

Special Issue

The Role of Public Policies in Incentivizing Forest, Mountain and Rural Economy

Message from the Guest Editors

Mountain areas are an important carbon reserve and source of ecosystem services such as soil protection and water regulation, raw materials and energy provision. In addition, mountain rural areas play a fundamental role in the well-being and quality of life of the community through various environmental benefits typical of mountain areas.

Global and European Union (EU) policies and strategies (e.g., the European Green Deal and new EU Forest Strategy for 2030) seek to incentivize the development and recovery of mountain and rural areas through the implementation of financial and economic measures. The Common Agricultural Policy 2023–2027 also provides support and funding for rural mountain areas and related agricultural activities.

The objective of the Special Issue is to collect contributions (original research articles and review documents) that provide pivotal information on public policies and strategies regarding mountain and rural development in order to compare both the main results obtained and their implementation in European countries.

Guest Editors

Dr. Valerio Di Stefano
Dr. Alessandro Paletto
Dr. Raffaele Cortignani

Deadline for manuscript submissions

closed (31 January 2025)



Forests

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 2.5
CiteScore 4.6



mdpi.com/si/200095

Forests
Editorial Office
MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5
4052 Basel, Switzerland
Tel: +41 61 683 77 34
forests@mdpi.com

[mdpi.com/journal/
forests](https://mdpi.com/journal/forests)





Forests

an Open Access Journal
by MDPI

Impact Factor 2.5
CiteScore 4.6



[mdpi.com/journal/
forests](https://mdpi.com/journal/forests)



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Forests (ISSN 1999-4907) is an international and cross-disciplinary, scholarly forestry journal. The distinguished editorial board and refereeing process ensures the highest degree of scientific rigor and review of all published articles. Original research articles and timely reviews are released online, with unlimited free access. Our goal is to have *Forests* be recognized as one of the foremost publication outlets for high quality, leading edge research in this broad and diverse field. We therefore invite you to be one of our authors, and in doing so share your important research findings with the global forestry community.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Giacomo Alessandro Gerosa

Department of Mathematics and Physics, Catholic University of Brescia,
I-25121 Brescia, Italy

Author Benefits

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), Ei Compendex, GEOBASE, PubAg, AGRIS, PaperChem, and other databases.

Journal Rank:

JCR - Q2 (Forestry) / CiteScore - Q1 (Forestry)

Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 16.8 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 2.5 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the second half of 2025).