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**Wild forest products
 international trade: which
 opportunities for the European
 market?**

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Methodology



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Methodology

Three fundamental steps:

1. **Definition** of NWFP
2. Data **source**
3. Data **cleaning**



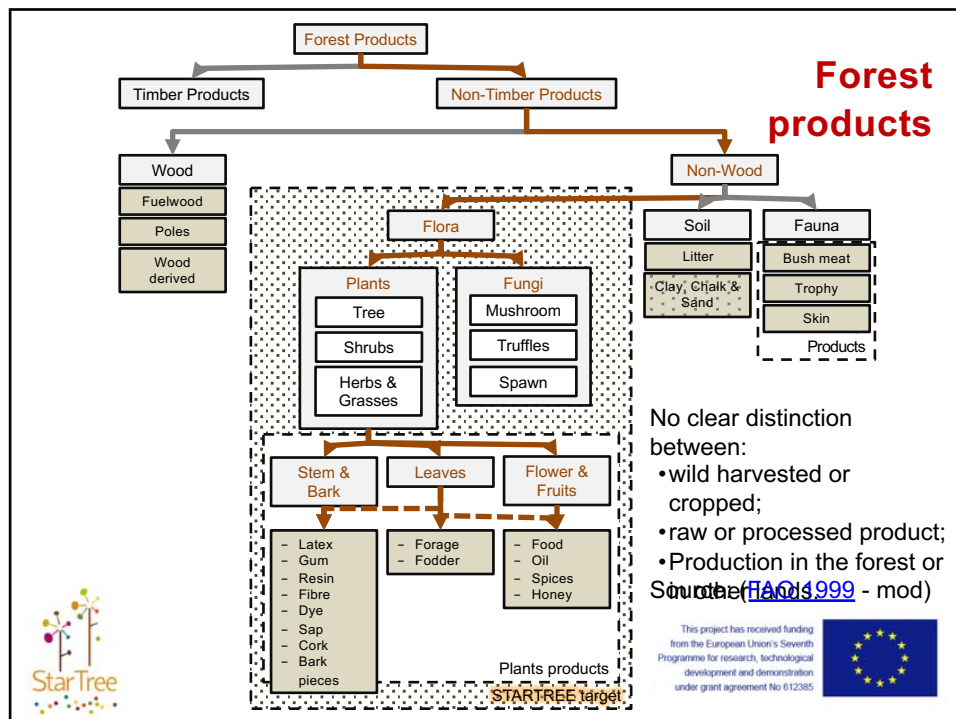
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Definition

Different approaches in definition:

- By the origin
- By the typology of products (by species)
- By level of processing (raw, processed, end product)
- by commercial categories (size, fresh, dry, purity, etc.)
- By the end use (food, fiber, ...)
- By management system
- By functional use
- ...



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1. NWFP definition

NWFP are “products of biological origin other than wood derived from forests, other wooded land and trees outside forests” - (FAO 1999)

NTFP are “all biological materials other than timber which are extracted from forest for human use” - (De Beer and McDermott 1989)



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NWFP definition

A slight convergence in the definition of NWFPs comes from national laws and standards

proposed

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resulting

parts th

forests

see Kilchling et al. 2009)

The concept of “wild product” is recognized by the NWFP customers!
→ “Wild Forest Products” (WFP) should be used in communication and marketing



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Coordination of classification approaches developed in Star-Tree

Ecological classification

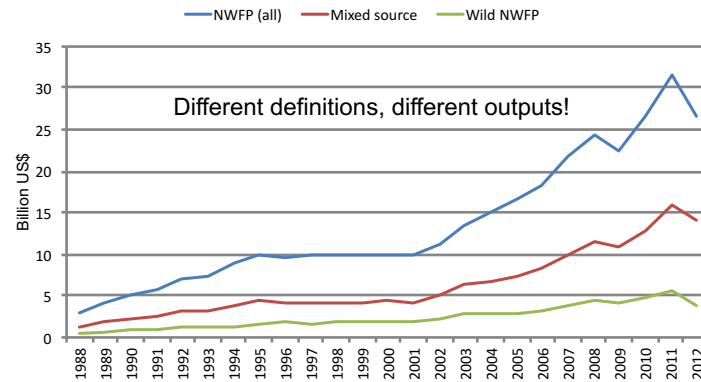
Trade classification

Ecological position	NWFP category	NWFP types	Score	HS Codes	NWFP type	Category	Commodity group	HS Code	Period of validity
Products of the stem, leaves or tree reproductive system	Stem-based Products (stem is sold)	Christmas tree	2	0604 90*	Essential oils	Essential oils	Resiniferous bark extract	1302 10	2002-2003, 2005-2006, 2007-2008, 2009-2010, 2011-2012
		Fibre	2	4603 91, 4603 29, 4603 34, 4603 99, 4603 21			Oil or essential bark extract	1302 11	
		Non-woodying	1	0604 90			Essential bark extract	1302 12	
		Tap	5	0603 90, 0607 90			Essential bark extract	1302 13	
		Tannins	5	1201 10, 1202 10, 1203 10, 1204 10			Essential bark extract	1302 14	
	Leaf based products (leaves are removed from the stem)	Essential oils	12	2905 43, 2905 44, 2904 60	Foliage	Foliage	Essential oils	1302 15	
		Phytochemicals	5	2902 29, 2902 30			Essential oils	1302 16	
		Pigments	11	3204 11			Essential oils	1302 17	
		Phytol	1	0604 20*			Essential oils	1302 18	
		Phytol	1	0604 20*			Essential oils	1302 19	
Products of the stem, leaves or tree reproductive system	Bark and cork	Essential oils	12	2905 43, 2905 44, 2904 60	Foliage	Foliage	Essential oils	1302 15	
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		Phytol	1	0604 20*			Essential oils	1302 19	
Tree dependent product	Wild fungi	Essential oils	12	2905 43, 2905 44, 2904 60	Foliage	Foliage	Essential oils	1302 15	
		Phytochemicals	5	2902 29, 2902 30			Essential oils	1302 16	
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Forest secondary products	Bark and cork	Essential oils	12	2905 43, 2905 44, 2904 60	Foliage	Foliage	Essential oils	1302 15	
		Phytochemicals	5	2902 29, 2902 30			Essential oils	1302 16	
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Animal and animal parts	Wild fungi	Essential oils	12	2905 43, 2905 44, 2904 60	Foliage	Foliage	Essential oils	1302 15	
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Source: WCO (2014), ComTrade (2013), mod.

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Strategic role of WFP definition



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2. WFP trade data sources

– International:

- **ComTrade**
- FAOStat
- EuroStat
- US Bureau
- World Bank
- ...

more detailed (less aggregated than FAO), primary source for FAO, more “international” (not focused on EU countries), ...

– Other: national/sectoral (national statistical agency, category associations, etc.)



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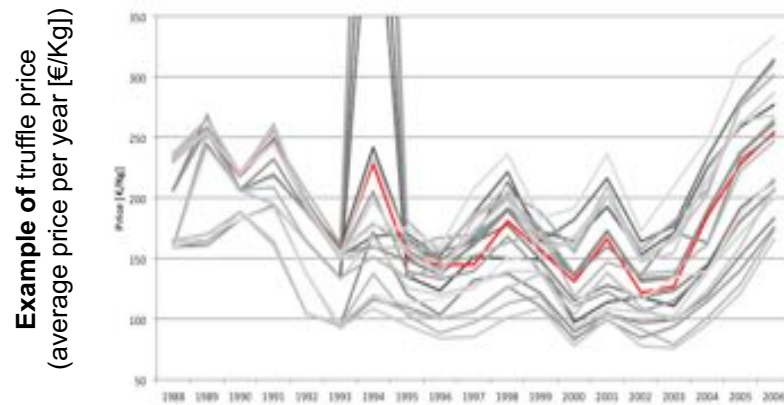
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3. Selection of a data cleaning approach: the problem



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Data cleaning

- No common agreed methodology to deal with the problem of outliers and the mismatch of data on import-export
- Only suggested approaches



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Selection of a data cleaning approach

Approach	Pro	Cons
a) Use the raw data as reported	No data cleaning	Double accounting of quantity and economic value of specific commodities
b) Use an average of the reported data from each source	Fast data cleaning and database preparation	Problems on price estimation and quantity accountability
c) Use import data in preference to export data (the rationale is that many countries are much more strict in regulating imports than exports, and hence records are likely to be better)	Fast data cleaning and database preparation	Quantity underestimation and unreliable reporting of some developing countries
d) Use data from developed economies in preference to data from developing economies, or large economies in preference to small economies (this may be justified on the basis of assumed better reporting practices, or the law of large numbers)	Better comparison with Eurostat and US trade statistic bureau	Problems persist in trade data among developing countries

Note: Adapted from UN-ESCAP (2009) page 34.



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A new data cleaning methodology

- No common agreed methodology to deal with the problem of outliers and the mismatch of data on import-export
- Only suggested approaches
- A new methodology developed and tested (now also in other products trade analysis)
 - **Mirroring** technique selection
 - **Outliers** detection
 - **Missing data** estimation



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Results



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Data elaboration

Three fundamental steps:

1. General trade patterns analysis (trends, concentration: top importers, top exporters, ...)
2. Focus on 4 main WFP target categories
3. More advanced statistical analysis



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Some spot results will be presented. For more information



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**Multipurpose trees and non-wood forest products:
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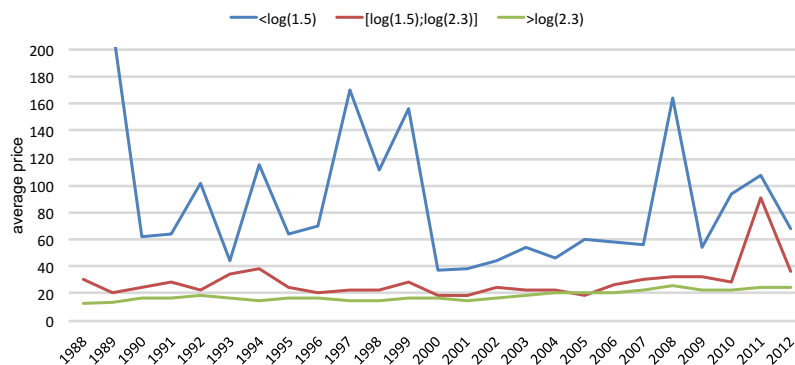
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1. General trade patterns analysis

Some examples

Cork price: three market segments inside the international trade



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General trade patterns analysis

Some examples

Top exporters on tanning market (ton)

Top 10 Exp. Tons

Country	2008	Country	2009	Country	2010	Country	2011	Country	2012
Argentina	63786	Argentina	42082	Argentina	59046	Argentina	55206	South Africa	39026
Brazil	43400	Brazil	32891	South Africa	45591	South Africa	43017	Brazil	33650
S. Africa	39099	South Africa	31188	Brazil	37145	Brazil	38438	Argentina	24838
USA	16223	Indonesia	18435	Indonesia	21201	Indonesia	13636	Indonesia	15844
Italy	10752	India	11288	France	12541	India	9982	USA	10620
India	7680	Italy	10694	Italy	10362	Italy	9270	India	8004
Slovenia	6843	USA	8327	India	9307	USA	7583	Hong Kong	6604
Peru	5589	Peru	5366	Peru	8944	Slovenia	6470	Slovenia	5396
China	4100	Slovenia	5209	USA	7675	Hong Kong	5868	Italy	5182
Zimbabwe	3784	Germany	4559	Slovenia	7493	Peru	5427	Peru	4616

Top 10 Export Links

Country	2008	Country	2009	Country	2010	Country	2011	Country	2012
Italy	155	Italy	158	Italy	161	Italy	166	Germany	128
USA	130	USA	128	USA	135	USA	134	USA	114
Germany	121	France	113	Germany	121	Germany	128	Brazil	96
France	112	Germany	112	France	119	France	119	India	91
Brazil	99	Brazil	109	Brazil	104	India	111	Italy	87
Argentina	94	Argentina	90	India	102	Brazil	105	South Africa	76
South Africa	91	India	89	Argentina	95	Argentina	92	France	70
UK	70	South Africa	84	South Africa	90	South Africa	83	Belgium	67
Belgium	64	Belgium	70	UK	84	China	78	Spain	51
India	62	China	64	China	76	Belgium	77	UK	50

Analysis of trends

Some examples
Wild mushroom

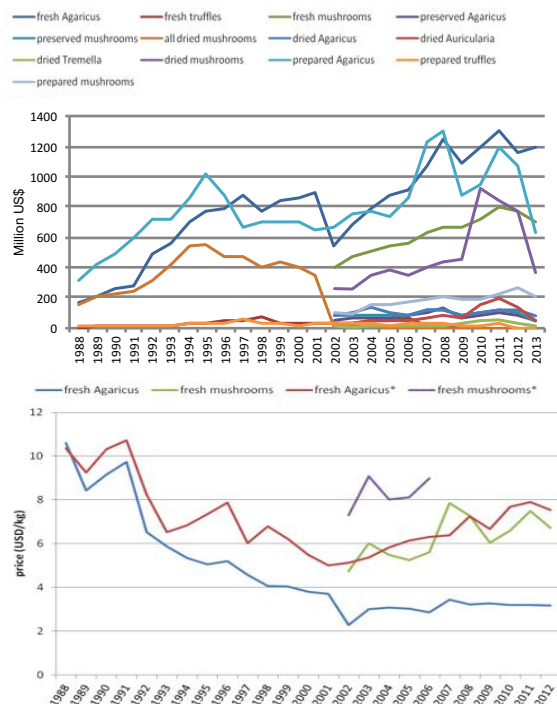
Domesticated mushrooms are the predominant part of the market in terms of bulk

Wild mushrooms cover the 26.4% of the total **traded volume** that worthies the 45.6% of the **total value** (4.98 B US\$ in 2011)

Boletes **prices** are approximately 6.15 €/kg at wholesaler level and chanterelles has been stabilized **globally** close to 4.5-5€/kg



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General trade patterns analysis

EU28 total imports, exports and trade balance for quebracho and wattle tannins, from 1996 to 2012 (million dollars)



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EU-World. Trade balance

	Code	Level of processing	Part of wild harvest?	World 2011	From EU28 2011	To EU28 2011	EU28 balance	World-EU28	Exp. %	Imp. %
Honey	040900	Raw	Yes	1906	616	1019	-403	32.44	53.48	
Mosses	060410	Raw	Yes	58	33	37	-4	55.98	62.61	
Fresh foliage	060491	Raw	Yes	1210	729	887	-157	60.29	73.28	
Dry foliage	060499	Raw	Yes	367	170	231	-61	46.33	63.06	
Fresh & frozen Agaricus	070951	Raw	No	1302	1102	972	-129	84.63	74.68	
Fresh & frozen truffles	070952	Raw	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh & frozen mushrooms	070959	Raw	Yes	785	414	480	-66	52.69	61.12	
Preserved Agaricus	071151	Processed	No	101	32	53	-21	32.07	52.99	
Preserved mushrooms	071159	Processed	Yes	119	17	85	-68	14.45	71.68	
Dried mushrooms	071230	Raw	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dried Agaricus	071231	Raw	No	116	41	58	-17	35.52	49.94	
Dried Auricularia	071232	Raw	Yes	196	4	16	-12	1.95	8.12	
Dried Tremella	071233	Raw	Yes	55	1	2	0	2.30	3.08	
Dried mushrooms	071239	Raw	Yes	1370	71	170	-100	5.17	12.44	
Almonds	080211	Raw	No	1043	36	55	-19	3.41	5.28	
Shelled almonds	080212	Processed	No	3369	671	1710	-1038	19.93	50.75	
Hazelnuts	080221	Raw	No	180	25	41	-17	13.61	23.00	
Shelled hazelnuts	080222	Processed	No	1782	296	1342	-1046	16.60	75.32	
Walnuts	080231	Raw	No	987	164	308	-144	16.61	31.23	
Shelled walnuts	080232	Processed	No	1545	219	678	-459	14.15	43.88	
Chestnuts	080240	Raw	Yes	299	153	121	-31	51.05	40.60	
Dischidias	080250	Raw	No	3013	524	1289	-763	17.38	42.70	
Fresh strawberries	081010	Raw	No	2579	1604	1533	-71	62.18	59.41	
Fresh raspberry	081020	Raw	No	1173	410	442	-32	34.97	37.70	
Fresh currants	081030	Raw	No	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fresh cranberries	081040	Raw	Yes	1428	345	488	-143	24.14	34.18	
Fresh other	081090	Raw	No	2948	713	914	-201	24.19	30.99	
Frozen strawberries	081110	Raw	No	1090	479	706	-227	43.95	64.73	
Frozen raspberries	081120	Raw	No	951	416	694	-278	43.72	73.00	
Frozen fruits and nuts	081190	Raw	Yes	2530	1033	1484	-451	40.82	58.66	
Prepared Agaricus	200310	Processed	No	1179	572	568	-4	48.48	48.17	
Prepared truffles	200320	Processed	Yes	29	24	19	5	82.02	59.62	
Prepared mushrooms	200390	Processed	Yes	228	84	87	-3	36.77	38.20	
Quebracho tannins	320110	Raw	Yes	85	7	32	-25	8.27	37.07	
Wattle tannins	320120	Raw	Yes	130	4	24	-19	3.37	18.25	
Other tannins	320190	Raw	Yes	195	92	57	35	47.05	29.12	
Natural Cork	450110	Raw	Yes	147	140	132	8	94.88	89.67	
Cork in pieces	450190	Processed	Yes	93	79	69	10	84.94	74.10	
Cork squared	450200	Processed	Yes	72	63	42	21	87.82	58.45	
Cork Stopper	450310	Processed	Yes	743	705	406	299	94.92	54.71	
Total overview				35403	12086	17247	-5161	34.14	48.72	
Total overview (only raw and partially wild sourced products)				10761	3811	5180	-1363	35.42	48.13	

2. Focus on 4 main WFP target categories

Background questionnaire

Ecological classification	NWFP type	NWFP (Background questionnaire)	Interest score	Comtrade HS Codes
Products of the stem, leaves or tree reproductive system	Stem-based Products (tree is cut)	Christmas tree	2	
		Fibre	2	
		bio-refining	1	
		Tar	5	380300; 380700
		Tanning	5	320110; 320120; 320130; 320190; 330210; 330290; 290544; 382460
	Leaf based products (branches are removed)	Sorbitol	2	330129; 330190
		Essential oils	12	293990; 293999
		Phytochemical	5	320417
		Pigments	5	
		Foliage	11	
	Extracted from tree (tree is kept alive)	Sap	1	130219*
		Natural gums	2	130120; 130120; 130190; 380630
		Exudate	9	330130; 380510; 380520; 380590; 380610; 380690
		Bark	18	450110; 450190; 450200; 450310; 450390; 450410; 450490
		Tree flowers	2	
Tree dependent species	Fruits & flowers	Fruits	15	081090
		Edible nuts	19	080221; 080222; 080231; 080232; 080240; 080250; 080290
		Products based on species hosted by tree	24	070959; 071159; 071232; 071233; 071239; 200390
	Berries	Mushrooms	9	070959
		Truffle	25	040900; 152190
	Berries	Honey and Bee Prod	16	081010; 081040; 081110; 081120; 200880
		Berries	7	060310; 060390
	Forest plants	Live tree/plants	1	090950; 091020; 091050; 091099; 121190; 130213; 130219*
		Medicinal and aromatic plants	10	60410
		Mosses & lichens	14	60200; 60290
	Forest understory products	Litter	1	
		Reprod. material	1	
		Peat	15	
	Animal and animal parts	Fish	20	10690
		Game	4	30760
		Live animals	9	
		Animal parts	2	
Tourism	Tourism	Ants eggs	2	
		Tourism	2	

Target WFP in EU

Key products for the EU industry in which there is a international leadership:

- Chestnuts
- Tannins
- Wild mushroom
- Cork



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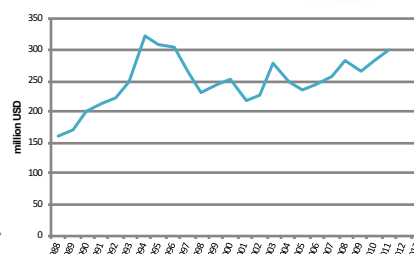
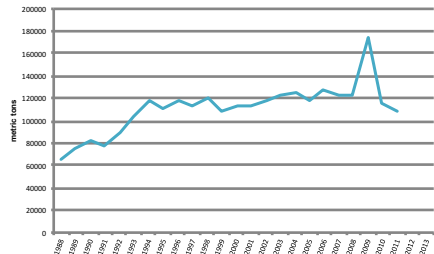
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Target WFP in EU Chestnuts



Exports (million USD)				
2000	2005	2010	2011	
China 85.4	China 66.5	Italy 73.2	Italy 79.7	
R. of Korea 84.3	Italy 64.1	China 70.1	China 78.4	
Italy 40.2	R. of Korea 53.0	R. of Korea 45.4	R. of Korea 48.1	
Portugal 13.1	Portugal 11.8	Portugal 22.5	Portugal 25.8	
Spain 9.0	Turkey 9.4	Spain 16.6	Spain 20.0	

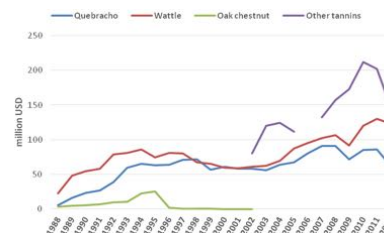
Imports (million USD)				
2000	2005	2010	2011	
Japan 149.6	Japan 72.5	Japan 54.4	Japan 59.0	
France 13.8	China 21.9	China 23.1	France 28.6	
USA 11.5	USA 16.0	France 21.7	Italy 24.2	
Asia, nes 9.8	France 13.9	USA 19.9	Switzerland 19.5	
Switzerland 6.8	Switzerland 10.9	Germany 17.8	China 19.1	

- Italy is (probably was) the largest traders in the world (~26% of world trade)
- Quite stable economy with an average global price of 2€/kg
- There is a new trend on import and this is due to the Asian Gall-Wasp
- Italy, France and Japan are the largest processing countries for chestnuts

Target WFP in EU Tannin



- 3 major importers (~80% world trade)
- Future availability?
- An increased consumption in the future by skin working industry



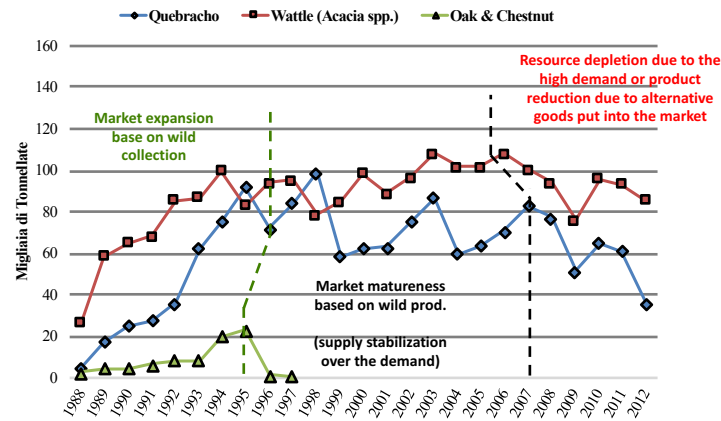
Exports (million USD)				
2000	2005	2010	2011	
Argentina 49	Argentina 46	Argentina 68	Argentina 69	
Brazil 25	South Africa 34	South Africa 50	Brazil 57	
South Africa 20	Brazil 31	Brazil 49	South Africa 53	
Hong Kong 6	USA 8	USA 5	USA 6	
Kenya 3	Zimbabwe 4	Zimbabwe 4	Zimbabwe 5	

Imports (million USD)				
2000	2005	2010	2011	
Italy 25	Italy 22	India 28	India 29	
Mexico 12	India 18	China 27	Italy 28	
India 10	Mexico 16	Italy 23	China 26	
China 9	China 12	Mexico 18	Mexico 22	
USA 6	USA 6	USA 8	USA 8	



Target WFP in EU

Tannin



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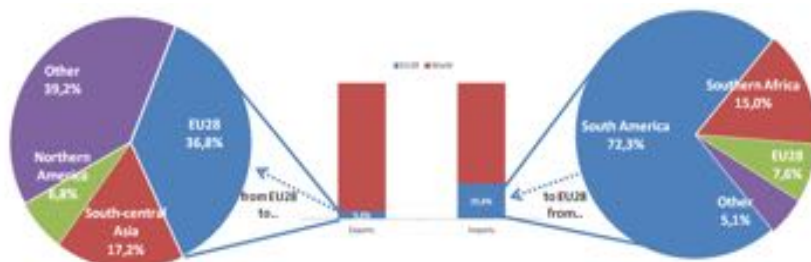
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Target WFP in EU

Tannin: EU28 imports and exports' partners for tannins (only quebracho and wattle) in 2011 with respect to global trade



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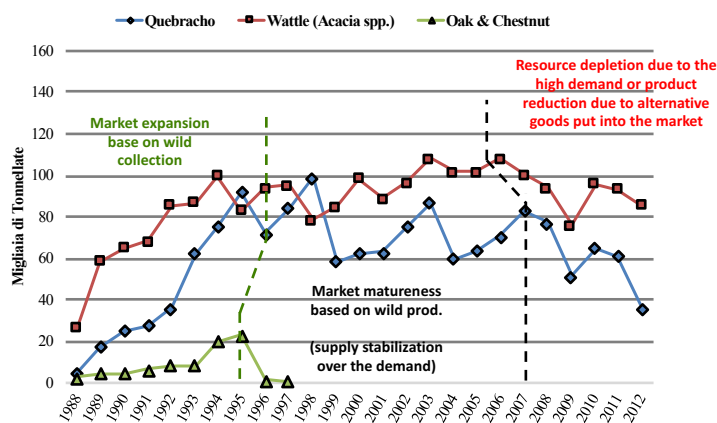
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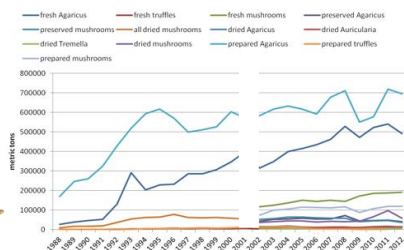
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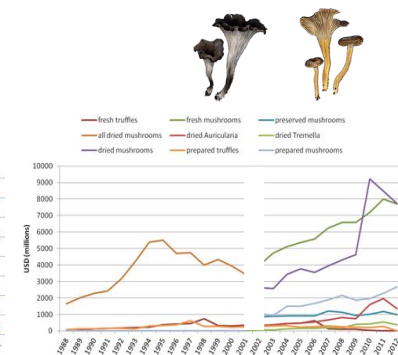


Target WFP in EU

Wild mushrooms



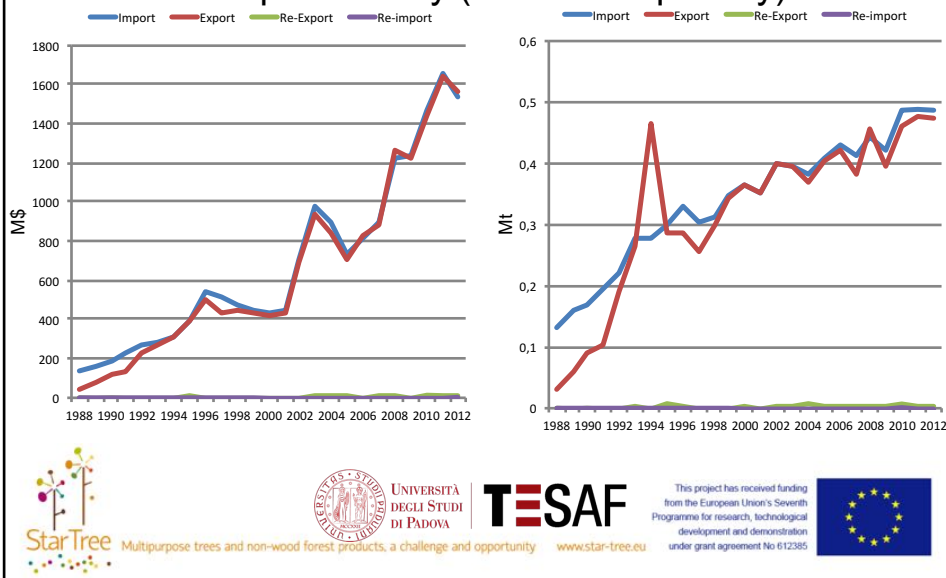
Exports (million USD)			
2005	2010	2012	
China 139,1	China 145,1	China 163,7	
Netherlands 48,0	Netherlands 77,5	Poland 93,8	
Poland 44,5	Poland 75,5	Netherlands 69,4	
Romania 25,0	Italy 48,6	Italy 54,4	
Russian Fed. 24,3	R. of Korea 44,7	R. of Korea 37,9	
Imports (million USD)			
2005	2010	2012	
Japan 152,9	Japan 99,1	Germany 100,1	
Germany 75,4	Germany 95,4	Japan 97,8	
Italy 61,8	France 83,8	France 90,3	
France 51,7	Italy 61,2	Italy 51,9	
UK 34,5	UK 58,7	USA 51,1	



- Italy is the **fourth largest** traders in the world both in export (~7% w.t.) and import (~6% w.t.)
- The core international customer is **Germany** due to higher purchasing power
- The main problem of the sector is not the consumption but the **production** (still lacking)
- From fresh to frozen and dried WM
- Lack of reliable (global) data

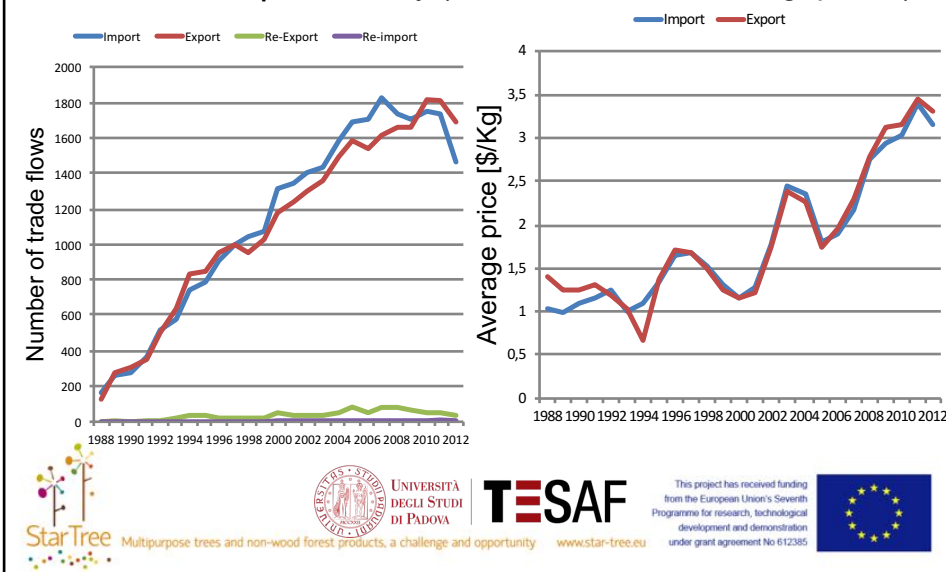
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Some examples: honey (value and quantity)



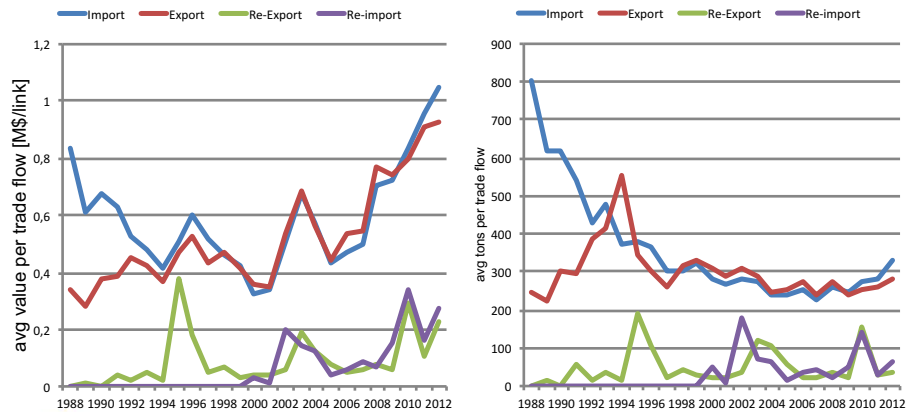
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Some examples: honey (number of flows and avg. prices)



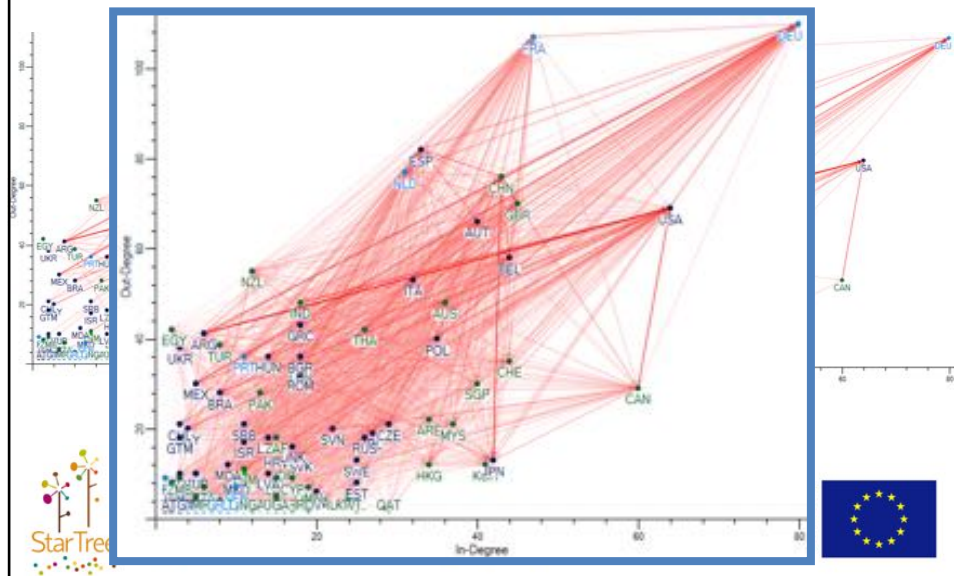
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Some examples: honey (avg. value per trade flow and avg. quantity per trade flow)



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Example: honey trade (2012)



Sub continental TNA & Top traders

Example from wild mushroom

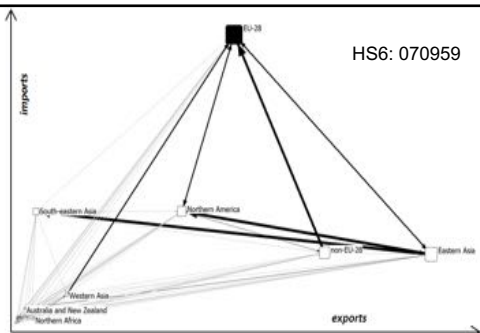
China is undoubtedly the largest fresh wild mushrooms exporter in the world, both in terms of quantity and economic value; alone, it accounted for the 21.2% of the export value in 2012

Poland and Nederland are the two main gate to EU market

Core global consumers are Japan, Germany, France, Italy and UK



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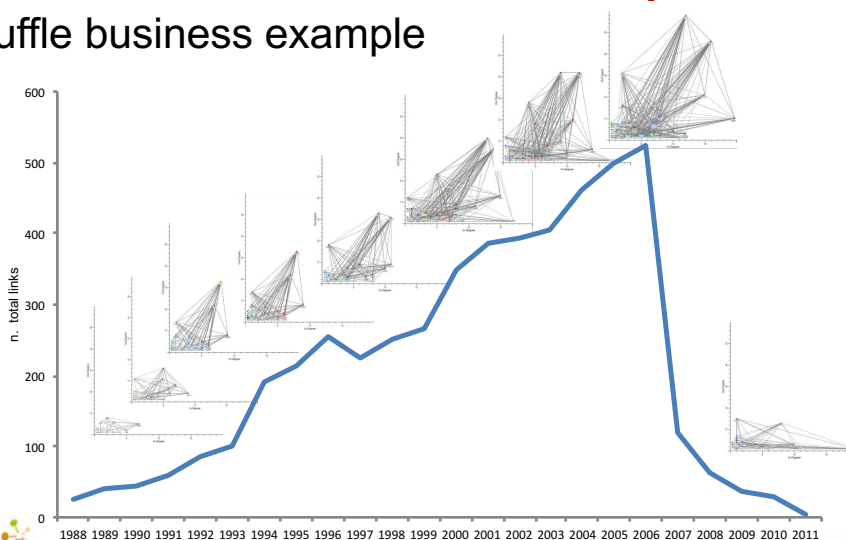
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Exports (million USD)					
2005		2010		2012	
China	139.1	China	145.1	China	165.7
Netherlands	48.0	Netherlands	77.5	Poland	93.8
Poland	44.5	Poland	75.5	Netherlands	69.6
Romania	25.0	Italy	49.6	Italy	54.4
Russian Fed.	24.3	R. of Korea	44.7	R. of Korea	37.9

Imports (million USD)					
2005		2010		2012	
Japan	152.9	Japan	99.3	Germany	590.1
Germany	75.4	Germany	95.4	Japan	97.8
Italy	61.8	France	63.8	France	90.9
France	53.7	Italy	63.2	Italy	51.9
UK	34.5	UK	58.7	USA	51.1

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truffle business example



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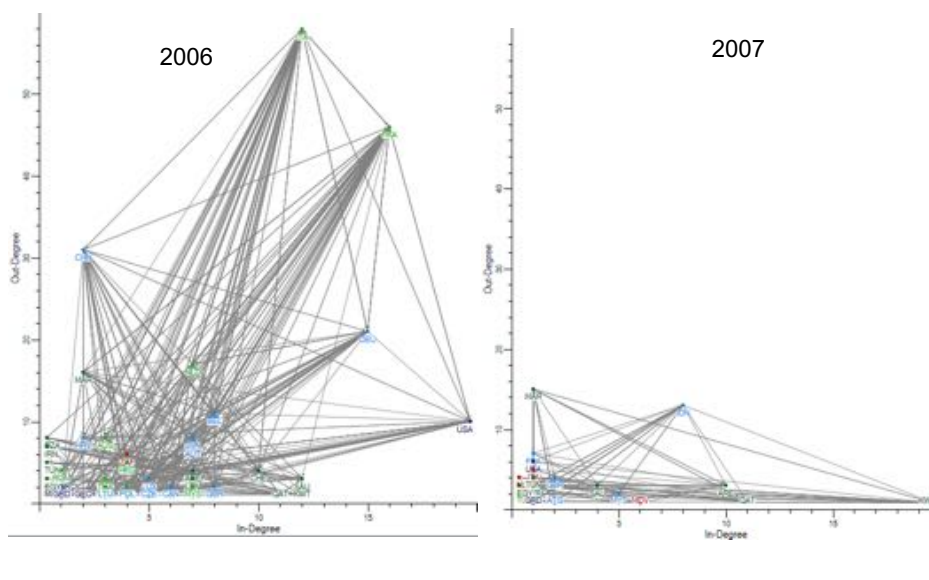
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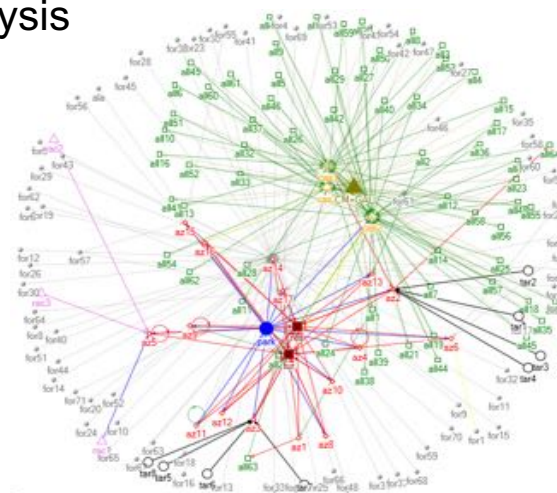
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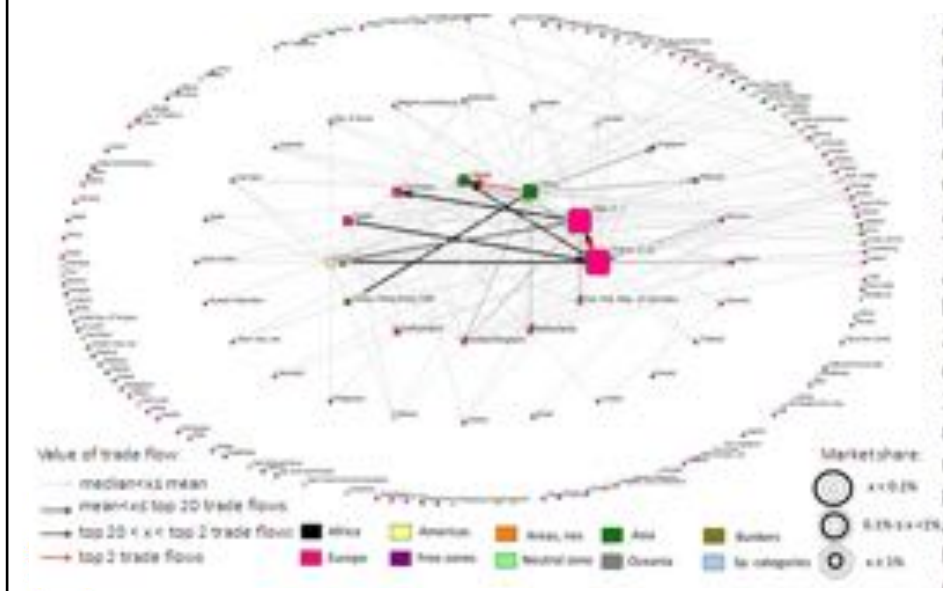
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Policy implications



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Final remarks

- **No common pattern** in trade (and production) of all WFP
- For most of them trade relations are increasing:
internationalization of the market, also **intra-trade** in the EU
- **Trade** is playing a **increasing role** in covering EU fast growing **domestic demand** → some issues are becoming more relevant:
 - **QA** and traceability
 - **Phytosanitary problems**
 - Definition of **origin** (typical “Italian” pesto made with Pakistan pine nuts)
 - **Taxation** (fair trade conditions)
 - ...
- **Very dynamic market** even for “old” products (resin, tannin, chestnut, ...)



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Final remarks

Improve and coordinate WFP international **trade monitoring**:

- Propose an amendment of the **HS classification**?
- Develop a **new WFP classification system**?
- Publish an **EU market review**? At which costs?
(**methodology**: Delphy, omnibus survey, ...)



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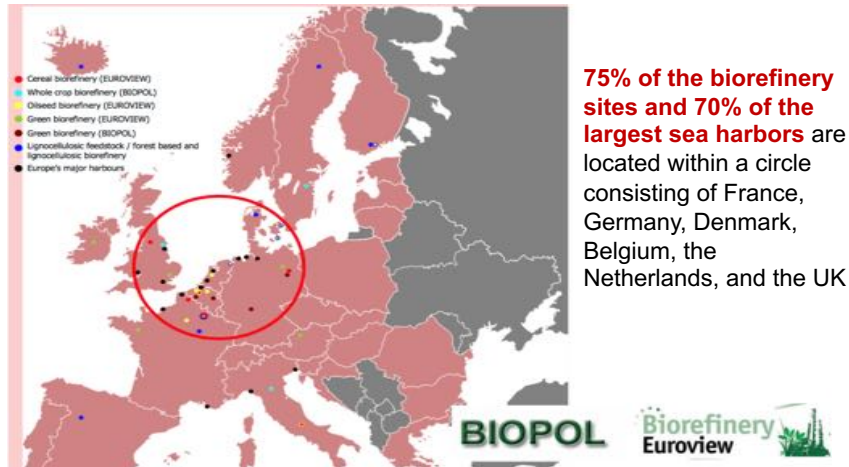
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Why all these efforts?

Don't leave to the policy makers (and EU citizens) think that bioeconomy means bio-refineries ...



Source: Reith and Steinmetz (2009); Fava (2015)

Technological approach vs. social approach in bioeconomy

	Technological approach	Social approach
Focus on	Technological innovations, large scale investments	Social innovations, small scale, high added value P&S (→ low risk)
Vertical vs. horizontal relations	value chain perspective; sectoral development; vertical integration	network economy, inter-sectoral development; horizontal integration
Diversification output and inputs	Wood as the unique raw material; diversification in outputs	Diversification in the use of inputs (industrial wood, biomass, WFP, ES, ...)
Market power	Increased market power of the industrial companies controlling the advanced technologies (→ high risks connected to the companies consolidation trends)	Balanced market power among the various diversified operators (→ reduced risk due to diversification)
Model regions	UK, Scandinavian countries	Mediterranean countries, mountain regions
Examples	Innovation assessment approach by the EU Eco Innovation Observatory (http://www.eco-innovation.eu/)	Local Action Groups (Leader+ approach - http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/enrd-static/leader/en/leader_en.html)
Drivers	Patented (private) R&D initiatives, with public support	Public-private initiatives in education, training and non-patented innovations

