



Istituto Oikos is looking for a Senior Forest Expert for the StrategyMedFor Interreg Euro-Med Project

Programme: Interreg EURO-MED

Project title: Strategy for the Sustainable Management of Mediterranean Forests

Project acronym: StrategyMedFor

Project reference number: Euro-MED0200314

Beneficiary: Istituto Oikos E.T.S. (Italy)

Lead Partner: ETC-UMA (Spain)

Estimated budget: 10 500 (VAT included)

Project contract duration: January 2025 to June 2026

1. Background information:

The StrategyMedFor projects gathers 7 partners in 6 countries of the Interreg Cooperation area and associated institutions from the Mediterranean region to protect, restore and valorise the Mediterranean Forest Ecosystem.

The main goal of the project is to develop a Strategy for Sustainable Management of Mediterranean Forests (SSMMF), targeted to each forest type and adapted to foreseeable climate scenarios. This will involve integrating new technologies and Mediterranean-wide data into a spatial framework, using geospatial data, remote sensing, GIS, and climate modelling to support the creation of the strategy.

As part of the project, Istituto Oikos is leading activities within Work Package 4 (WP4) on capitalization of knowledge, for the implementation of which needs the consultancy of a senior forest expert.

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2. Duties of the Forest Expert

The Senior Forest Expert will serve as **Scientific Advisor**, responsible for ensuring the scientific quality and integrity of the following project deliverables:

1. An Action plan with technical recommendations for the sustainable forest management in the transnational area of Prespa-Ohrid – Galičica National Park (Greece, North Macedonia, Albania)
2. A 10-year strategy for the Medforval Network leveraging scientific insights from the project's previous work packages (WP2 and WP3).

The position includes:

1. One mission in North Macedonia (Galičica National Park) in October/November 2025 for a 3-day workshop dedicated to framing the action plan for the Prespa-Ohrid area with the local stakeholders and partners.
2. Possibly one mission in the first half of 2026 in Tunisia for a 3-day workshop dedicated to the Medforval network strategy with the network's members (if not in person the workshop will be held online).

The costs of the missions will be covered by Istituto Oikos.

The Scientific coordinator will work in strict synergy with our junior forest expert and the biodiversity expert in the development of the deliverables.

3. Experience required

Istituto Oikos is seeking a professional forest expert with a proven experience of at least 10 years in forest management projects and having developed skills in:

1. the development of strategies, action plans and/or management plans in the forest sector
2. the participation in international projects

Experience in the Balkan area will be considered a preferential qualification.

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