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ABOUT THE PROJECT

SocialForest

*Lucha integral contra el impacto del cambio climático
en áreas forestales del espacio SUDOE*

Proyecto cofinanciado por el Programa
Interreg Sudoe a través del Fondo Europeo
de Desarrollo Regional (FEDER)

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The project is co-financed by the Interreg SUDOE Programme 2021–2027, through European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), and is being implemented between 2024 and 2026 in regions of Spain, France and Portugal.

SocialForest is a European territorial cooperation project whose aim is to strengthen the resilience of forest systems to climate change in south-western Europe, while promoting the sustainable socio-economic development of rural areas.



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OUR CHALLENGE

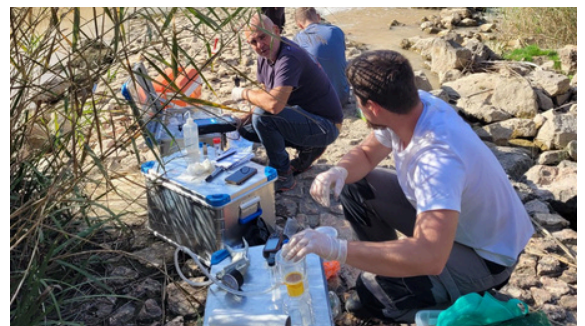
Forests in the SUDOE area are facing an increasingly intense combination of climatic and socio-economic risks:

- **INCREASE IN PROLONGED DROUGHTS AND EXTREME TEMPERATURES**
- **HIGHER INCIDENCE OF FOREST PESTS AND DISEASES**
- **INCREASED RISK OF LARGE, HIGH-INTENSITY WILDFIRES**
- **DESERTIFICATION PROCESSES AND LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY**
- **RURAL ABANDONMENT, LACK OF ACTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND LOSS OF PROFITABILITY OF FORESTRY ACTIVITIES**

MORE VULNERABLE FORESTS IN A CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

This lack of management not only compromises the persistence of forest ecosystems, but also limits the potential of the forest bioeconomy and the balanced development of rural territories.

SocialForest emerges as a response to this scenario, demonstrating that integrated, adaptive and socially connected forest management is key to addressing climate change.



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OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of SocialForest is to contribute to the climate change adaptation of forest systems in the SUDOE area by increasing their resilience to climatic and natural risks, while simultaneously fostering the socio-economic development of rural areas.



WHAT DO WE DO?

The project combines scientific and technical knowledge with innovative diagnostic and monitoring tools. It involves administrations, forest managers, landowners and local stakeholders, following an approach based on ecosystems, climate adaptation and social innovation. Our steps are:

- **DESIGN A TRANSNATIONAL FOREST STRATEGY BASED ON ECOSYSTEM-BASED APPROACHES**
- **DEVELOP TERRITORIAL ACTION PLANS TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY**
- **IMPLEMENT AND VALIDATE SEVEN PILOT ACTIONS IN DIFFERENT SUDOE TERRITORIES**
- **IMPROVE ACTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT, REDUCING RISKS SUCH AS WILDFIRES, PESTS AND SOIL DEGRADATION**
- **PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AND THE REPLICABILITY OF SOLUTIONS**
- **RAISE AWARENESS AMONG POLICYMAKERS, MANAGERS AND SOCIETY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT**



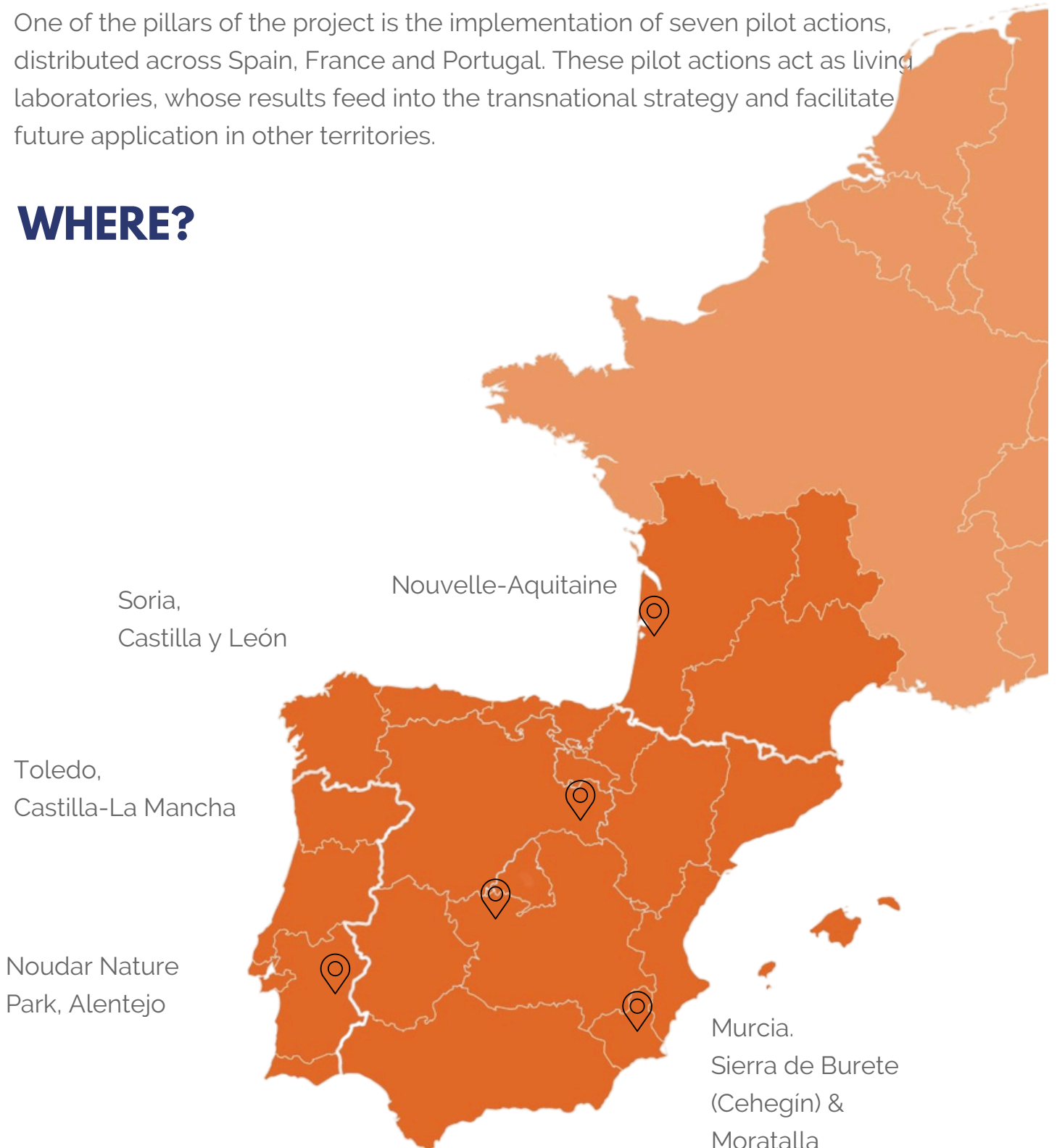
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PILOT ACTIONS

One of the pillars of the project is the implementation of seven pilot actions, distributed across Spain, France and Portugal. These pilot actions act as living laboratories, whose results feed into the transnational strategy and facilitate future application in other territories.

WHERE?



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WEB INTERREG SUDOE

The Interreg programme website acts as the official showcase for SocialForest, bringing together all relevant project information in a single reference space. It presents the main progress, actions and results achieved throughout the project's development.

In addition, the content is available in several languages, allowing SocialForest to reach a broad and international audience, strengthening project dissemination and the impact of its results across participating territories.

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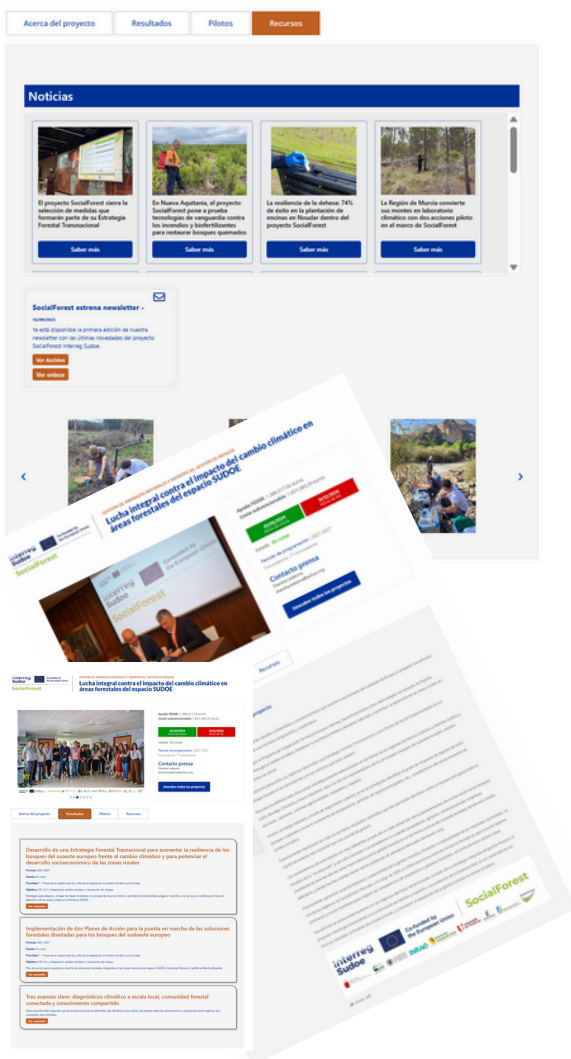
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