

# ENRD Forestry Thematic Initiative

Evolution of the National Rural Network joint activities

National Rural Networks exchanging experiences and knowledge on forestry practices.

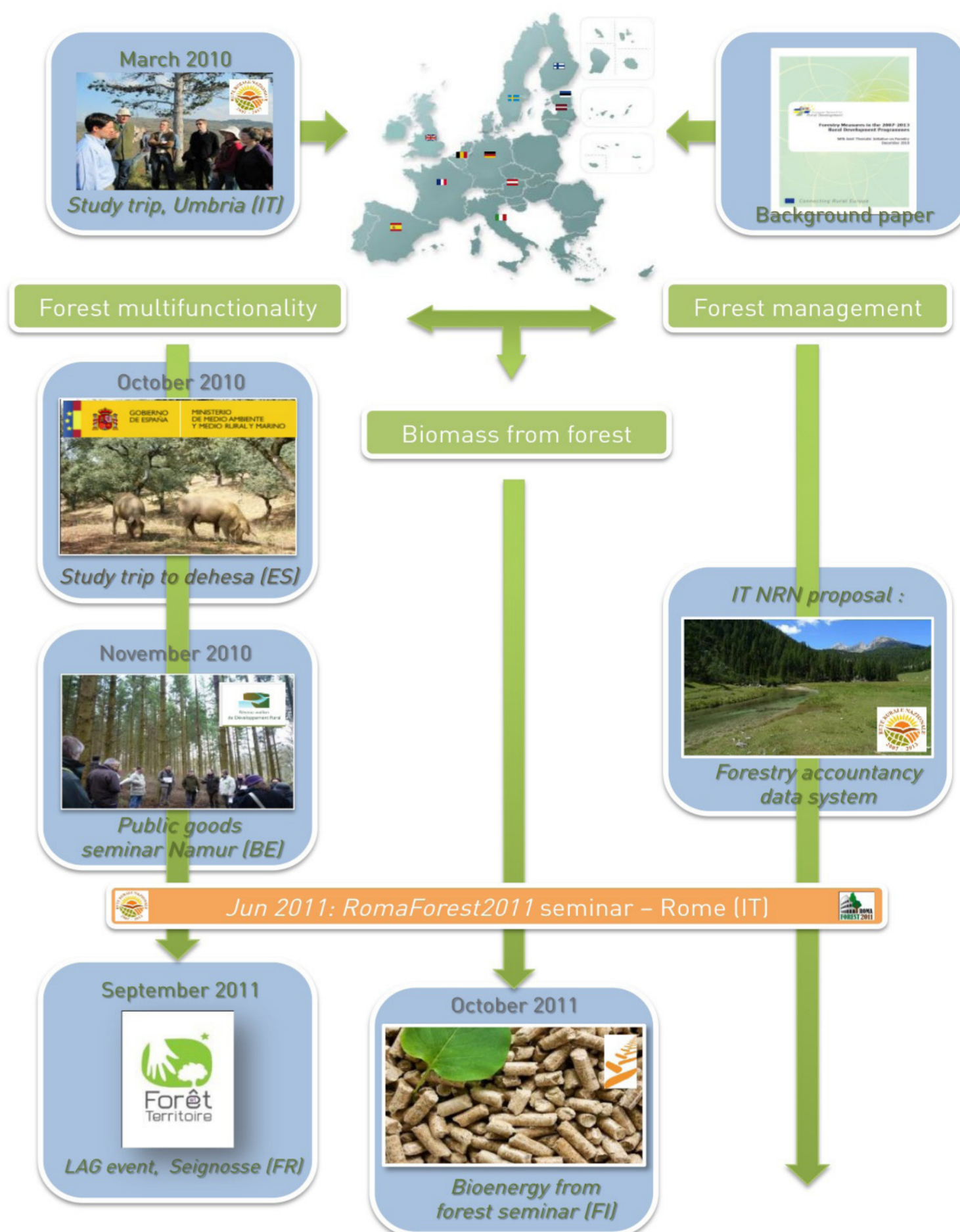
*The forestry thematic initiative is a successful example of how National Rural Networks (NRNs) came together to create an exchange platform to improve rural development policy implementation.*

The forestry thematic initiative was launched in December 2009 with a core group of 6 networks. Since then, it has grown to include a larger group of networks, forestry experts and Local Action Groups. All with a common purpose: learning how to achieve a more effective and efficient implementation of the forestry measures supported by the EAFRD (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development)



Three main areas of exchange were identified around which the Networks decided to share knowledge and relevant experience on their national policy contexts and the way forestry-related measures are applied across the EU:

- Forest bioenergy
- The multifunctional role of forests
- Private forest management



Joint activities such as study visits and seminars have been undertaken since the launch of the initiative and more are planned in the next future.

