



# IT Forest

Innovative Training in Forest Biomass  
for Sustainable Rural Development

## Collaborators

Within the IP project, the participation of the **collaborators** has been crucial.

Their role in the IP action has been giving **specific seminars** related to the project and also to **supervise the evolution of the work of the students** and advise them according to their experience.



Castellón de la Plana and  
Vistabella del Maestrat (Spain)

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# Presentation

Universities and their students should be aware of their important role in **addressing the problems** around them and therefore should play an active role in transferring their knowledge by **generating efficient solutions** for society.

The main objective of the Erasmus IP proposal **IT FOREST Innovative Training in Forest Biomass for Sustainable Rural Development** has been to familiarize the students with the use of forest biomass in energy production to promote new sustainable economic opportunities in rural areas and to do so from a global point of view.

Students from three universities in three countries (**Romania, Hungary and Spain**) and different engineering profile (industrial, environmental, agricultural, mechanical, etc) have worked together in multidisciplinary and international groups to develop a plan of action for using forest biomass as an energy resource for a specific rural area (Vistabella del Maestrazgo, Castellón, Spain).

The main activities have been:

- 1) **Specific training for students** in energy production from forest biomass in rural areas, with seminars and visits to projects on best practices.
- 2) **Student work in multidisciplinary teams** to elaborate the plan of action in Vistabella supervised by experts from different collaborating stakeholders: university, cooperatives, local administrations, NGOs, etc



## Partnership



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## Products and more information

The products of IT Forest include **presentations** about the participant universities and degrees, biomass **case studies**, **teaching content** in UJI, **training seminars** in field visits and **Vistabella biomass action plan**.

These products are available in the website: [www.itforest.uji.es](http://www.itforest.uji.es)

