





Forest ownership changes in Europe: trends, issues and needs for action



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The COST Action FACESMAP

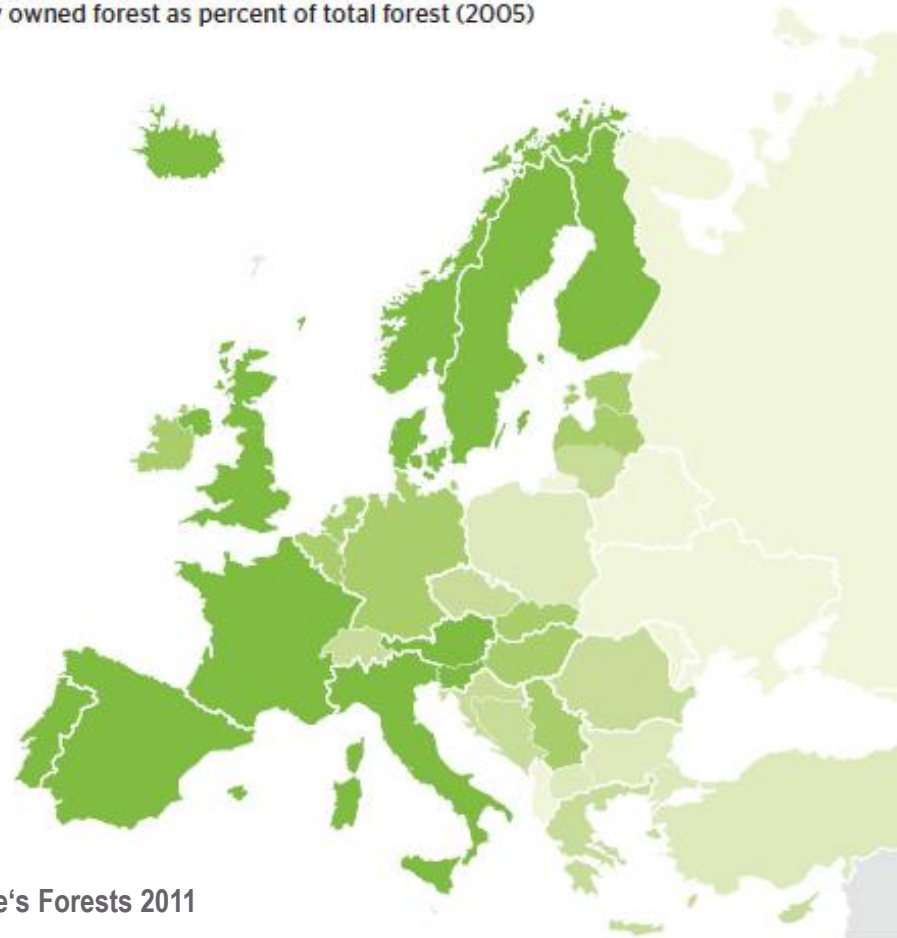
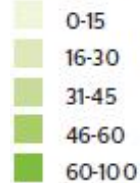
Who we are:



Background

Figure 67: Area of privately owned forest as percent of total forest (2005)

Private ownership (%)



Source: State of Europe's Forests 2011

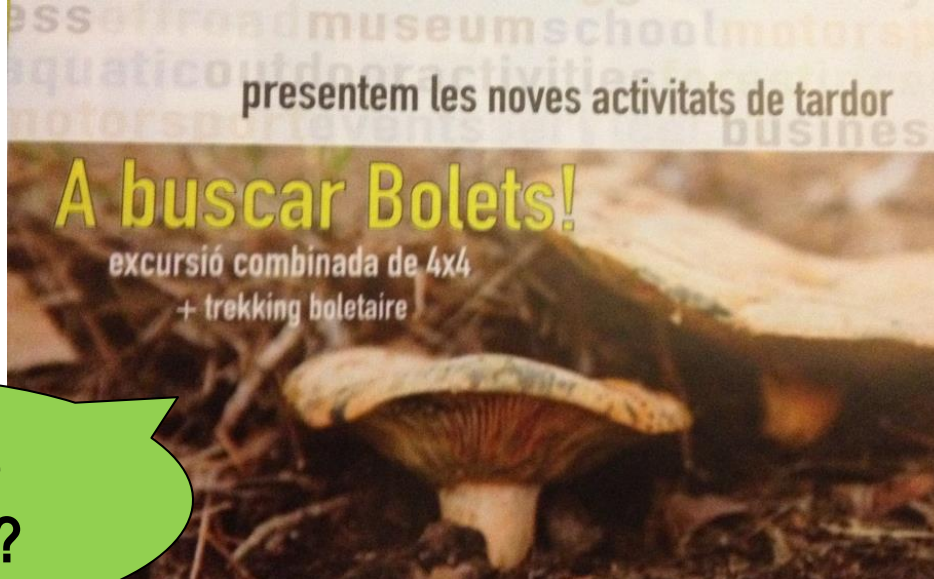
From where did we start?

Forest ownership in Europe: highly diverse and changing

Goals and outputs of the COST Action

What did we
want to find?

1. To analyse forest owner types and the ongoing changes.
2. To explore innovative management approaches for new forest owner types.
3. To study effective policy instruments.
4. To draw conclusions and recommendations for forest-related policies, forest management practice, further education and future research.



Activities in the COST Action

Where did we go?



Activities in the COST Action



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- **7 working meetings**
including stakeholder interaction (TRAVELLABS)
- **3 European level stakeholder workshops**
- **Young researcher support (2 Training Schools, scientific missions, seminars, mentoring)**
- **Joint forest ownership survey in ECE with UNECE/FAO**
- **Analysis work in small groups....**

Results of the COST Action

Where are we now?



Results of the COST Action

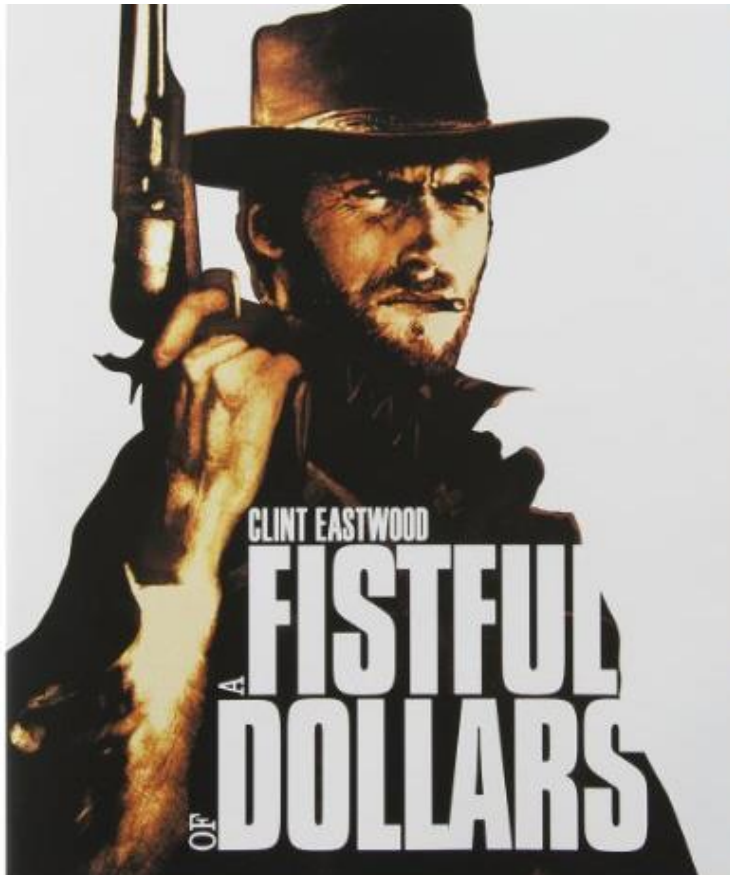
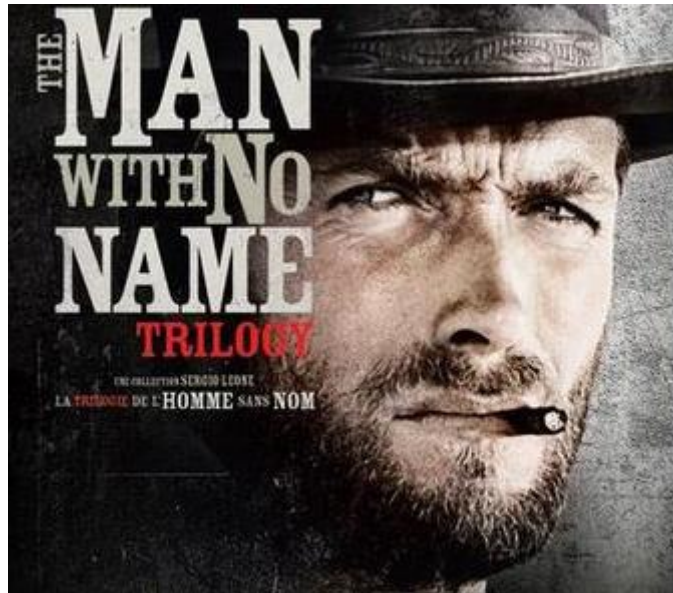
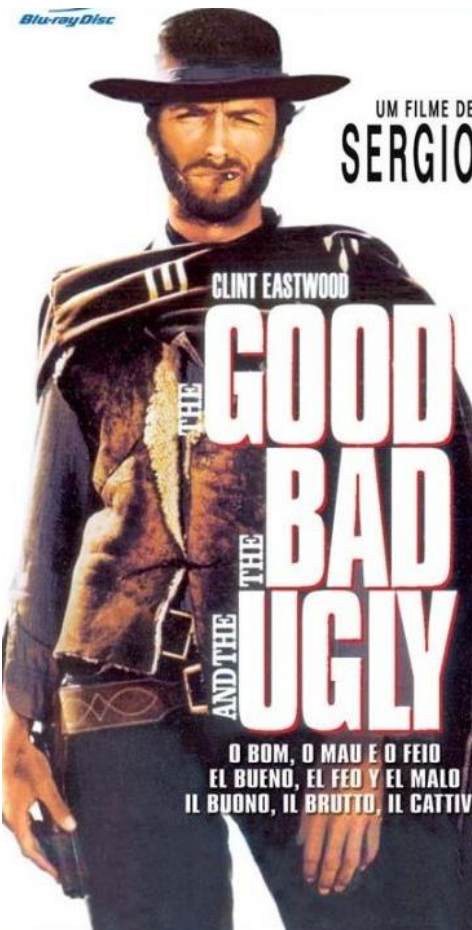
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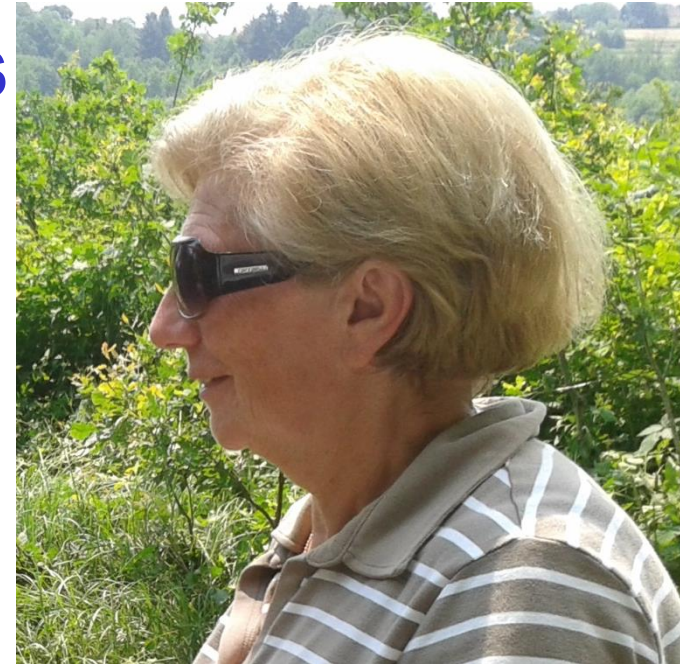
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- **28 detailed country reports, mid-term proceedings**
- **1 policy paper (discussed with stakeholders)**
- **Scientific articles (journals/conference) – Special Issue in Forest Policy and Economics (in progress)**
- **Joint forest ownership study with UNECE/FAO (in progress)**
- **New forest ownership maps of Europe – trends and patterns (in progress)**

Results – on ownership typologies



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Many ways of categorising ownership

- Legal: public – private – and some often neglected ones...
- By motives: profit or nature oriented owners...
- By lifestyles: traditional or non-traditional/new ownership types...

Appropriateness depends on purpose of categorization.

Results – an example: trends of ownership change in Europe



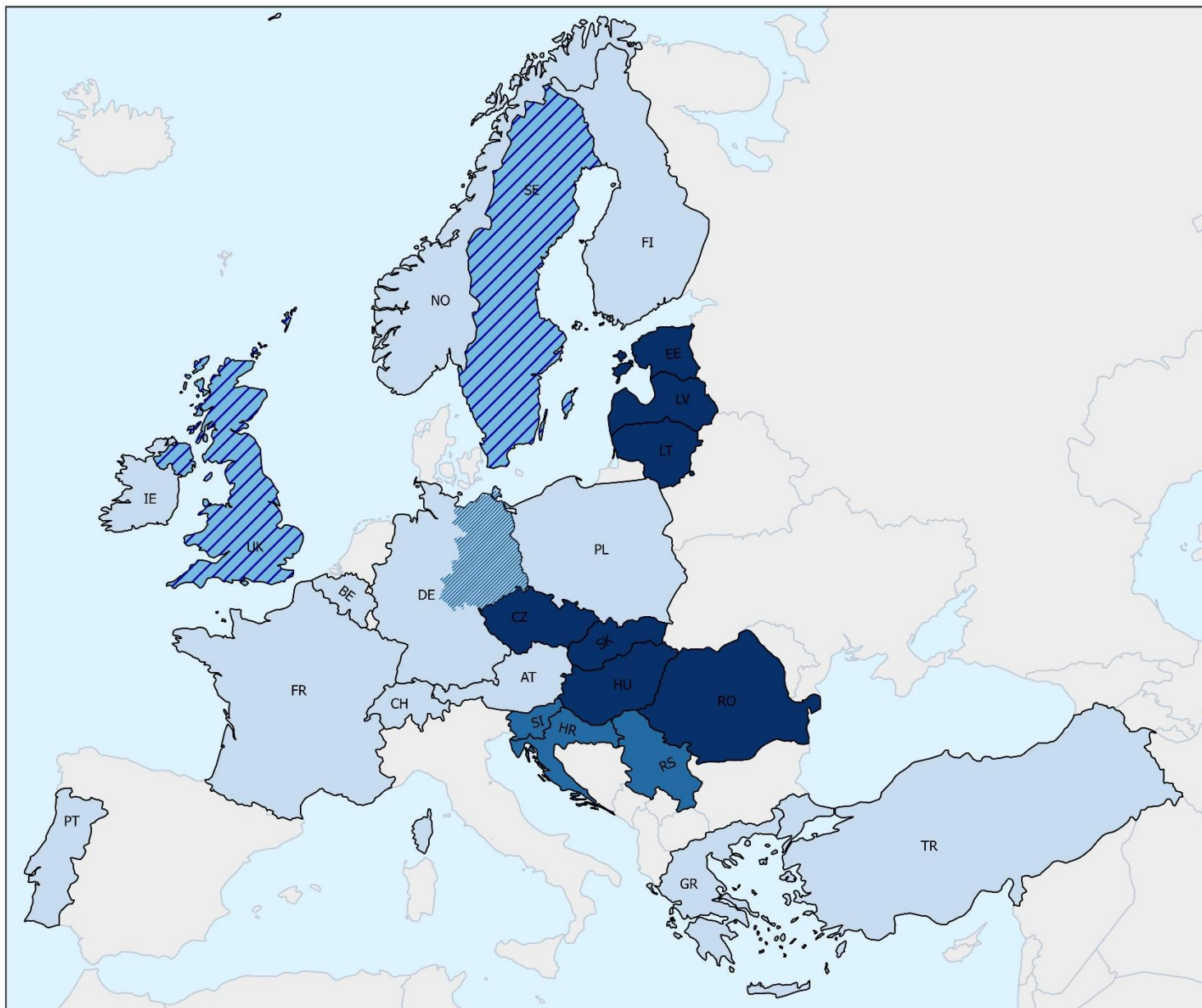
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Assessment of ongoing trends of ownership change:

- Privatisation and restitution
- Market exchange
- Afforestation and natural succession
- Lifestyle changes

Expert opinions from COST Action (two rounds); period of past 30 years; assessed in 2015;
assessed in levels of 0 (not relevant) – 3 (highly significant).

Trends in Forest Ownership Change in Europe



New Forest Ownership through Restitution or Privatization of Forest Land (time period: 1985-2015)

Legend

Restitution

Significance

0 (not relevant)

1 (to some extent)

2 (rather important)

3 (highly important)

East Germany

2 (rather important)

Privatisation

Significance

1 (to some extent)

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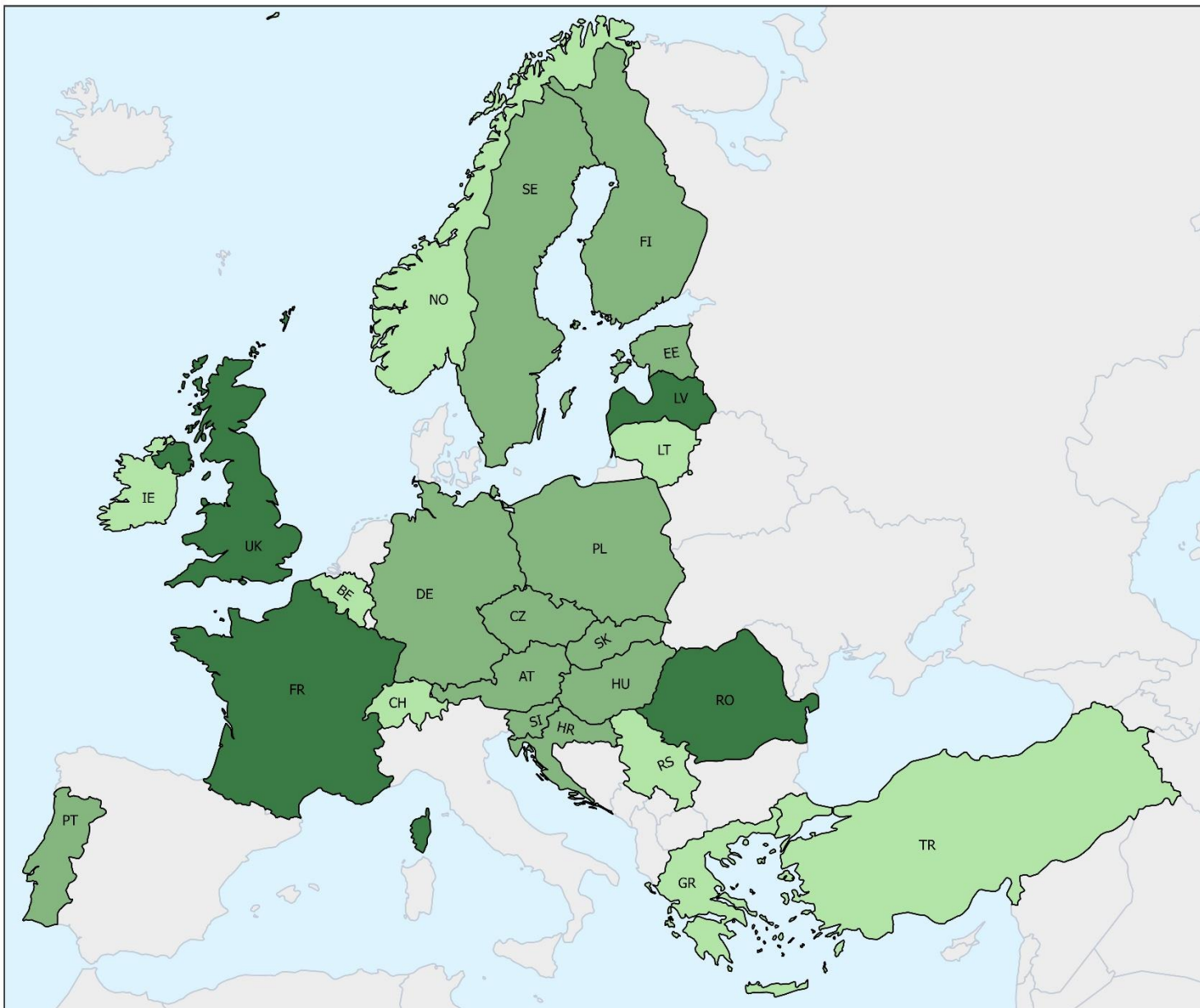
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New Forest Ownership through New Private Forest Owners who have bought Forests (time period: 1985-2015)

Legend

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- 0 (not relevant)
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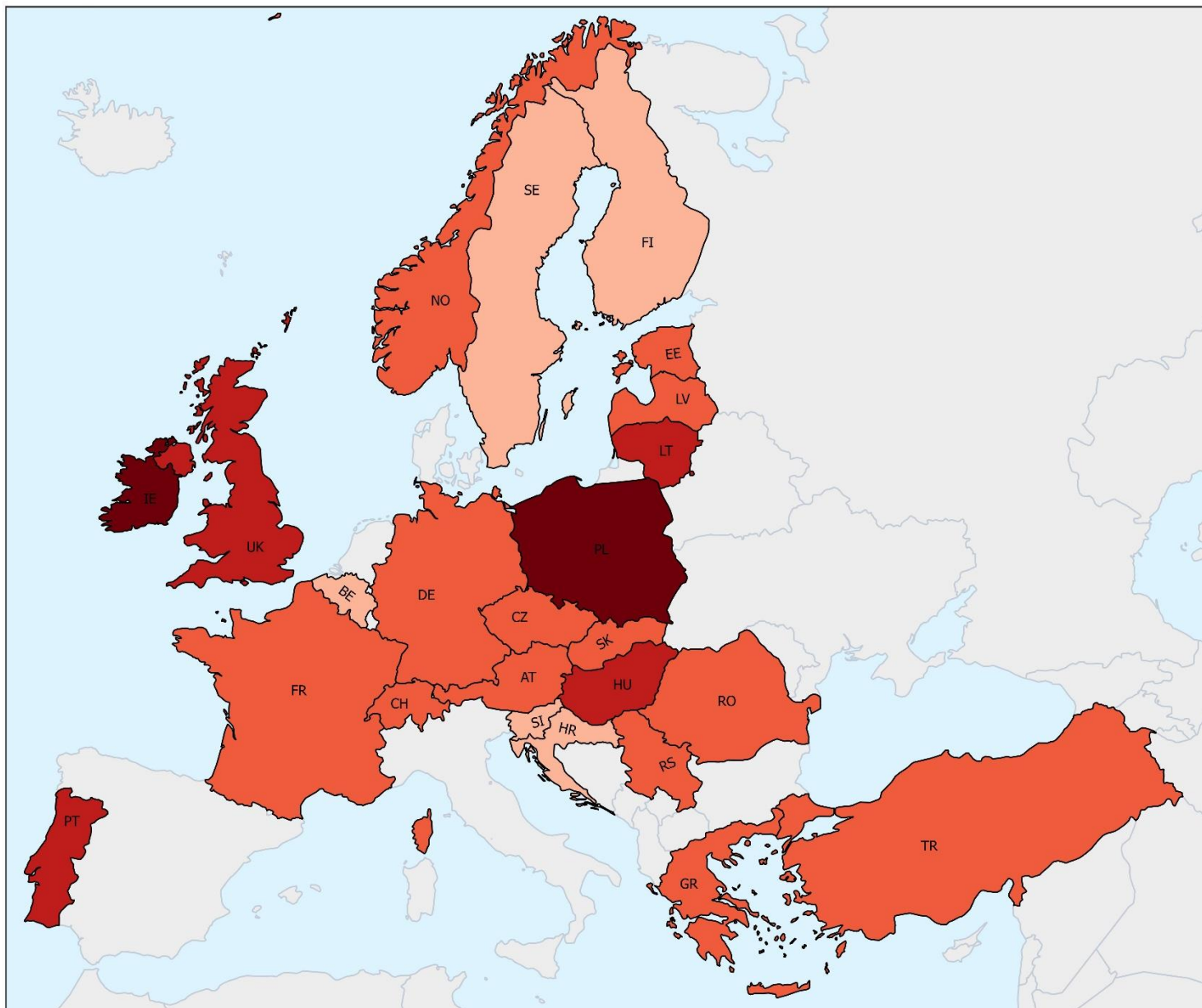
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New Forest Ownership through Afforestation of formerly Agricultural or Waste Lands (time period: 1985-2015)

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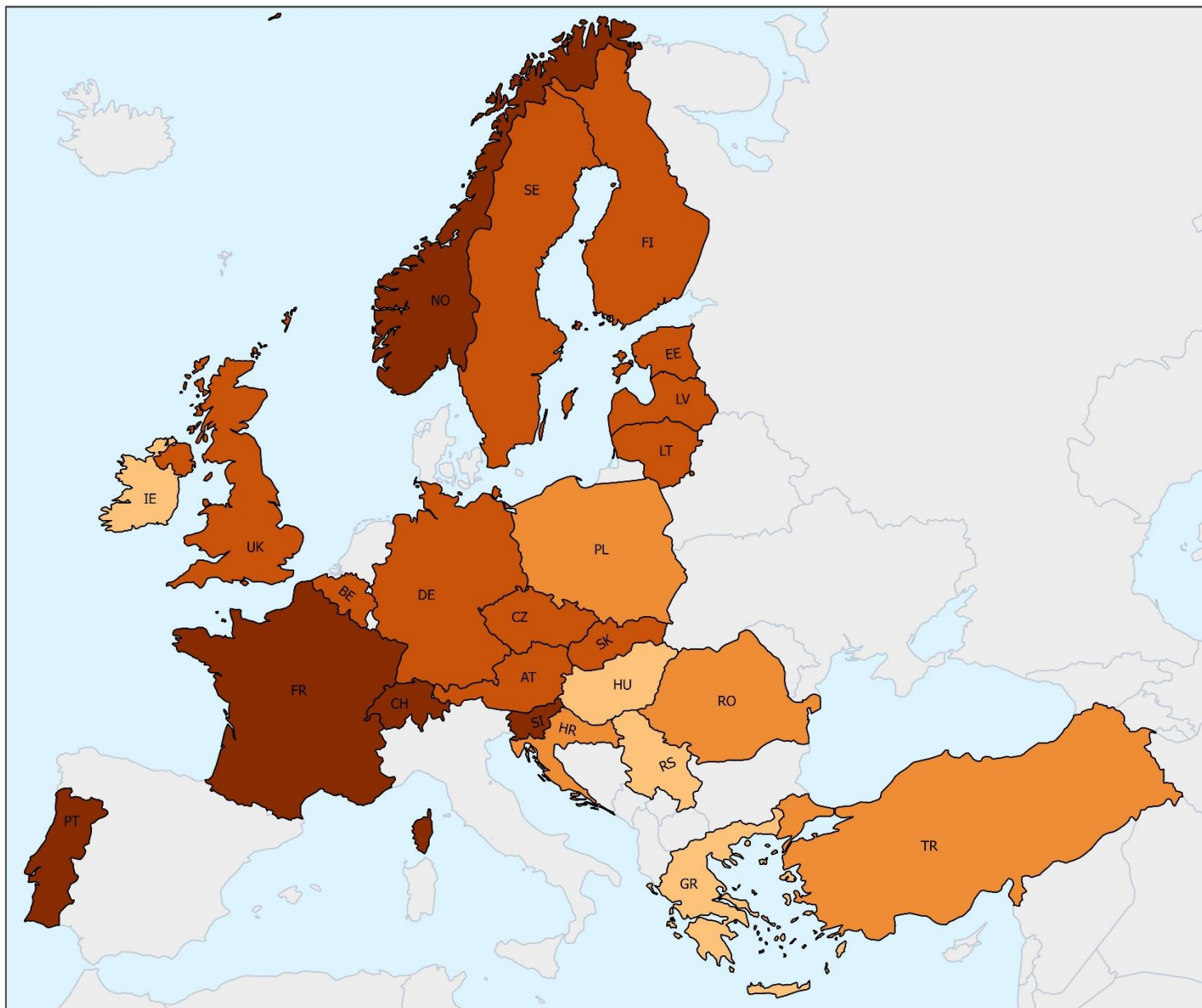
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New Forest Ownership through Changing Life Style, Motivations and Attitudes of Forest Owners (time period: 1985-2015)

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Plan of the conference



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- **Plenary meetings:** external and internal keynotes – Wednesday
- **Poster walk:** lunch time – Wednesday
- **Parallel sessions:** submitted papers – Wednesday-Thursday
- **Panel discussion:** with stakeholders - Thursday
- **Joint dinner:** informal interaction - Wednesday evening

- **Action internal meeting:** Thursday-Friday

