab-Specific Agroforestry Systems

From December 2024 onward, this working group-initiated feedback loops on the dynamic management tool. By integrating partner and stakeholder inputs, the group helped refine the tool and link its development directly to the broader network. While major standalone activities of this group have been limited, ongoing work connecting the financial scheme with the dynamic tool provides continuity. Members from both the Finance & Policy and Parameterizing Dynamic Tools groups remain engaged and will be consulted to support the quantification of the dynamic tool with the innovative financial scheme and engage diverse stakeholders in the co-creation process of future work linked with a project 101295821 - ADAPT-FIN, which includes the development of investment roadmap for agroforestry project.



Network and Engagement

Initial outreach to similar EU projects, inviting them to participate in engagement and networking activities as well as an in-person co-creation workshop at the Digital Agroecology Cluster event in Brussels in November 2025, was key to gathering a group of professionals with a shared mission to enhance collaboration and support sustainable land management practices, including agroforestry. The working group held its kick-off meeting in January 2026, bringing members together to map expertise, identify synergies and areas of collaboration, and coordinate engagement activities. This group served as a central hub for fostering collaboration across Working Groups and for connecting new participants to the ReForest community. Several concrete collaborations resulted from this working group, including the joint organisation of the policy workshop in Barcelona, enhanced engagement on the ReForest platform with further farmers' and project stories shared, and professional connections.



Tools for Tree Species Selection for Agroforestry Systems

Led externally by DigitAF, this group interacted via the platform, posting and responding to discussion threads, and gathering its members to webinars and other online activities. The group facilitated knowledge exchange on tree species selection, allowing partners to align approaches and participate in events and meetings related to that specific topic.



Working Groups also joined forces for the dissemination of ReForest results through three project international Webinars. These webinars not only provided opportunities for members to interact but also attracted new participants to the platform, who subsequently joined Working Groups, engaged with ongoing research, and strengthened the broader agroforestry network.

2.1.2 Key Project Results presented in International Webinars

A total of five webinars and one hybrid session were organised by the ReForest project, primarily led by EMEA and EP with support from all project partners. These events aimed to disseminate project results and tools, engage the broader network, and foster knowledge exchange and collaboration around key ReForest outputs, reaching over +620 participants.

Webinar - Navigating Agroforestry futures in Europe: Insights from ReForest project and FarmTree Tool

On 27 June 2024, ReForest hosted a webinar introducing the FarmTree Tool, a digital platform designed to support agroforestry planning and implementation across Europe. Moderated by Galina Ivanova, ReForest's communication manager, the session brought together farmers, advisors, researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders. Prof. Martin Lukac (CZU) provided context on ReForest and the benefits and challenges of integrating trees into agricultural systems. Steffie Rijpkema (FarmTree BV) demonstrated how the tool integrates Living Lab data and open-source information to generate site-specific agroforestry scenarios, while Marina Alarcón (FarmTree) illustrated real-world applications modelling productivity, financial outcomes, and ecosystem services. The webinar showcased the FarmTree Tool's potential for supporting evidence-based decision-making and sustainable land management. The session was held online, attracting a total of 38 participants and 119 subsequent views on the recording, and enabled participants to access the FarmTree species database and explore scenario simulations for agroforestry systems.



News: <https://agroreforest.eu/empowering-agroforestry-with-the-farmtree-tool/>

Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Orbh5I_VUxs

Webinar – Designing Your Agroforestry System with the FarmTree Tool: A Case Study from the UK Living Lab

On 11 March 2025, ReForest presented the FarmTree Tool alongside practical insights from the UK Living Lab, convening experts, farmers, and researchers to explore system design and decision-support tools. Prof. Martin Lukac (CZU) introduced ReForest's mission and progress on financial models and

adoption strategies. Janie Caldbeck and Will Simonson (ORC) showcased the UK Living Lab, demonstrating co-designed agroforestry systems, carbon capture, biodiversity, and production optimization. James Standen (Cockle Park Farm) shared first-hand farm-level insights, and Steffie Rijpkema illustrated how FarmTree models environmental and financial impacts to support decision-making. Participant discussions and feedback strengthened cross-partner knowledge exchange and demonstrated the tool's practical applicability in diverse agroforestry contexts. The webinar attracted 31 participants, and the recording of the webinar was made available on the ReForest YouTube channel with 119 views recorded, and presentations by all speakers were shared with participants.



News: <https://agroreforest.eu/reforest-webinar-farmtree-agroforestry-modeling-and-practical-lessons-from-the-uk-living-lab/>

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eW-byVQlvZU>

Webinar – FarmTree Advantage: Practical Use of the Platform to strengthen Value Chains and Livelihoods

On 23 October 2025, the ReForest project hosted a thematic webinar demonstrating the FarmTree Tool's capacity to support agroforestry decision-making and strengthen value chains. The session brought together farmers, advisors, researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders across Europe. The webinar opened with introductory remarks from Galina Ivanova, ReForest Communication Manager, followed by Will Simonson (ORC) providing an overview of the project's scope and achievements. Andrea Vityi (SOE) presented the Hungarian Living Lab case study at Valahatanya, an organic permaculture farm, highlighting practical challenges, ecosystem services assessment, and optimization of production under diverse agroforestry practices. Roos van Haeff demonstrated the FarmTree platform, showcasing its ability to model agroforestry systems and project outcomes across yield, carbon sequestration, soil health, water management, and financial and environmental returns. The tool illustrated how practical farm-level data can inform scenario planning, monitor progress, and validate production and restoration efforts. The session emphasized the integration of Living Lab insights with digital decision-support tools, highlighting how accessible, practical innovation can

support farmers and supply chain actors in improving economic viability, climate resilience, and agroforestry adoption. The webinar attracted 19 participants and 41 additional views on the recording and reinforced ReForest’s role in promoting collaborative learning and strengthening networks across practitioners, researchers.



News: <https://agroreforest.eu/farmtree-advantage-in-action-strengthening-agroforestry-value-chains-and-livelihoods/>

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eW-byVQlvZU>

Hybrid session - ReForest’s Special Session – Regenerative Finance Scheme for Agroforestry Upscaling

On 12 December 2025, ReForest hosted a live-broadcast Special Session on “Regenerative Finance Scheme for Agroforestry Upscaling” during the EMANES Annual Conference 2025 at EMEA headquarters in Barcelona. Moderated by Prof. Martin Lukac (CZU), the session brought together researchers, financial experts, policy advisors and practitioners to discuss how regenerative finance can support agroforestry adoption across Europe. Presentations by Dr. Prajna Kasargodu Anebagilu and Tiago Fioravanti Zibecchi addressed institutional, financial and advisory barriers to agroforestry, introduced the Dynamic Management Tool, and presented ReForest’s proposed Regenerative Finance Scheme as a way to improve long-term viability, de-risk investment and strengthen agroforestry’s role in resilient rural development. The event was held in hybrid format and regrouped a total of 45 attendees, 23 in-person and 22 online, and reached over 60 views.


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News: <https://agroreforest.eu/reforest-showcases-regenerative-finance-solutions-for-agroforestry-at-emanes-annual-conference-2025/>

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mu03mHeinUg>

Webinar on Agroforestry as a Viable Business

On 20th January 2026, more than 60 stakeholders joined the ReForest webinar “Agroforestry as a Viable Business”, which explored how agroforestry can become a profitable and scalable land-use system. The session focused on business models, ecosystem service valuation and advisory frameworks, with contributions from Martin Lukac (CZU), Johannes Schmitt (UMR), Tom Staton (UREAD) and Albert Colom Bauza (UCPH). Drawing on ReForest case studies and Living Lab evidence, the webinar showed that agroforestry can help farmers diversify production, reduce input costs, improve resilience and generate added value when ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, water retention and soil formation are properly recognised. It also highlighted the need for integrated business models, stronger advisory systems and evidence-based valuation to support wider agroforestry uptake. The success of the webinar triggered various conversation and converted into participants joining Working Groups on the ReForest platform. The recording registered (+70 views as of June 2026).




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Webinar on Digital Innovation for Scaling Agroforestry

On 18 February 2026, more 100 participants joined the ReForest webinar “Digital Innovation for Scaling Agroforestry”, organised by EMEA with contributions from DigitAF. The session explored how digital tools can help transform agroforestry into a scalable and investable practice by supporting evidence-based decision-making for farmers, advisors, investors and policymakers. After an introduction to the ReForest Toolbox, DigitAF Tool Catalogue and Agroforestry Map of, participants were presented with five tools: the Dynamic Management Impact Tool, FarmTree, Carbon & Biodiversity Prediction Tool, Public Goods Tool and RegenWorks. The webinar showed how digital innovation can reduce the complexity of agroforestry planning, improve transparency, enable scenario testing and strengthen confidence in the environmental and economic value of agroforestry systems. The webinar resulted very successful also triggered various participants to reach out to ReForest, join the platform, and gather further information and access the tools on the platform. The recording registered (+77 views as of June 2026).



News: <https://agroforest.eu/digital-innovation-as-a-catalyst-for-scaling-agroforestry/>

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oQYoNcTLFk>

Apart from its own webinars, ReForest partners, especially CZU, EP, co-organize two webinars with the agroecology cluster: First Agroecology Cluster Webinar "Exploring Digital Tools for Sustainable Agriculture Practices" which brought together 64 participants, and the second "2nd Agroecology Cluster Webinar -Digital Tools in Agriculture Perceptions and Barriers to Adoption", which brought together 78 participants online.

Collectively, these webinars significantly strengthened the ReForest network by bringing together a diverse set of stakeholders, including researchers, farmers, advisors, financial experts and policymakers, across Europe. They served not only as platforms to present key project results but also as catalysts for interaction and collaboration, with many participants subsequently joining ReForest Working Groups and engaging with the platform’s resources. The events helped expand the platform’s membership, increase visibility of ReForest within the broader agroforestry community, and position the project as a central hub for knowledge exchange, practical tools, and innovation in agroforestry. By converting webinar participation into active engagement on the platform, these activities contributed to building a sustainable, pan-European network that continues to connect practitioners, researchers, policy actors and projects, reinforcing ReForest’s role as a dynamic forum for advancing agroforestry adoption and innovation.

2.1.3 Success stories – Voice of Project Partners

This section presents the networking impact of the ReForest project from the perspective of project partners. It is based on insights shared during the 5th Project Meeting in Brussels, complemented by self-reported participation in ReForest activities recorded internally. Partners highlighted how project events, Living Labs, webinars, workshops and collaborative platforms strengthened their professional networks, facilitated cross-sector engagement, and enhanced interaction with farmers, advisors, policymakers, research institutions, and financial actors across Europe. These experiences demonstrate how ReForest functioned as a dynamic hub, creating opportunities for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and sustained community building around agroforestry.

1. ČESKÁ ZEMĚDĚLSKÁ UNIVERZITA V PRAZE (CZU), and leader of the Czech Living Lab

The representative from CZU reported that ReForest strengthened their links with farmers, the Czech Association of Agroforestry, agroforestry companies, public authorities and wider European networks. The workshops organized were particularly valuable, combining peer-to-peer farmer learning with data collection on barriers to agroforestry adoption in Czechia. Cooperation with the Czech Association of Agroforestry helped CZU reach new farmers, conduct interviews and connect research with local practice. CZU also contributed to key activities including the 5 ReForest & DigitAF workshops, education and training event Agroforestry within the Single Application in Nepomuk, conference Agroforestry in the Czech Republic – 10 Years of a Shared Journey, Agroforestry Show 2025, EMANES 2025, the Policy Dialogues on Regulation and Financing, the 9th International Symposium on Woody Root Research and EURAF 2026. The networking impact also reached farmers directly, with one farmer travelling to a seminar in Germany and another joining the Agroforestry Show 2025 and an Agroecology event in Brussels through ReForest connections to the Agroecology Cluster.

Words from the Coordinator, bringing anecdotal evidence of organic impact from his experience meeting people in conferences, mentioning to him, sometimes not knowing of his coordinator role, that they came across ReForest results, found them useful and used them.

2. EURO-MEDITERRANEAN ECONOMISTS ASSOCIATION (EMEA) – Leader of the Spanish living lab

The representative from EMEA highlighted that networking was a central component of its contribution to ReForest and essential for the development of the project's engagement, finance and policy related work. As leader of the co-creation and engagement platform, EMEA worked closely with all project partners, Living Lab leaders and external stakeholders to develop the ReForest platform, the three Mapping Reports, the ReForest Financing Scheme, and policy recommendations. This process required extensive interaction with farmers, advisors, researchers, private sector actors, financial institutions and policymakers, ensuring that project outputs were continuously refined through stakeholder feedback and practical experience.

EMEA collaborated closely with EP and ORC/ORC(ADAS) to promote the ReForest Co-Creation and Engagement Platform, which has grown into a dynamic agroforestry community of over 250 members. The organisation of three project webinars generated strong engagement, attracted new users to the



platform and increased participation in thematic working groups. The platform has since attracted interest from several European projects and continues to serve as a hub for knowledge exchange, dissemination and stakeholder interaction beyond the consortium.

EMEA's role as Spanish Living Lab leader focused on convening research institutions and local actors around key policy discussions. The initiative involved organisations such as CREAM, CTFC, EFI, and the BETA Tech Center, co-organising policy events, holding consultations on the ReForest Finance Scheme, and mobilising its network to address pressing issues for scaling up agroforestry.

Through its networking activities, EMEA expanded ReForest's presence within wider European agroforestry, agroecology and policy communities. EMEA's high-level policy network enabled ReForest to be featured in international climate platforms such as COP28 and COP29, highlighting the role of agroforestry for climate Initiatives and sustainable development. EMEA's networking efforts brought ReForest to co-organising the Living Lab event in Barcelona alongside eight organisations, from the public and private sectors, and three EU-funded projects, creating new connections between researchers, practitioners and policymakers and connections with living labs from around Europe. These activities subsequently led to EMEA's participation in the AgroDelta Regulatory Sandbox in Viladecans, where representatives from local, regional, national and European institutions discussed regulatory innovation and sustainable land management. EMEA was also invited to participate in the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP) and NetworkNature event, "Sustainable Food Systems: How can the nature-based solutions approach help build sustainable food systems?". During the event, EMEA presented the ReForest innovative financing scheme and contributed to a policy recommendation workshop and policy debate with strong presence from the European Commission, farmers' associations, biodiversity experts and leading research institutions working on sustainable land management and biodiversity. This event helped EMEA build a critical policy network, later invited to contribute to subsequent ReForest policy recommendation activities.

EMEA further strengthened ReForest's policy influence, beginning with a first policy debate in June 2023. It then brought ReForest to major platforms such as COP28 and COP29, hosting two additional policy debates. This work culminated in the organisation of two significant policy events. The first, an international conference titled "Upscaling Agroforestry in Europe – Policy Dialogues on Regulation and Finance", was held in Brussels in March 2026 in collaboration with EURAF, DeFAF, and DigitAF. It brought together European Commission representatives, farmer organisations, landowners, researchers, advisors, financial actors, and practitioners for direct discussions on agroforestry implementation challenges. Building on this momentum, EMEA organised a final policy debate in the form of a policy workshop in Barcelona, which convened financial institutions, multilateral development banks, advisors, researchers, farmers, and project representatives to refine policy recommendations and explore pathways to improve access to finance for agroforestry.

These activities, detailed further in Section 2.4 "Policy Mainstreaming" of this report, positioned ReForest as an active contributor to European agroforestry policy discussions and led several organisations to seek continued collaboration with EMEA and the wider ReForest network, advancing sustainable land management and agroforestry finance beyond the project's lifetime.

3. INAGRO, Leader of the Belgian Living lab

The representatives from INAGRO highlighted that ReForest significantly strengthened the visibility, credibility and networking capacity of their Belgian Living Lab. Through the project, the Living Lab became a recognised demonstration site that attracted a wide range of stakeholders, including researchers, students, lecturers, advisors, policymakers and international visitors. Activities included networking events bringing together researchers, farmers, policy actors and advisors, field visits with Belgian and international universities, visits from AFACTIVE project partners, engagement with biodiversity experts supporting government discussions on wild bee monitoring, and participation in the EURAF conference for knowledge exchange and networking. Unexpectedly, the Living Lab also attracted visitors from institutions in the Philippines and Taiwan, demonstrating its growing international visibility.

INAGRO emphasised that ReForest strengthened its role within the Flemish Agroforestry Consortium, which they consider a key facilitator for agroforestry networking in Flanders. The project also helped raise awareness internally, with more than 60 colleagues, many from conventional agricultural advisory backgrounds, visiting the site and becoming more familiar with agroforestry practices. The partner noted that one of the main challenges remains attracting Flemish farmers to events where agroforestry is the primary topic. Their experience suggests that engagement is stronger when agroforestry is linked to subjects' farmers are already interested in, such as soil health, water management and crop performance. Looking ahead, INAGRO plans to continue the long-term monitoring of the ReForest Living Lab, sharing data on soil, water, biodiversity and field performance with research institutions, while continuing collaboration with EMEA through the ReForest platform and with DeFAF on the further development of the European Agroforestry Map.

4. UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN (UCPH), and leader of the Danish Living Lab

The representative from the University of Copenhagen (UCPH) highlighted that ReForest significantly expanded their professional network and visibility within the agroforestry and agroecology communities. Participation in events such as the EURAF conferences, the UK Agroforestry Show, the Living-Labs for Mitigating Climate Change in Agriculture event in Barcelona, the Agroforestry Businesses webinar, and several educational activities in Denmark created opportunities to present research results, engage with farmers and develop new collaborations. A lecture delivered by UCPH at EURAF generated strong interest and led to ongoing cooperation, while follow-up discussions from the UK Agroforestry Show resulted in participation in an agroecology conference that later secured funding. UCPH also used farmer-led events, including a compost-making workshop, to disseminate ReForest results and discuss soil health monitoring, leading several farmers to offer their fields for future testing. The Agroforestry Businesses webinar facilitated contact with a researcher from the major institute from the United States, opening opportunities for future international collaboration. Internally, the early WP3 workshop on data needs strengthened cooperation within the consortium, while participation in ReForest increased the visibility of the Danish Living Lab, which was subsequently included in additional projects and the Agroecology Partnership Living Lab network. As UCPH's first EU-funded project, ReForest provided an important platform for building long-term research and practitioner networks in agroforestry.

5. POLISH AGROFORESTRY ASSOCIATION (OSA)

The representative from OSA highlighted that ReForest played an important role in strengthening agroforestry networking in Poland by supporting long-term relationship building between farmers, foresters, researchers and policymakers. As the Polish Agroforestry Association, OSA leveraged from the project to expand its outreach activities through conferences, workshops and stakeholder meetings, while also identifying new farmers interested in agroforestry. Although engagement remained challenging due to institutional and sociological barriers between the agricultural and forestry sectors, ReForest helped create new connections and provided essential support for participation in key national and international events. OSA recorded one training event, and the participation in 4 conferences. It's representative emphasised that establishing an effective agroforestry platform requires many years of dialogue and trust-building, and that ReForest represented another important step in this process. The project helped bring new farmers into the agroforestry community, several of whom are already implementing tree-based practices or developing new ideas for agroforestry systems in Poland. Additionally, representatives of OSA raised the point that for future endeavour, it is crucial to increase efforts into building relationship with further value chain actors to support the market development for agroforestry farmers. Finally, OSA delegations participated in the Policy Workshop in Barcelona where this point was also raised and shared with association of farmers and policy advisors on the importance of market development.

6. UNIVERSITY OF BONN (UBO), Provided support with the German Living Lab

The representatives from the University of Bonn highlighted that ReForest significantly expanded their scientific, policy and practitioner networks across Europe. Early project activities, including the 2022 farm excursion in Luxembourg and Germany and subsequent stakeholder workshops, provided valuable insights into agroforestry systems and helped strengthen relationships with farmers, researchers and practitioners. Participation in events such as the AGROMIX Policy Workshop, EURAF conferences, the World Congress on Agroforestry in Rwanda, the Society of Decision Professionals Conference in London and the European Carbon Farming Summits exposed the team to diverse perspectives on agroforestry adoption, policy barriers and decision-making under uncertainty. These exchanges directly informed their research, including the development of conceptual models and decision-support tools, while feedback received at the UK Agroforestry Show helped identify priorities for future tool improvements.

A particularly valuable outcome was the strengthening of regional farmer and stakeholder networks in North Rhine-Westphalia, bringing together farmers, advisors and public authorities around agroforestry development. The team noted that these networks are considerably stronger today than at the start of the project and that ReForest contributed to advancing discussions on barriers, opportunities and implementation pathways. The project also enhanced academic collaboration through exchanges with partners such as CZU, Reading and INAGRO, while creating opportunities for future cooperation with DeFAF, EURAF and other initiatives. Beyond research, ReForest results are now being integrated into university teaching through the development of new educational modules, ensuring that project knowledge continues to reach future generations of agroforestry practitioners and researchers. The main challenge reported was the collapse of part of the Living Lab when the

participating farmer withdrew, providing important lessons on stakeholder engagement and the need to build more resilient Living Lab structures in future projects.

7. TRAKIA UNIVERSITY (TRAKIA UNI), Leader of the Bulgarian Living Lab

The representatives from Trakia University highlighted that ReForest significantly expanded their outreach and networking activities in Bulgaria through the Bulgarian Living Lab. To engage a diverse range of stakeholders, the team deliberately organised workshops with farmers in several locations across the region, allowing them to reach different farming communities and gather a wide range of perspectives on agroforestry adoption. Through these activities, approximately 50 farmers were engaged, including some already practising agroforestry and many for whom the concept was entirely new. Similar knowledge gaps were observed among agricultural advisors, making the workshops an important platform for awareness raising and knowledge exchange.

ReForest also strengthened Trakia University's connections with agricultural advisory services, universities, forestry institutions and two Bulgarian national parks, creating new opportunities for collaboration beyond the project. The partner actively disseminated project results through scientific conferences and workshops and integrated ReForest findings into university teaching, including the use of digital planning tools and carbon sequestration assessment methods. An important achievement was the organisation of agroforestry education sessions for students from agricultural vocational schools in Yambol and Chirpan, which generated strong interest among young people and helped introduce agroforestry to the next generation of agricultural professionals. Looking ahead, Trakia University intends to maintain and further develop the networks established through ReForest with farmers, researchers, advisory services, forestry institutions and protected area managers, ensuring that the project's knowledge and partnerships continue beyond its lifetime.

8. EUROPROJECT (EP)

The communication manager from Europroject (EP) highlighted that ReForest generated an unusually strong sense of networking and community around agroforestry communication. She noted that this was the first project in which she felt part not only of a project consortium, but also of a broader community of communication managers and actors working on the same topic. This was reflected in the growing number of people from partner organisations and external networks who proactively contacted her, shared information, sent pictures from events, and asked ReForest to disseminate agroforestry-related content. In her view, this organic engagement showed that ReForest had become a recognised reference point for the agroforestry community.

The manager also emphasised that this visibility was made possible by the quality of the work produced by project partners, which encouraged external actors to look for ReForest information and presence when they wanted to reach agroforestry audiences. Key networking moments included the Living Lab event in Barcelona, the Agroforestry Show and the project's online events. The webinars were particularly valuable from a communication and networking perspective, including three webinars with FarmTree, three webinars organised by EMEA, and two webinars with the Agroecology Cluster. The latter enabled direct contact with six to seven related projects and helped establish a wider communication network around agroforestry and agroecology. Overall, EP described ReForest

as a project where communication became part of a living network rather than only a dissemination function.

9. PHILIPPS UNIVERSITAET MARBURG (UMR)

The representative from UMR reported that ReForest networking activities played an important role in expanding his access to farmers, practitioners and agroforestry value-chain actors across different European contexts. Participation in events such as the AGROMIX policy workshop, the AGROMIX Summit in Brussels, the EURAF conference in Brno, the Forum Agroforstsysteme 2025 in Germany, and the Barcelona Living Lab event on climate change mitigation enabled them to meet key stakeholders and identify relevant contacts for his research. These exchanges were complemented by field visits to a silvopastoral farm at Can Genover in Alt Empordà County and a silvoarable agroforestry system in La Selva County, as well as stakeholder engagement at Hof Lebensberg, Kahlforsterhof and Obermoschel in Germany. Several of the contacts developed through these networking moments later contributed to interviews and research activities, with over 28 interviews conducted with farmers and stakeholders, turning event participation into concrete data collection and sustained knowledge exchange. This was especially valuable for work on agroforestry value chains, where dialogue with farmers and practitioners generated mutual learning on production models, market opportunities, barriers and practical implementation needs.

10. SOPRONI EGYETEM (SOE), Leader of the Hungarian Living Lab

The representatives from the University of Sopron (SOE) highlighted that ReForest played a crucial role in expanding agroforestry networks and visibility in Hungary. Through activities such as the Agroforestry Seminar in Sopron, Shepherd's Day, the MAPER conferences, EURAF, Forest Science Conferences, professional training days and various field demonstrations in the Hungarian Living Lab sites, SOE connected farmers, researchers, advisors, civil society organisations and public authorities around agroforestry. A particular success was the internationally attended Shepherd's Day event, where ReForest helped bridge communities working on wood pastures, grazing systems and shepherd heritage, attracting participants from across Europe, Latin America and Asia. Andrea Vityi emphasised that ReForest provided the scientific evidence base underpinning much of the agroforestry communication and outreach carried out in Hungary during the project period. The project also strengthened cooperation with key organisations such as MAPER, the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture, the Agroecology Network and the Ministry of Agriculture, while helping establish a new Master's programme in Agroforestry taught in English, which has generated interest from students, farmers, advisors and business owners. SOE reported the participation in 8 conferences, 6 training events, and 1 inter-living lab meeting. Although farmers' participation was sometimes constrained by seasonal workloads, SOE reported that ReForest significantly expanded its professional network and created lasting relationships that will continue beyond the project. Importantly, several farmers involved in the Living Lab have already established, or are planning to establish, new agroforestry systems, demonstrating the practical impact of the networking and knowledge exchange activities.

11. GERMAN ASSOCIATION FOR AGROFORESTRY (DeFAF), Leader of the German living lab

The representative from DeFAF highlighted that ReForest strengthened DeFAF's visibility and networking position within European agroforestry and carbon farming discussions. DeFAF representative participated in 19 conferences, 11 education and training events. He pointed in particular to the European Carbon Farming Summits as highly valuable networking spaces, noting their large participation, strong European Commission presence and relevance for presenting projects such as ReForest. These events helped connect agroforestry research with policy, monitoring and carbon farming debates, increasing the international visibility of ReForest and agroforestry more broadly. He also reflected on the challenge faced when the German Living Lab discontinued after the participating farmer withdrew, identifying this as an important lesson for future projects: Living Lab structures need to be more resilient and less dependent on a single farm or stakeholder.

12. FARMTREE

FarmTree reported that ReForest helped strengthen its understanding of farmer needs and the positioning of the FarmTree tool within the agroforestry sector. Through participation in the Agroforestry Show, FarmTree gained clearer insight into UK farmer expectations and identified gaps between user needs and the tool's current offer. The partner also attended the DigitAF workshop in the Netherlands on economic modelling, where it exchanged tools, ideas and methods with other digital agroforestry initiatives. Three ReForest webinars were organised to present FarmTree, reaching a total of 87 individuals, and the tool participated in the Webinar on Digital Innovation for Scaling Agroforestry reaching 100 participants, activities which supported knowledge exchange with farmers, advisors and researchers. While FarmTree noted challenges in identifying clear EU market opportunities, the project helped clarify a key future priority: building stronger relationships with research institutions and universities to access data for model validation.

13. THE UNIVERSITY OF READING (UREAD)

The representative from the University of Reading highlighted how ReForest strengthened their networking role within the UK and European agroforestry community. Through participation in the Oxford Real Farming Conference, the AFN Network+ webinar, the Path2DEA webinar, the AFN Network webinar, the EURAF conference, the 8th European Agroforestry Conference EURAF 2026, and the Farm Woodland Forum annual meetings, they presented and shared ReForest research with researchers, advisors, farmers and practitioners. Their presentations at EURAF and the Farm Woodland Forum helped position ReForest within key agroforestry knowledge-exchange spaces. Beyond events, the University of Reading also built direct research relationships through interviews with fourteen British farmers for the Public Goods Tool and six interviews with farmer advisors. This created a stronger network of agroforestry farmers and advisory actors in the UK, providing a valuable basis for future collaboration beyond the project.

14. ORGANIC RESEARCH CENTER (ORC/ORC(ADAS)), Leader of the Northern UK Living Lab

The Organic Research Centre (ORC/ORC(ADAS)) highlighted that ReForest supported agroforestry networking and collaboration in the United Kingdom through the strengthening of the Northern Living Lab. The Living Lab created a space for farmers, advisors, researchers and practitioners to exchange experiences, discuss practical challenges and build new professional relationships around agroforestry. ORC/ORC(ADAS) recorded the participation in 4 clustering activities, 5 conferences, 6 education and training events. Several participants remained connected beyond individual project activities, demonstrating the value of the network established through ReForest. A key outcome was the expansion of ORC/ORC(ADAS)'s connections with national and international stakeholders through participation in several UK-based events, involvement with the ReForest Living Lab Network, and attendance at various conferences and meetings, including the Living Lab event in Barcelona and the EURAF2024 Conference in Czechia.

During the project, ORC/ORC(ADAS) developed new collaborations with organisations such as Newcastle University and strengthened relationships with farmers and agroforestry practitioners across Northern England. The project also contributed to wider sector development efforts, particularly through discussions at the Agroforestry Show 2025, which supported the creation of the Agroforestry Sector Development Group and helped establish a platform for continued dialogue on strategic priorities for the UK agroforestry sector. ReForest also strengthened collaboration between ORC and other consortium partners, particularly EMEA, through the joint development of the toolbox, the ReForest Knowledge Hub and the use of the engagement platform. These activities helped connect UK experiences with a broader European agroforestry community and improved access to practical knowledge and resources for farmers and stakeholders.

2.2 CO-CREATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM

The ReForest Engagement Platform transformed previously isolated actors into a dynamic online community, fostering collaboration, peer-to-peer learning, project synergies, and lasting professional relationships across Europe. Before its launch, the European agroforestry community had no dedicated shared space; farmers, researchers, policymakers, NGOs, and sector networks interacted mainly through events or bilateral connections. The platform changed that by creating a permanent home where these actors could find each other and follow each other's work.

By June 2026, the platform had registered 253 members—more than double the 116 recorded in May 2025—with 42% women, 55% men, and 3% not specified, previously reported as 39%, 53% and 8% respectively (May 2025). Members include researchers, national and regional policymakers, farming practitioners, advisors, NGOs, and networks active in complementary EU-funded projects. The ReForest communication and engagement team made a concerted effort to highlight the role of women in agroforestry and sustainable land management practices, aiming to increase engagement and empowerment of existing practitioners—from farmers to researchers to policymakers—while encouraging the next generation and demonstrating the growing role of women in what has traditionally been a male-dominated sector. A social media campaign, coordinated by EMEA with the active support of EP, produced 10 promotional pieces and two multichannel campaigns: one

highlighting women in agroforestry and another promoting the Knowledge Hub, incentivising members to contribute resources, particularly those related to women's participation. Additionally, the team curated and published over eight resources on women in agroforestry to the Knowledge Hub, further reinforcing visibility and engagement on this topic. This resulted in growing the community and increasing women's participation and visibility in the Reforest Network.

The member directory and community map make this breadth visible and searchable, meaning new members can immediately identify relevant contacts across the community.

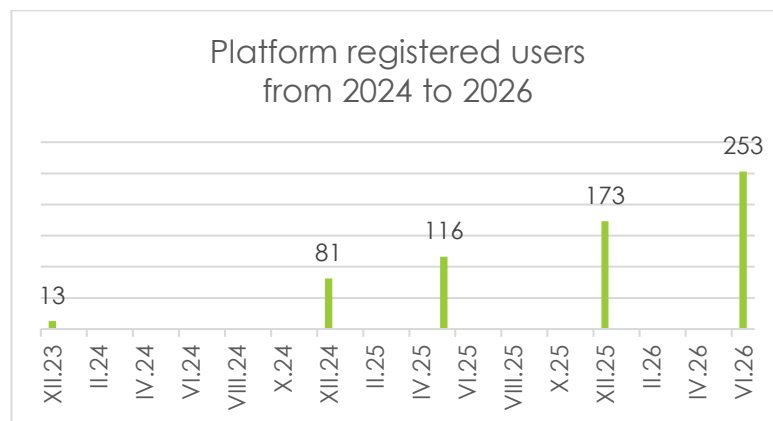


Figure 2: Evolution of registered members on the ReForest Platform

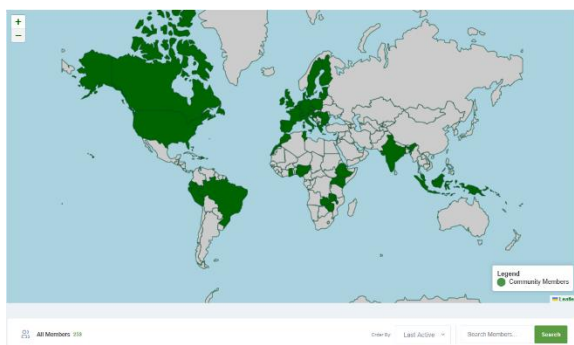


Figure 3: Reforest Platform Community Map

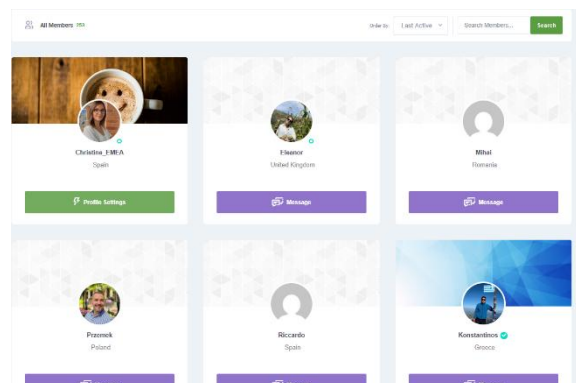


Figure 4: Reforest Platform Directory

Several Networking efforts were made to enhance the reach and growth of the community platform and its engagement. One notable was the organisation of the 5 webinars presenting ReForest results and reported on in the previous section 2.1.2 of the report. These were heavily shared on social media, which led to over 160 webinar attendees, of whom a significant part converted into new registered members, converting one-off event participation into lasting community membership. Efforts were also focused on outreach to younger projects, particularly to the Network and Engagement Working Group, with the aim of supporting the sustainability of the platform.

Working Groups:

The platform's working groups gave the broader community structure, bringing together members with shared thematic interests in dedicated spaces. The Reforest team concentrated their effort into

four groups, which grew substantially over the last period characterised by the dissemination of ReForest results and major European-level policy events, showing a growing interest from community members to participate in discussions around these critical topics and follow its progress and areas of work as describes in section 2.1.1 Working groups of the present report.

Newsfeed & Events' Calendar

The platform's newsfeed and events calendar kept the community connected day-to-day. Fifty-two sector events were published to the calendar over the reporting period by both the ReForest team and community members through the "Submit an event" button, making the platform a reliable reference point for what was happening across European agroforestry. On the Newsfeed, which works as the platform's "Facebook wall", " members generated 34 posts of their own in the last year only, a modest but real indicator that the platform functioned as a two-way space, not just a broadcast channel from the ReForest project. Additionally, the platform has an automatically generated Newsfeed sent over every Monday to all platform users, highlighting the latest posts, the upcoming events, and the latest additions to the knowledge hub resources. This feature has been critical to have members use the platform and interact with the content they find most relevant.

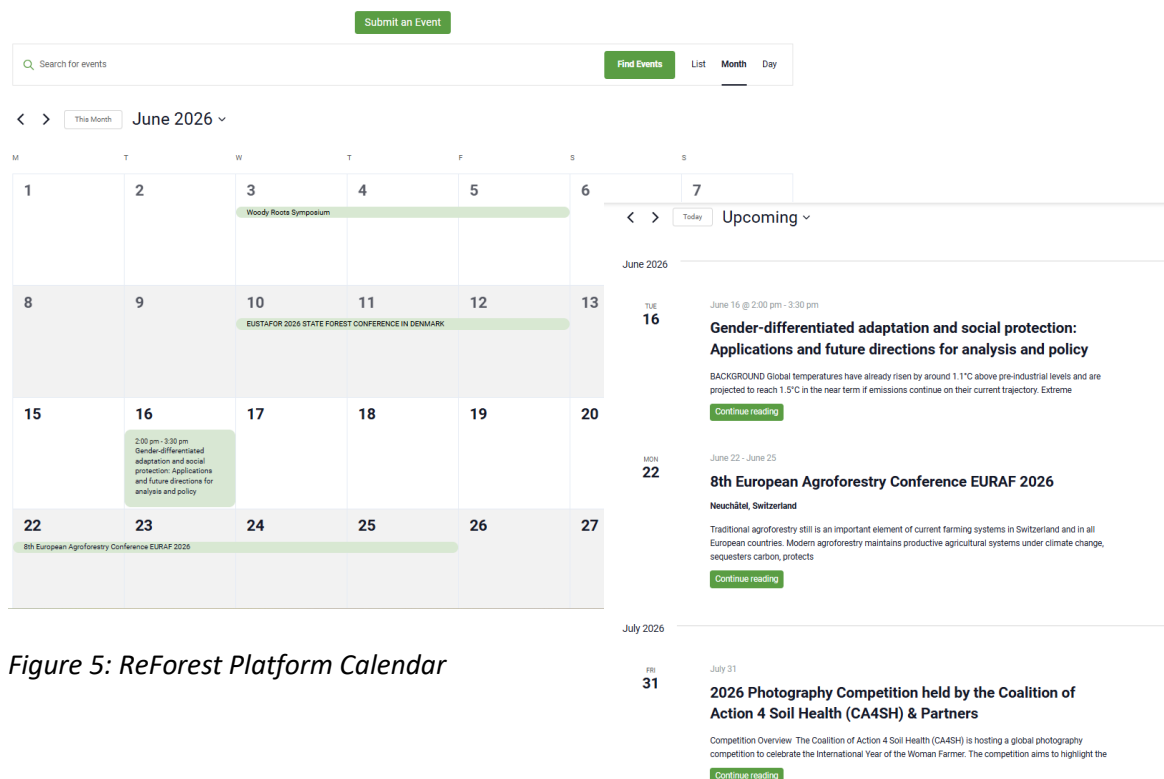


Figure 5: ReForest Platform Calendar

The Knowledge Hub, Toolbox, and Data visualisation page

The platform's knowledge base positions the platform as a shared resource. Members could both access and contribute to a curated repository of agroforestry knowledge, with 138 access to knowledge resources recorded. Satisfaction was collected by the inclusion of a satisfaction pop-up appearing on the relevant knowledge pages (Knowledge hub, toolbox and data visualisation and page) and recorded an average satisfaction rate of 88% with the content, and 86% of users reported it informed

their decision-making by June 2026, suggesting the platform's knowledge function translated into practical value for its members.

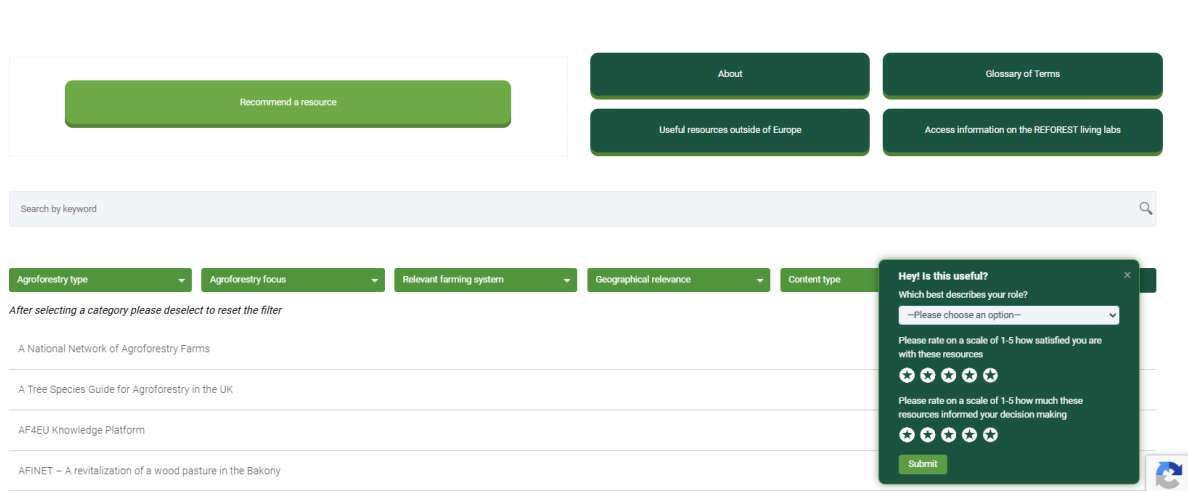


Figure 6: ReForest Knowledge hub rating pop-up

In networking terms, the platform's principal achievement was assembling a cross-sectoral European agroforestry community in one place and keeping it active. The 253 members, four growing working groups, 52 published events, and a community that formed connections through the platform and returned to it regularly. The platform has also served as a user-friendly hub to access information about agroforestry, supporting practitioners, but also farmers thinking of starting an agroforestry project, and other types of actors (policy makers, advisors, project managers) accessing information and a critical network to build on existing research and practices. The reach extended to organisations and individuals outside the ReForest consortium, and the membership composition, diverse in sector, geography, and gender, reflects a community built to persist beyond the project's end.

2.3 SYNERGY-BUILDING WITH COMPLEMENTARY PROJECTS

Synergy with other EU project resulted key for ReForest Networking impact, supporting the outreach of a larger community, mobilizing the right actors for the right activities and spreading the reach of project's key results, both of ReForest and complementary projects. Information from partners recorded the connection to 36 projects, both local and regional, from various sector.

Type of collaboration varies and some projects have collaborated on several fronts with ReForest partners. An overview of the type of collaboration is depicted below:

Lists of Projects connected to Reforest:

SECTOR	PROJECT
Agriculture	<u>EVECSA European Vocational Excellence for Climate Smart Agriculture</u>
	<u>TRANSITION</u>
Agri-food	<u>ECO READY</u>

	<u>MUSHNOMICS</u>
	<u>Pathways</u>
Agroecology	<u>AGRECO4CAST</u>
	<u>AGROSUS</u>
Agroforestry	<u>ABCDR</u>
	<u>Afaktive</u>
	<u>AgroforAdapt</u>
	<u>Agroforestry 2025</u>
	<u>Agroforestry Test & Trial</u>
	<u>AGROMIX (finished project)</u>
	<u>Aiming high for hedgerows</u>
	<u>Boslandbouw wortelt in Vlaams-Brabant (Forestry farming takes root in Flemish Brabant)</u>
	<u>CAMBIUM</u>
	<u>D4AGECOL</u>
	<u>Devon silvo-pasture field lab</u>
	<u>DigitAF</u>
	<u>MIXED</u>
	<u>PATH2DEA</u>
	<u>PRO-NOOT project</u>
	<u>ReLivestock</u>
	<u>SCALARE</u>
	<u>TRANSFORMED</u>
	<u>Whole Farm Carbon Framework</u>
Biodiversity	<u>PolliConnect</u>
Bioeconomy	<u>BIOECO-UP</u>
Carbon Farming	Carbon Farming CE
Cereals & Water	<u>STAPLES</u>
Climate Adaptation Finance	ADAPT-FIN (kick-off in September 2026)
Community Engagement for Sustainability	<u>Community for Living Area</u>
Forestry	<u>Forest Living Labs for Sustainable Climate Adaptation (FORLIVS)</u>
Regenerative Economy	<u>CROSS REIS</u>
Sustainable agriculture	<u>Orthoptera Project</u>
Climate Adaptation Agri, Fishery, and Forest	<u>FARCLIMATE</u>

Table 5: List of projects connected to Reforest by Sector

Types of collaborations	Numb. of Projects
Communication, Advocacy & Networking joint efforts	12
Contributed to results through working sessions and consultations	8
Local support of living Lab	6
Policy Debate, Workshop, Consultation	4
Stakeholder engagement	6
Grand Total	36

Table 6: Types of collaboration with other Projects

2.4 POLICY MAINSTREAMING

One of the networking impacts of the ReForest project is its contribution to policy mainstreaming. Through strategic partnerships, policy dialogues and engagement with European and international institutions, ReForest helped position agroforestry within key discussions on climate adaptation, climate mitigation, sustainable agriculture, biodiversity restoration and rural development. Partner's strategic efforts and link to existing and newly created network enabled ReForest to be represented in international platforms (COP28 & COP29), to convene high-level policy dialogue creating a space for practitioners and EU Commission representative to exchange on timely discussions in light of the new CAP negotiations, and for refinement and feedback loop on ReForest policy recommendation to inform ReForest policy briefs together with group of curated experts representing various stakeholders of the sector.

EMEA produced a total of six Policy Discussion Papers, two Policy Briefs, and one Policy Note in collaboration with project partners and with contributions from external stakeholders participating in the debates and events described below as further evidenced in Deliverable D5.6 Policy recommendation papers. The Policy Note was published in prior to the Policy Dialogue event by EMEA in order to set the scene for the Policy Dialogues held in Brussels and described below, The Policy Discussion Papers were designed to translate ReForest's scientific results into actionable policy insights for the post-CAP context, highlighting key findings, alignment with existing frameworks, and recommendations for integrating agroforestry into the new CAP architecture. Each discussion paper also included guiding questions and points for policymakers to consider when strategically addressing these topics which were refined and brought up to Policy Dialogues and Workshop described below. Building on these discussion papers, two Policy Briefs were developed to address critical gaps identified by ReForest. The first, "Regulation and Governance for Scaling Agroforestry in Europe", addresses the implementation gap for agroforestry, providing concrete recommendations for policymakers to strengthen governance frameworks. The second, Policy Brief #2: Finance and Investment Mechanisms for Agroforestry Transition in Europe, targets the finance and investment gap, particularly in the post-CAP context, outlining key actions, responsible institutions, and policy measures. These briefs are linked to the six Policy Discussion Papers, which provide detailed evidence and scientific rationale underpinning the recommendations, ensuring that the proposed actions are both evidence-based and practically implementable.

This work on policy recommendations was made possible through active networking, engagement, and collaboration with institutions, policymakers, initiatives, and projects within the ReForest Network. Over the course of the project, four transnational policy debates were held, including a workshop and one international conference bringing a Policy dialogue. In these events, two high-level European Commission officials were directly engaged, and more than 30 organisations participated at various levels in policy discussions. These interactions were facilitated by EMEA through ReForest-organised events. The positioning of ReForest in Policy discussions was also strengthened by project partners invited to key conferences and reinforced by the involvement of local policymakers through Living Labs and local partner engagement.

“Agroforestry Sector in the EU: Towards Novel Policies and Financing Frameworks”, organised in Barcelona in 28th June 2023. Collaboration with: UPM, CREAM, BETA Tech Center, EFI, CTFC, EURAF, CEPS

The policy debate brought together experts from research institutions, policy organisations and agroforestry networks to discuss barriers to agroforestry uptake and opportunities to strengthen financing and regulatory frameworks. The debate brought together 44 participants, online and in-person, and initiated important exchanges between researchers, practitioners and policymakers and helped establish a broader network of actors interested in supporting agroforestry expansion across Europe.



"Agroforestry Sector in the Euro-Mediterranean: Towards Novel Policies, Cooperation and Financing Frameworks" at COP28 in Dubai on 9th December 2023. Collaboration with: Mediterranean Coalition Office, CIHEAM, CZU, DeFAF, GID, Interreg NEXT MED Programme

The event created a unique opportunity to bring agroforestry into global climate discussions and facilitated dialogue between representatives from research institutions, agroforestry organisations, international networks and regional institutions. Discussions between 8 panellists highlighted the need for integrated policy approaches, stronger cooperation frameworks and innovative financing mechanisms to support agroforestry implementation in the Euro-Mediterranean region.



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"Financing Agroforestry: Exploring Diverse Financing Schemes for Sustainable Land Use" at COP29, 19th November 2024. Collaboration with: Med Pavillion, Union for the Mediterranean, the Sustainable Transformative Alliance, CREAM, CZU, Positive Agenda, DeepRoots, EURAF, and BETA Tech Center

The event expanded the network of actors engaged in agroforestry finance by bringing together 8 experts, representatives from Regional political institutions, research organisations, private sector

initiatives, financial innovators and policy networks, and the recording was viewed over 1200 times. Discussions focused on blended finance, carbon markets, biodiversity credits and practical approaches to improving access to finance for farmers and landowners. The event strengthened relationships between agroforestry stakeholders and actors working on sustainable finance and nature-based investment, and brought that conversation to high-level political platform, in this case a Mediterranean platform, which most critically requires adaptation to climate change and solutions to secure food security and soil restoration.

"Upscaling Agroforestry in Europe: Regulation and Finance Policy Dialogues" organised in Brussels in 26th March 2026. Collaboration with DigitAF, particularly with EURAF and DeFAF, and hosted at the Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS).

The event brought together over 60 participants in person and 70 online. This level of mobilization was made possible not only by extensive outreach efforts but, most importantly, by leveraging established relationships with key actors across the agroforestry sector. These actors actively rallied their networks, ensuring a diverse and relevant audience that included European Commission representatives (DG AGRI, DG CLIMA), policy advisors (ILVO, EURAF, European Environmental Bureau, European Economic and Social Committee), researchers (EMEA, IEEP), farmer organisations (EURAF, European Landowners' Organization), private sector actors (The Landbanking Group GmbH, Reforest'Action), and practising farmers (Arnaud Schwartz as speaker, and on-site and online participants).

Discussions addressed emerging regulatory developments, including the future CAP architecture, the carbon farming framework, monitoring and reporting systems, and financing mechanisms. The carefully assembled mix of stakeholders enabled deep, substantive debates, rich inquiries, and dynamic exchanges, providing rare opportunities for practitioners and sector representatives to directly question policymakers and share implementation challenges. The strong participation and high-quality interactions reinforced agroforestry's visibility in policy debates and demonstrated that the success of the event was a direct result of the networking efforts that brought together the right people at the right time.



“Agroforestry Policy Workshop” on the 19th May 2026 in Barcelona. In collaboration with CREAM, EFI, BETA Technological Center, and CTFC, as well as the projects AGROFORADAPT and SCALARE.

The event brought together a highly diverse group of stakeholders from Europe. This convening—including representatives from the financial sector (Triodos Bank, EIB, The Landbanking Group), agroforestry associations (CIFOR-ICRAF, EURAF, Asociación de Agricultura Regenerativa en Iberia, CREAM, OSA), private sector actors (Agroinsider, Zertifier), research institutions (BETA, EFI, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela), advisors and farmers (AKIS International), and European and local foundations (PRIMA, Pau Costa Foundation)—was made possible by ReForest’s strategic positioning in the agroforestry community and active engagement with organisations and projects within its network.

The workshop applied a structured co-creation methodology designed to critically review and refine ReForest’s policy recommendations. Discussions focused on governance, regulation, finance, value chains, advisory systems and digitalisation. By bringing financial institutions, researchers, practitioners and policymakers together in the same working sessions, the event generated valuable feedback, strengthened cross-sector relationships, and built consensus on priority actions to advance agroforestry in Europe, demonstrating how ReForest’s networking and community engagement directly enabled high-impact policy dialogue.



Apart from ReForest-led events, project partners were invited to participate in a range of external policy dialogues, workshops and conferences, leveraging the visibility and credibility provided by the project. These opportunities enabled partners to present ReForest results, engage with policymakers, and further integrate agroforestry into European and national policy discussions.

“Agroforestry in Europe”, Coruche, Portugal, 25 September 2024 – organised by ReFRESCAR and the EU CAP Network. Partners contributed to discussions on policy frameworks and financial support, reinforcing the relevance of ReForest findings at the EU regional level.

“Network for Nature event - How can the nature-based solutions approach help build sustainable food systems?”, March 2026, Brussels - EMEA presented the innovative ReForest Financial Scheme, participated in a policy workshop and a policy debate, connecting with stakeholders from leading research institutions on farming, biodiversity, environmental policy and practitioners of regenerative agriculture. The event enabled high-level exchanges on the role of private sector actors, insurers, and EU institutions in supporting agroforestry and regenerative farming. The event aimed to feed into the NetworkNature policy brief and policy recommendation.

Carbon Farming Summits – ReForest participated in the European Carbon Farming Summits in Dublin (2025) and Padua (2026), represented by DeFAF, OSA, ORC, and UCPH teams. Partners presented on MRV of agroforestry carbon schemes, carbon stock quantification, and the co-benefits of agroforestry systems. Collaboration with the sister project DigitAF helped showcase ReForest’s work to wider European audiences, enhancing visibility and outreach. Participation enabled direct networking with policymakers, researchers, farmers, and industry stakeholders, fostering new connections, cross-project collaboration, and greater integration of agroforestry into carbon farming discussions.

9th World Forest Week – FAO, Rome, Italy, 2025 – UBO participated in the high-level dialogue “Accelerating Forest Solutions Through Innovation,” presenting ReForest and agroforestry research in the context of climate adaptation and food security. The event brought together FAO staff, international policymakers, researchers, and civil society actors, enabling direct exchanges and feedback. Participation strengthened ReForest’s visibility at global policy forums, enhanced connections with international decision-makers, and reinforced the relevance of agroforestry for sustainable land management and climate mitigation.

19th North American Agroforestry Conference – Missouri, United States, July 2025 - ReForest was represented by project coordinator Prof. Martin Lukac (CZU), who presented key developments from the project, including innovative financial mechanisms and the FarmTree digital tool. The conference, organised by the Association for Temperate Agroforestry (AFTA), brought together a global community of researchers, farmers, advisors, entrepreneurs, and innovators, providing a platform for knowledge exchange, transatlantic collaboration, and discussion of practical strategies to advance agroforestry systems. ReForest’s contributions highlighted solutions to financial barriers through blended finance, carbon farming schemes, and hybrid payment models, while showcasing decision-support tools that integrate Living Lab data to guide investment, crop selection, and environmental planning. The participation also included discussions on integrating tree canopy into grazing systems to improve livestock welfare and resilience, illustrating silvopasture as a climate adaptation strategy. By engaging with North American practitioners, policymakers, and researchers, ReForest expanded its network beyond Europe, fostering new international partnerships and reinforcing its role in global agroforestry discourse and sustainable land management

World Agroforestry Congress – Kigali, Rwanda, 2025 – UBO represented ReForest at this global forum on agroforestry adoption, policy, and research innovation. The Congress facilitated cross-regional knowledge exchange, connecting partners with international researchers, policymakers, and practitioners. Insights shared at the event informed ReForest’s decision-support tools and Living Lab activities while creating new partnerships that broadened the project’s network beyond Europe, further integrating agroforestry into global discussions on climate-smart agriculture.

Finally, several partners and Living Lab leaders leveraged their involvement in ReForest to reinforce relationships with local policymakers. Notable impacts were recorded in Hungary, Czechia, and Belgium, where partners successfully bridged research, practitioner knowledge, and local decision-making processes to support regional agroforestry adoption.

Collectively, these five policy-related events organized by ReForest, and partners-led dissemination and engagement demonstrate how ReForest’s networking efforts extended beyond dissemination to actively create spaces for dialogue, cooperation and co-creation. They contributed to increasing the visibility of agroforestry in policy discussions, strengthening connections between stakeholders operating at different governance levels, and ensuring that policy recommendations were informed by both scientific evidence and practical experience from the field.

3. SUSTAINABILITY AND LEGACY OF THE REFOREST NETWORK

The networking activities developed throughout the ReForest project have laid the foundations durable, self-sustaining European agroforestry ecosystem that extends well beyond the project’s official duration. Sustainability has been embedded at multiple levels: rather than relying on a single coordinating actor or a finite set of activities, ReForest has cultivated a distributed ecosystem of partner-level networks, thematic Working Groups, cross-project synergies, policy relationships, and EU/international platforms, each carrying its own momentum and continuity plan. EMEA acted as the central orchestrator, connecting these diverse elements into a cohesive network.

At the partner level, consortium members have consistently reported that relationships built through ReForest, with farmers, advisors, research institutions, financial actors and policymakers, are expected to outlast the project. Several partners (CZU, UBO, ORC, SOE, INAGRO, TRAKIA UNI, among others) have explicitly committed to maintaining their Living Lab networks, continuing data sharing with research institutions, and integrating ReForest knowledge into ongoing teaching and advisory activities. Partner efforts to link with complementary EU projects and sector initiatives further amplify the network’s reach and sustainability. The emergence of new or upcoming projects connected to ReForest’s network, such as ADAPT-FIN building on the Czech Living Lab and the Innovative Finance Scheme, demonstrates how the network is already generating follow-on initiatives that will continue to engage many of the same actors.

At the European level, ReForest’s policy work has positioned the project’s network within durable institutional structures. Relationships established with European advisory institutions, and European Commission services (DG AGRI, DG CLIMA) through the Brussels and Barcelona policy events are expected to continue feeding into ongoing CAP-related discussions and carbon farming frameworks. Similarly, EMEA’s connections to international platforms such as COP28/COP29, the Mediterranean



Coalition Office, and the Sustainable Transformative Alliance enable the network to influence European and global agroforestry policy and financing discussions.

Sustainability plan for the ReForest Engagement Platform

The ReForest Co-Creation and Engagement Platform is central to the network's long-term legacy, serving as the connective infrastructure that allows the relationships built during the project to persist in an accessible, searchable, and active form. With 253 registered members as of June 2026 and four active Working Groups, the platform already constitutes a functioning cross-sectoral community independent of the project's lifetime. Members who joined through webinars, Living Lab events, and partner-led outreach have been encouraged to remain on the platform as their primary point of contact with the wider European agroforestry community. The platform has been explicitly designed as shared infrastructure for the broader sector, supporting new projects, initiatives, and follow-on collaborations.

1. Ongoing content and engagement mechanisms.

- a. The platform's newsfeed, events calendar, and automated weekly digest will continue to operate as the primary mechanisms for keeping members connected. These tools require relatively low maintenance effort while providing members with a steady stream of relevant content (funding opportunities being published, sector events, new knowledge hub resources), which has proven effective at sustaining engagement even among members who do not visit the platform daily.

2. Editorial and moderation continuity.

- a. EMEA will continue to act as platform moderator and curator, maintaining the events calendar, publishing articles, and managing the Knowledge Hub and Toolbox. This ongoing stewardship role is critical to preserving the platform's value as a trusted reference point for the sector. This stewardship secures institutional ownership

3. Onboarding of new projects and initiatives.

- a. Beyond projects already actively using the platform, recent outreach has generated strong interest from EU FarmBook and from IUFRO's Forest Living Labs for Sustainable Climate Adaptation (FORLIVS) initiative, both of which have expressed interest in learning from the ReForest platform. EMEA will continue to proactively reach out to newly launched EU-funded projects in agroforestry, regenerative farming, and sustainable land management, inviting them to use the platform to reach established networks and communities of practice. This positions the platform as shared infrastructure for the broader sector rather than a single-project tool, increasing its long-term relevance. Additionally, EMEA has been invited to the EURAF 2026 Conference to showcase the platform and intends to use this opportunity to forge further connections that can bring new networks onto the ReForest platform. Looking ahead, a project kicking off in September 2026, ADAPT-FIN, coordinated by CZU with EMEA as scientific lead, will use the platform to bring together agroforestry practitioners and support the development of business models and an investment roadmap for agroforestry, building on the knowledge and community developed under ReForest, with the platform serving as the central channel for co-creation and outreach.

4. Growth targets.

- a. To maintain momentum, the plan establishes a target of approximately 5% year-on-year growth in platform activity, aiming for 30-40 organic member-generated posts per year in the coming years. These modest but measurable targets are intended to ensure the platform remains a living, two-way community space rather than a static archive.

5. Integration into the Sustainable Transformative Alliance.

- a. The platform will be embedded within EMEA's Sustainable Transformative Alliance, providing an institutional home and broader mandate that extends beyond ReForest. This integration secures long-term relevance, embeds agroforestry in high-level political debates, and reinforces the link between sustainable land management, climate resilience, and regenerative economies.

These measures transform the ReForest Network from a project-bound initiative into a permanent European infrastructure for agroforestry knowledge exchange, collaboration, and policy engagement, connecting European projects with practitioners, private sector actors, and policymakers. Through this combination of orchestration, partner engagement, and platform stewardship, ReForest has established a self-sustaining ecosystem that will continue to advance agroforestry research, practice, and policy beyond the project's official duration.

4. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Networking efforts of ReForest brought significant learning outcomes to its partnership, understanding the community it is engaging with and how to build bridges between policy makers, researcher, and practitioners. The key learning outcomes are related below:

- Early stakeholder engagement planning is important: A clear engagement plan developed at the start of the project, with defined objectives and flexibility for partners to adjust activities according to emerging opportunities and lessons learned. This engagement plan should not only be shared with partners but monitored at several point in time during the project ensuring continuous collaboration, engagement, and a common vision.
- Future Living Lab development and networking activities should target value chain actors further to support agroforestry farmers in developing the market for their products.
- Networking is most effective when participants align around common goals and collaborate to amplify their collective influence, as demonstrated through collaboration with other EU projects.
- Activities aimed at farmers should address issues that are directly relevant to their daily work (soil, water, nutrients), presenting agroforestry as a practical solution to existing challenges. The same holds true when engaging policy makers, private sector actors and other projects.
- Field visits with advisors, farmers, and external partners are essential to build lasting relationships, raise awareness, and demonstrate practical agroforestry approaches.
- Many projects in climate change, agriculture, agri-food, and sustainable farming seek spaces to connect with established communities; the ReForest platform has emerged as a central hub for such networking, particularly in agroforestry.

- Events that showcase tangible outputs draw broad participation, including citizens, farmers, cooperatives, and policymakers, and encourage active engagement with researchers.
- Building an online network requires deliberate engagement strategies and community management, including outreach to other EU-funded projects or initiatives with complementary missions to rally communities and encourage joint activities.
- Agroforestry stakeholders may not interact consistently on social media or online platforms, but targeted questions, discussions, and prompts can trigger knowledge sharing, encourage participation, and showcase good practices.
- Strengthening local networks and engaging with farmers' associations, research institutions, and educational organisations is essential to raise awareness among the next generation of farmers and agronomists, ensuring the lasting impact of the project and the continued use of its research outputs.
- Supporting stakeholders and partners to participate to in-person international conferences brought significant impact to ReForest in developing its network. A learning would be to come up with a strategy to support partners to further consolidate relations and develop joint synergies with critical networking under a project umbrella and beyond.

These key lessons will guide the next phase of the platform and the further consolidation of the network via its incorporation into ongoing and future projects by providing a structured space to connect stakeholders engaged in agroforestry, including researchers, private sector actors, practitioners, and policymakers. By building on the relationships, engagement mechanisms, and collaborative structures developed through ReForest, the platform and network are positioned to continue fostering knowledge exchange, co-creation, and cross-sector collaboration in agroforestry and related fields by welcoming connected project to use its online platform and linking it to concrete projects and existing networks.

5. CONCLUSIONS

The ReForest project has demonstrated that networking is a central driver of impact, enabling the creation of a pan-European and international agroforestry ecosystem that bridges research, practice, policy, and finance. Through project-led events, high-level policy dialogues, webinars, Living Lab activities, and partner-led outreach, ReForest mobilised over 132 organisations (96 standing organisation and 36 complementary projects) and 253 platform members, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and co-creation across Europe. Collectively, ReForest's own led activities reached an estimated 2,324 individuals, while partner-reported engagement totalled 133 events participations, 33 training events, and 50 scientific collaborations, reflecting the scale and depth of the network beyond the consortium itself.

High-profile policy events—including the Brussels Policy Dialogue, Barcelona Policy Workshop, COP28 and COP29, and the European Carbon Farming Summits—illustrate how strategic networking allowed diverse audiences to engage meaningfully with policymakers and integrate practical field experience into policy discussions. This engagement translated into concrete policy outputs, including six Policy Discussion Papers, two Policy Briefs, and one Policy Note, directly informed by stakeholder consultations and co-creation workshops. Partner-led initiatives in countries such as Poland, Spain,



Czechia, Hungary, Germany, Bulgaria, UK, and Belgium strengthened local networks, connecting farmers, advisors, and decision-makers. ReForest's reach also extended beyond Europe, with partners representing the project at the World Agroforestry Congress in Rwanda, the FAO World Forest Week, and the North American Agroforestry Conference, positioning agroforestry within global, not only European, policy and research discourse. Finally, international Webinars and the ReForest Engagement Platform further consolidated these connections digitally, creating a continuous space for cross-sector engagement. The Platform itself grew nearly fivefold over the project's final 18 months (from 81 to 253 members), with deliberate efforts to improve gender balance resulting in 42% women members by project end.

Beyond immediate outcomes, ReForest has established a durable, self-sustaining agroforestry network. The Engagement Platform, Working Groups, and documented collaborative relationships provide structures for ongoing knowledge exchange, peer learning, and policy dialogue. This legacy is already visible in concrete terms: the upcoming ADAPT-FIN project (launching September 2026) will build directly on the Czech Living Lab and the ReForest Innovative Finance Scheme, and the Platform has attracted interest from external initiatives such as EU FarmBook and IUFRO's FORLIVS. Future steps include maintaining the platform, onboarding new EU-funded initiatives, and leveraging the Sustainable Transformative Alliance to extend collaboration, training, and policy engagement.

Ultimately, ReForest has shown how agroforestry can serve as a catalyst for connecting science, innovation, policy, and practice. By orchestrating a complex ecosystem of partners, networks, and projects, the initiative has created a lasting European infrastructure that will continue to influence climate resilience, biodiversity restoration, sustainable food systems, and regenerative economic development across Europe, the Mediterranean, and beyond. The network, platform, and partnerships established through ReForest ensure that agroforestry remains visible, actionable, and embedded in multi-level governance well beyond the project's lifetime.

APPENDIX 1: REFERENCES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

ID	Reference or Related Document	Source or Link/Location
1	ReForest project website	http://agroreforest.eu/
2	ReForest Engagement Platform	https://reforest.euromed-economists.org/
3	ReForest LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/company/agroforesteu/
4	Policy Dialogue, Barcelona, June 2023 – “Agroforestry Sector in the EU: Towards Novel Policies and Financing Framework	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzgrIMK70N4
5	COP28, Dubai, Dec 2023 – “Agroforestry Sector in the Euro-Mediterranean: Towards Novel Policies, Cooperation and Financing Frameworks”	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcPwhBT05pk
6	COP29, November 2024 – “Financing Agroforestry: Exploring Diverse Financing Schemes for Sustainable Land Use”	Recording: https://www.youtube.com/live/VWEvMhfzRk
7	Upscaling Agroforestry in Europe – Policy Dialogues, Brussels, March 2026	News: https://euromed-economists.org/upscaling-agroforestry-in-europe-emea-convenes-regulation-and-finance-policy-dialogues-at-ceps-in-the-framework-of-the-reforest-and-digital-projects/
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10	Agroforestry as a Viable Business, Jan 2026	News: https://agroreforest.eu/reforest-webinar-explores-agroforestry-as-a-viable-business/ Recording: https://youtu.be/1g4Tw93sTM8
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APPENDIX 2: ReForest-LED EVENTS

5 International Hybrid Conferences	People reached (Approx.)
1. Kick-off	
2. Barcelona Project Meeting + Policy Debate	122
3. Barcelona Living Lab event in Collaboration with 8 other organisations, including public sector actors, and 2 EU Projects	150
4. EMANES Conference 2025 in Collaboration with ReForest & CROSS REIS	120
5. REFOREST Policy Dialogues	207
4 Policy Debates - Hybrid	
1. Agroforestry Sector in the EU: Towards Novel Policies and Financing Framework, Barcelona, Spain	92
2. Agroforestry Sector in the Euro-Mediterranean: Towards Novel Policies, Cooperation and Financing Frameworks COP28, Dubai	90
3. "Financing Agroforestry: Exploring Diverse Financing Schemes for Sustainable Land Use", COP29, Baku	1200
4. Agroforestry Policy Workshop in Barcelona, Spain	30
5 Webinars	
1. Digital Innovation as a Catalyst for Scaling Agroforestry	178
2. ReForest Webinar Explores Agroforestry as a Viable Business	137
3. FarmTree Advantage Webinar	60
4. Designing Your Agroforestry System with the FarmTree Tool: A Case Study from the UK Living Lab	150
5. Navigating Agroforestry futures in Europe: Insights from ReForest project and FarmTree Tool	157