A Regional Financing Platform for Forests in the Mediterranean region?

Food for thoughts

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A RFP is a **regional framework** facilitating the systematic operational interaction between **project implementing bodies** (f.ex. administrations, research centers, NGOs, associations, etc) and **financing institutions** (multilateral organizations, bilateral donors, development banks, private companies, foundations, etc.). It aims at **catalysing** and increasing the **volume of funds** available for implementing **common objectives** defined at the **regional level**.

**Examples**

- **TerrAfrica** [www.terrafrica.org](http://www.terrafrica.org).

Among the key aspects of these platforms, we can note the following: i) clearly **identified beneficiaries**, ii) **diversified donors and technical partners**, iii) a well-defined **governance structure** and related processes, iv) intense and regular **communication**.
Key principles to be discussed

The RFP generates projects on topics of common interest + innovative thematics requiring a mutual learning (e.g. refering to SFMF). If possible, priority should be given to regional approaches.

Direct beneficiaries and project implementers of the RFP are not necessarily forest administrations (e.g. partner administrations and institutions, NGOs, associations, research centers, etc.)

The RFP should be in line with the national processes on forest finance (e.g. maintaining contacts with GEF-FP, Rio conventions-FP, National Forest Funds, etc.)

The RFP should be driven by the countries (needs for national focal points)

Funds should support the design of long-term financing strategies, and related instruments (National Forest Funds, Public Private Partnerships, PES, EFR, REDD+, etc.)
Possible relation between the RFP and the CPMF?

Potential (new) donors (???) after 2015

Direct beneficiaries

Technical support group
Focal points the national level

- **GCF-FP**: National Accredited entity for direct access to the Green Climate Fund
- **AF-FP**: National Accredited entity for direct access to Adaptation Fund
- **N-FF-FP**: In the forest administration
- **REDD-FP**, **CCD-FP**, **CBD-FP**, **UNFCCC-FP**, **GEF-FP**
Possible RFP: an overview

RFP Steering Committee

National FF platforms

Technical support group

Donor platform

National FF platforms
Which Regional Financing Platform for CPMF partner countries? (GIZ, 2015)
Pending issues

✓ Possibility to capitalize on the CPMF success stories? Opening ways for pan-european forest cooperation, beyond CPMF target countries?

✓ Governance structure: political mandate + secretariat (facilitation) + national focal points?

✓ Work agenda, based on the SFMF? Building on the CPMF-OP?
Questions to country representatives

✓ What is the added-value of such a donor coordination mechanism for your institution/country?

✓ What should be the priorities of such a donor coordination mechanism?

✓ How could your institution/country play an active role in this donor coordination mechanism? Politically? Technically? Financially?

✓ In your opinion, which kind of players should play an active role in developing and facilitating such a coordination mechanism?

Questions to donors

✓ Given your experience in other contexts, what kind of coordination mechanism may be adapted to the Mediterranean context?

✓ Which key features and modalities would you recommend to establish such a mechanism?

✓ How would you see the role of your organization in contributing to such a regional mechanism? Technically, financially, in-kind, other?