

Studies, Research and Community Projects Department

The Department mission is to coordinate and organize all research activities conducted by *Fo.Re.S.T.A.S.* in developing European projects and other specific projects. Research activities are conducted with *Fo.Re.STAS'* Directorate General and Territorial Departments, and/or with other accredited Public Institutions, such as Universities and Research Institutes. All researches operate according to the programs and priorities established by *Fo.Re.STAS*. Director General.

The mission of *Fo.Re.STAS* - acronym of Regional Agency for the Development of the Territory and the Environment of Sardinia - was defined by the Regional Law n. 8 of 27 April 2016, and is to pursue the protection and development of the environment and the rural territory of Sardinia through the following activities:

- management of Regione Sardegna and Municipalities of Sardinia forests (about 220,000 hectares)
- protection of forests and the rural landscape
- wildlife protection and reintroduction of extinct or endangered species;
- prevention and fight against forest fires
- Civil protection activities
- management of the regional ecological network
- management of forest nurseries
- certification of forest environmental sustainability
- promotion and development of forest products
- promotion and diffusion of regional historical, cultural and naturalistic values, including environmental education
- technical assistance
- planning and management of the regional hiking network
- management of the regional trails network

The Studies, Research and Community Projects Department is divided into three offices:

Studies and Research Office

- coordination and/or execution of researches funded by Regione Sardegna, the National Government or the European Union
- projects monitoring and control, and transmission of results to the Director of the Department and to *Fo.Re.S.T.A.S* Director General
- publication of the results on *Fo.Re.STAS* website and scientific newspapers

European Projects Office

- promotion of European projects and assessment of their coherence with *Fo.Re.STAS* programs
- European planning accomplished with *Fo.Re.S.T.A.S* Territorial Departments and other partners
- maintaining relations with EUSTAFOR
- projects monitoring and control and transmission of results to the Director of the Department and to *Fo.Re.S.T.A.S* Director General
- publication of the results on *Fo.Re.STAS* website and scientific newspapers



Administrative Office

- the administrative office supports the other offices in the drafting and management of financial plans and programs, monitoring and controlling the expenditure of financial resources and informing the Director of the Department and Fo.Re.S.T.A.S Director General

Fo.Re.S.T.A.S. management consists of a team of highly qualified professionals with extensive experience in:

- agricultural and forestry sciences
- geological, biological and natural sciences
- computer sciences
- legal disciplines
- financial accounting
- communication
- engineering disciplines area