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# AGORA: a window of opportunity

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## Mediterranean forests: the most important ecological infrastructure of the region

- Providing crucial **goods and services**
- Key for the **resilience and adaptability** of the region:  
**Biodiversity, soil and water resources, food security, energy...**

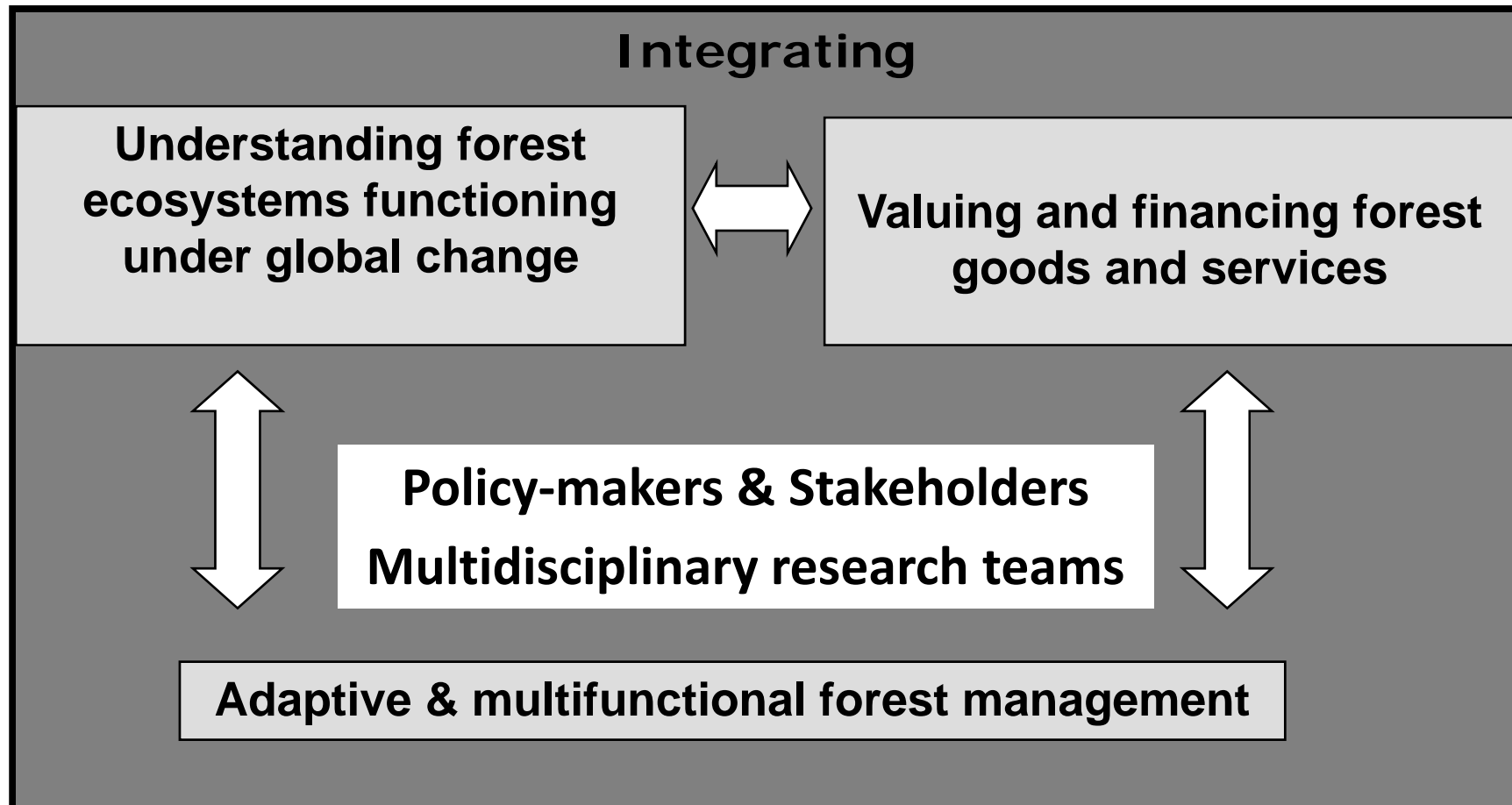
Their future is **seriously endangered** by climate and land-use changes





# Adapting Mediterranean forests to global changes

## Advancing science





## Advancing and disseminating knowledge: Research capacities

Fragmented, limited means & outdated forest research community

Coordination and International cooperation: efficient mobilization

**Research partnerships, networking, capacity building, and  
knowledge transfer**





# Advancing Mediterranean Forest research capacities - AGORA

**Advancing scientific knowledge on  
forests in Tunisia and Morocco based on  
International scientific cooperation**

**3 year Support Action within the CAPACITIES  
programme: 986,433 Euros**





## AGORA objectives

Develop and disseminate new **Forest Research Capacities** at INRGREF (Tunisia) and ENFI (Morocco) in key strategic scientific areas

*Understanding the role of genetic diversity in the adaptive response of forest tree species*

*Valuing forest goods and services, designing financing mechanisms and income generation strategies to ensure their sustainable provision*

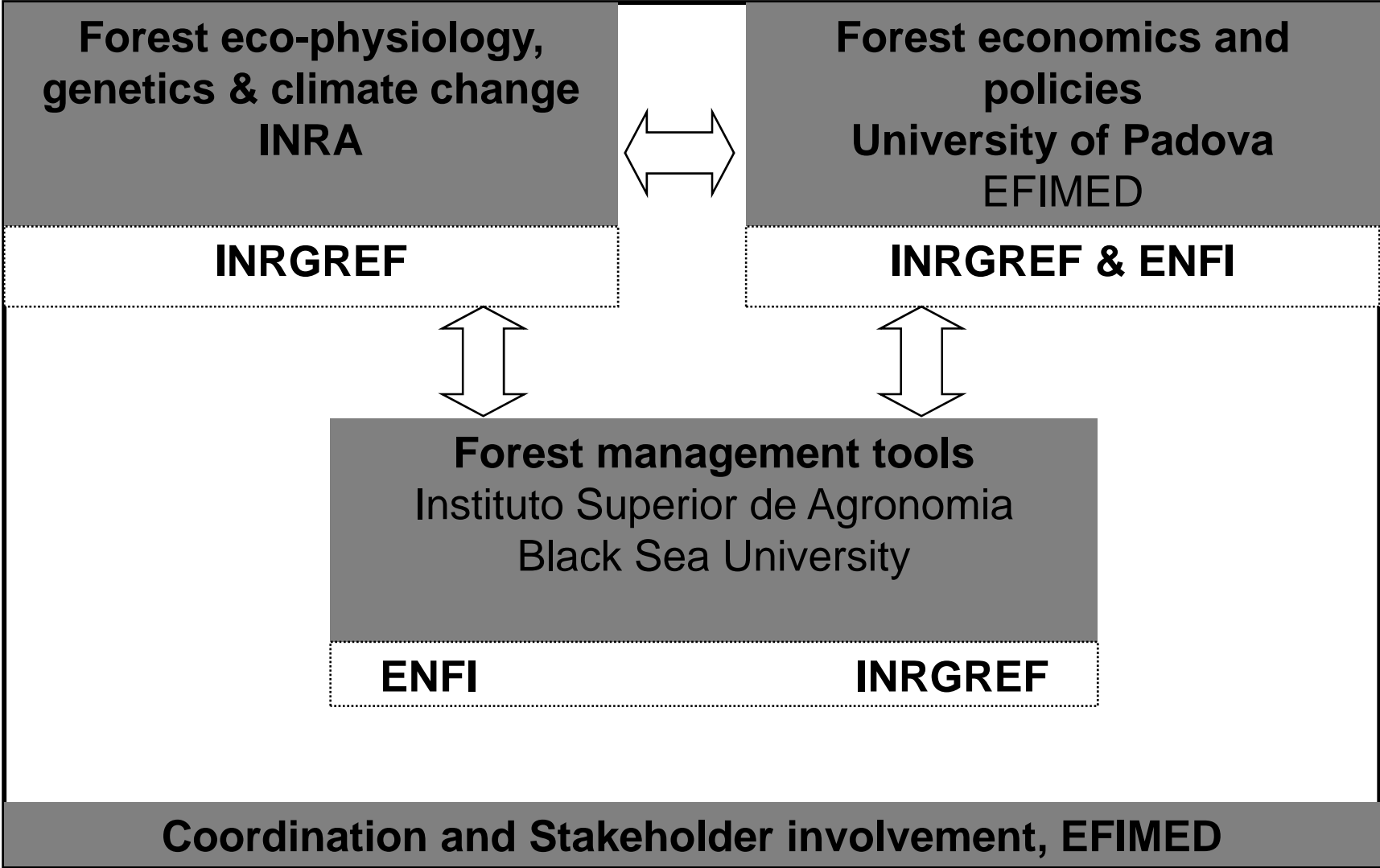
*Developing participatory tools for optimizing and adapting forest management in a context of multiple-use-landscapes and changes in land-use and climate*

**by a scientific twining action plan with EU institutions and a Turkish University**





# International *twining* action plan





## Advancing research capacities at INRGREF and ENFI

Improved human capacities: recruitments, mobility, workshops  
New scientific equipment  
Adjusted forest research strategies

**Within an active interaction with relevant  
stakeholders**





## Impacts of new capacities

**Support decision makers** in developing and implementing good practices, strategies and policies to sustainably manage Mediterranean forests

Develop sufficient capacities for **the future integration of Moroccan and Tunisian scientists** in the European Research Area: ERANET programme.





# AGORA First Scientific Workshop

Transferring to the **young generation of scientists** the latest knowledge regarding the following three topics:

**(G) Forest genetic diversity at its role in adapting to climate change**

**(E) Economic evaluation of forest goods and services**

**(M) Forest inventory and modeling**

The workshop is based on “**participatory**” presentations/discussions

- Plenary sessions: an integrated vision on key knowledge and challenges;
- Parallel specific lectures
- Field visits

**We are looking for active and talented young scientists!!**

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# Use AGORA window of opportunity!

*“A short period of time during which an opportunity must be acted on or missed”*

