

The Territorial Contract: a Tool to Support the Activity of the Resin Worker

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The Territorial Contract

Origin and modalities

PRECEDENTS

The territorial contract is based on the principle of **multifunctionality** so that agricultural and forestry activities generate positive externalities related to the environment and the rural world.

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Precedents

- a) Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the European Union.
- b) Agricultural Orientation Law of 1999 (France).
- c) European Union Rural Development Policy

Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 - EAFRD

Community Strategic Guidelines for Rural Development
(2006)

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Territorial contracts in Spanish domestic law

- Ley 45/2007, for the Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment
- Real Decreto 1336/2011, which regulates the common bases of the territorial contract.

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Types

- Exploitation Territorial Contract
- Rural Area Territorial Contract

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Implementation Spanish Regions

Implemented in 6 regions: Asturias, Balearic Islands, Cantabria, Catalonia, Galicia and Basque Country.

Objectives of the Territorial Contracts already implemented

- Managing agri-environmental measures
- Compensation for high mountain farmers
- Financing non-productive forestry actions in the Natura 2000 Network
- Setting up of young farmers
- Ecological production
- Fight against erosion
- Conservation of genetic resources

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The Territorial Contract

Concept, purposes and scheme

Concept of Territorial Contract

Instrument for channeling various sources of funding to an agroforestry activity, through the subscription of individual and specific commitments between the recipient and the public administration.

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Territorial Contract Purposes

- a) To avoid the rural areas depopulation.
- b) Establish a multifunctional agricultural activity.
- c) To create and maintain employment in rural areas.
- d) Maintain traditional farming systems.
- e) Preserving and restoring environmental quality.
- f) Achieve the objectives of the Natura 2000 Network and other protected areas.
- g) Development of Rural Zone Plans.
- h) Recognition of the positive externalities generated by agricultural activities.

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Potential beneficiaries

- a) Operators of agricultural exploitations.
- b) The right-holders of the management and exploitation of forests.
- c) The title-holders of hunting grounds.
- d) Associations of types a), b) and c).

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Procedure for signing contracts

The autonomous government has to approve the corresponding bases and public calls.

- Definition and purposes of the territorial contract
- Preparation of the contract
- Contents of the contract
- The parties to the contract
- Procedure for the granting of the contract
- Resolution and extinction of the Territorial Contract.
- Obligation to provide information

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The Territorial Contract

SustForest Plus guide for the Territorial Contract



SustForest Plus guide for the Territorial Contract

A guide is going to be drawn up with the bases for the establishment of Territorial Contract adapted to the resin extraction activity.

These bases could be adapted by the regional administrations interested in supporting the resin extraction activity.

Opportunities

For resin tappers

- Reduction of Temporary labor
- Diversification of sources of income
- Increase in the level of salaries.
- May encourage associationism

Candidate measures to be included in the resin tapper Territorial Contract

- Conservation and improvement of forests.
- Reduction of unemployment.
- Innovation and modernization of work systems.
- Support for entrepreneurship.
- Continuous training.
- Maintenance of biodiversity.
- Fire-fighting.
- Preservation of cultural heritage and landscape.
- Labor diversification.
- Compensation for positive externalities.
- Natura 2000 Network maintenance

Proposed methodology

1. Election of the panel of experts.
2. Case studies of existing Territorial Contracts.
3. Identification of potential positive externalities and activities to be included in the Territorial Contract
4. Identification of financing sources.
5. Elaboration and proposal of standard contracts.
6. Drafting of the technical guide.

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Thank you!

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