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# **FINAL REPORT**

## **WP1**

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# **WP1 – Project coordination, dissemination, exploitation and communication**

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## **WP1: Introduction to WP objectives, structure (tasks), resources and activities**

The WP1 includes three main objectives: i) Project coordination that ensures a sound transdisciplinary approach and establish linkages with other running research projects on Vaia-related topics; ii) identification of the network of stakeholders and generation of the project network; iii) dissemination, exploitation and communication of project results.

The main tasks are: project coordination, identification of the network of stakeholders and generation of the project network, Dissemination, exploitation and communication of project results

### **1. WP1 Activities (by Task)**

#### **Task 2.1: Project coordination**

Regular meetings between the Project Coordinator and the WP leaders were organized to evaluate project progress and provide guidance regarding future work (a total of 8 meeting from September 2019 to July 2022).

A meeting with the Advisory Board and the WP Coordinators was held on February 2021 for the presentation of the WP intermediate reports.

#### **Task 2.2: Identification of the network of stakeholders and generation of the project network**

A preliminary network of stakeholders has been established which considers the Forest Administrations of the five regions whose territory was hit by Vaia storm (Lombardia Region, Bolzano Autonomous Province, Trento Autonomous Province, Veneto Region, Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region), the Regional Command of Forest Carabinieri, the Interregional Consortium of Forest Enterprises. To such network belongs also the scientific and cultural institution Study Center for Mountain – Giovanni Angelini Foundation particularly active on the problems of mountain areas.

The involvement with stakeholders has been essential to ensure a continuous verification of the project's activities at local level, allowing to increase a continuous updating and exchange of opinions on the activities dealing with Vaia-FRONT that the same stakeholders have activate or are planning to activate during the duration of the project or further on.

Furthermore, the involvement of the stakeholders, particularly in the Veneto region, has allowed the research group to be involved in initiatives related to the reforestation of areas affected by storm Vaia with the possibility of applying techniques developed through research activity.

#### **Task 2.3: Dissemination, exploitation and communication of project results**

A web page inside the Dept. TESAF website (<https://www.tesaf.unipd.it/en/research/dept-tesaf-projects>) has been organized which makes available all the information relating to the project.

Three conferences have been organized, one on October 30, 2019 (Project opening conference), one on September 14, 2020 (in the frame of the Fiera&Festival delle Foreste, a specialized exhibition held by Longarone Fairs) and one on September 10, 2021 (in the frame of the Fiera&Festival delle Foreste, a specialized exhibition held by Longarone Fairs).

In the meantime, the researchers have taken part to different scientific events in which they have had the opportunity to describe the research activities and to present the results of the project.

Reports and papers related to such activity are available in the web page of the project (<https://www.tesaf.unipd.it/en/research/dept-tesaf-projects>).

A webinar “Vaia-FRONT research project and Young Scientists for Vaia” was organized on July 2, 2020 to allow the PhD students and the PostDoc students, whose study subjects refer to Vaia storm problematics, to introduce their scientific achievements. The students are also preparing a scientific paper based on a systematic review about the effects of storms on forests considered under different points of view.

Some researchers working on the project have collaborated to the developing of the photographic portfolio “There’s no calm after the storm” in the frame of the multimedia project Climate Change Italia carried out by Contrasto (<https://www.contrasto.it/?LCID=2>) and Istituto Oikos (<https://www.istituto-oikos.org/en>) which involves 10 photographers to document the current state of the climate crisis in Italy, its causes and its effects.

The photographic portfolio is focused on the Vaia storm and its consequences on mountain forests, land and inhabitants.

A side initiative to the project was organized as part of the celebration of the 800th anniversary of the foundation of the University of Padua. The initiative involves the reforestation of an area affected by storm Vaia on the Altopiano dei Sette Comuni (Vicenza province) by planting 800 trees (one for each year of the University). The initiative has a symbolic but also a demonstrative value as the chosen area is located in a tourist area and easily accessible to visitors, providing in such a way the opportunity to carry out an informative and educational service on the techniques and the interventions for remedying the effects of the extreme events such as Vaia storm.