



FORRISK

Cross-border forest risk management





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General short project introduction



In a nutshell

Priority:

Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation

Programme objective: Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration by promoting legal and administrative cooperation and cooperation between citizens and institutions

Duration:

01.01.2021 – 31.12.2022

Partners:

3 Project partners (PPs) and 15 Strategic partners (SPs)

Total budget:

264.074,60 €



Lead partner (LP)

- **LP/PP1: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna**

- Department of Forest and Soil Sciences

- Institute of Silviculture
- Institute of Forest Entomology, Forest Pathology and Forest Protection



- Department of Landscape, Spatial and Infrastructure Sciences

- Institute of Geomatics





Project partner - PP #2

- **PP2: MENDELU – Mendel University in Brno**

- Department of Silviculture
- Department of Forest Protection and Wildlife Management
- Department of Forest Management and Applied Geoinformatics
- Department of Forest and Wood Products, Economics and Policy





Project partner – PP #3

- **PP3: Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics,
Rural and Mountain Research**

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Austrian Strategic partners (SPs)

- **National public authority:**
Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism – Forest department
- **Regional public authorities:**
Office of the Upper and Lower Austrian Federal State Government – Forest Service
- **Legal interest groups:**
Chamber of Agriculture of Upper and Lower Austria
- **Clusterorganisation:**
Small Region Waldviertel Heartland (Kleinregion Waldviertler Kernland)
- **SMEs:**
Austrian Federal Forests (ÖBf), Czernin-Kinsky Forest Estate
Rosenhof GmbH & Co KG, Forest enterprise Monastery Schlägl,
Forest enterprise Monastery Altenburg



Czech Strategic partners (SPs)

➤ **SMEs:**

Forests of the Czech Republic (forest districts - Znojmo, Český Rudolec, Telč and Forest enterprise Židlochovice)

Municipal Forests Volary

Municipal Forests Dačice

➤ **National park Šumava**

➤ **Interest group:**

ProSilva Bohemica



Additional Czech partners – signed Letter of intent

- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Environment
- Region of South Bohemia
- Region of Vysočina (upland area between SB and SM)
- Region of South Moravia



Objectives



Main objective

provide cross-border, science-based decision support for adaptive forest management for successful forest enterprises and stable forest ecosystems by:

- Intensive **cross-border cooperation of PPs and SPs**
- **Transfer of scientific knowledge** into practice and to the public authorities
- New **scientific findings in forestry practice** (under different economic, organisational and natural conditions)
- **Cross-border vocational training** for the transfer of relevant forest measures into practice
- Networking of forestry competences and **communication activities** for specific target groups and the general public



Specific objectives

- Exchange of national concepts and **development of common harmonised risk management plans and strategic solutions** for the regions
- **Networking** of relevant forestry institutions and related interest groups
- Creation of a **cross-border knowledge platform** to optimise decision-making within the framework of forest risk management



Main outputs and activities



Project results

- Harmonized and optimized system of **adaptive forest management** to minimize the risk at cross-border regions (Output T.1.2)
- **Reinforcement of knowledge level and awareness** of relevant forest and public institutions (Output T.1.1)
- Instruments for the development of **cross-border and enterprise-specific risk management and control** (Output T.1.3)
- **Good-practice examples** with implemented, adaptive management and preparation of a **cross-border manual for adaptive management** (Output T.1.2)
- Building of a **cross-border network supporting information and communication exchange** among scientific institutions, governmental institutions and forest owners (Output T.1.3)



WP T1 - Main outputs

- **Output O.T.1.1:**
Identification of common problems and **synthesis** of good-practice examples in forestry
- **Output O.T.1.2:**
Manual for future crisis and risk management in forestry
- **Output O.T.1.3:**
Cross-border knowledge and information exchange **network**

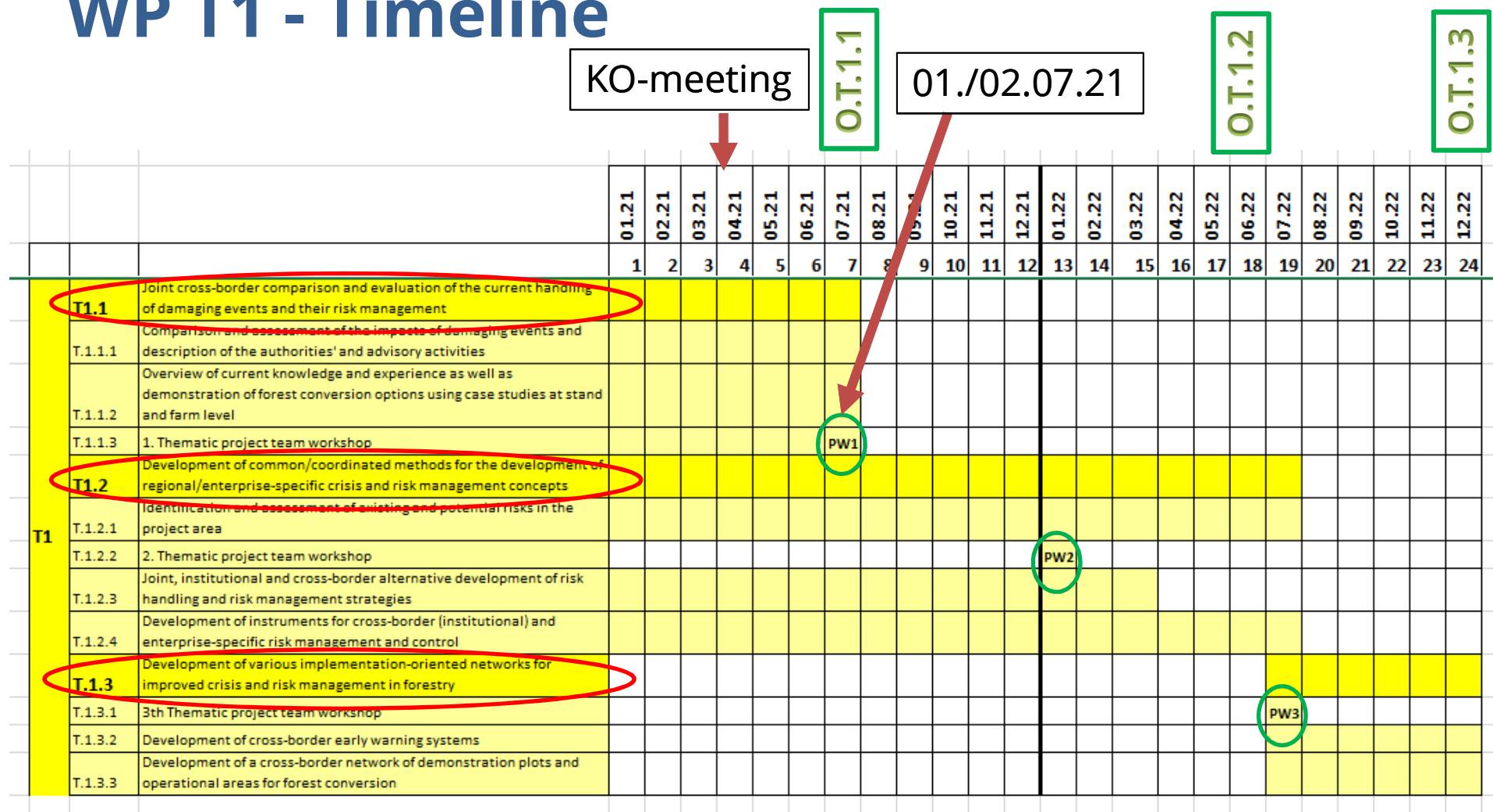


WP T1 - Main activities

- **Activity A.T.1.1:**
Joint **cross-border comparison and evaluation** of the current handling of damaging events and their risk management
- **Activity A.T.1.2:**
Development of common/coordinated methods for the development of **regional/enterprise-specific crisis and risk management concepts**
- **Activity A.T.1.3:**
Development of various implementation-oriented **networks for improved crisis and risk management** in forestry



WP T1 - Timeline



PW...Thematic project team workshop (2 days; PW1: AT, PW2: CZ, PW3: CZ) – participants: PPs + SPs



Target groups & involvement



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in principle: AT and CZ Strategic partners and additional CZ partners (signed letter of intent) and international organisations (European Forest Institute, IUFRO = International Union of Forest Research Organisations)

- Strategic partners are involved into **manual preparation**
- **Seminars and field excursions** to demonstration plots and enterprises - examples of good practises will be offered to stakeholders and students
- **Joint platform** for early warning providing information in case of increasing potential of calamity events will be available for all interested stakeholders
- **Tools for implementation** of thematically oriented trainings and for tertial and professional education (for all forest institutions and companies).
- **Various communication channels** (web pages, leaflets, newsletter, etc.) will be used for dissemination of the project and its results towards general public

<https://www.at-cz.eu/forrisk>



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Thank you for your attention!