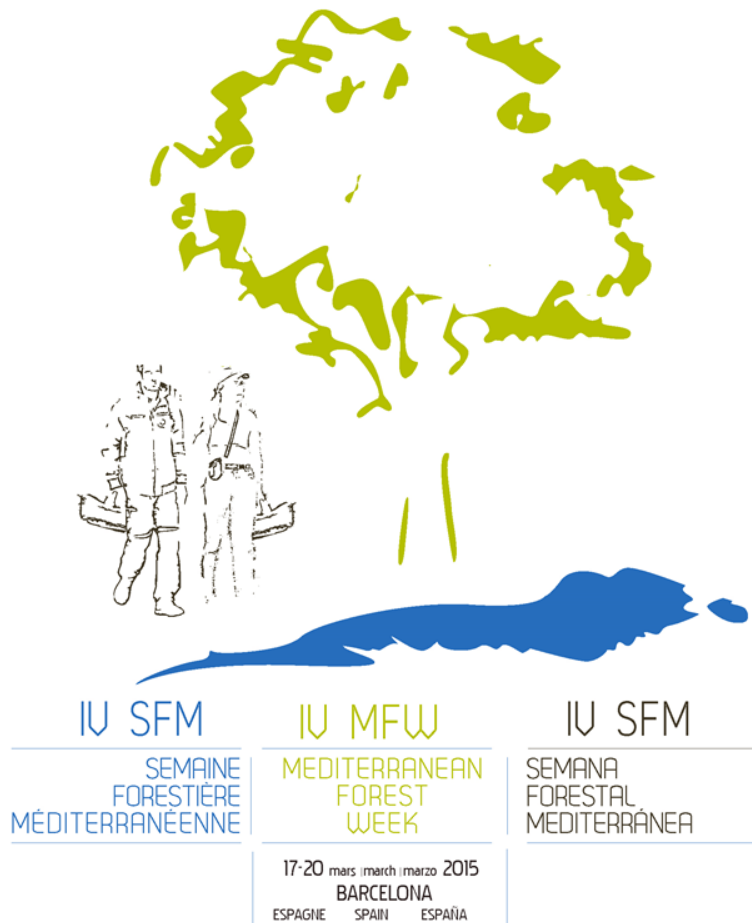


A Regional Financing Platform for Forests in the Mediterranean region?

Food for thoughts



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Regional Financing Platform : definition and objectives



A RFP is a **regional framework** facilitating the systematic operational interaction between **project implementing bodies** (f.ex. administrations, research centers, NGOs, associations, etc) and **financing institutions** (multilateral organizations, bilateral donors, development banks, private companies, foundations, etc.). It aims at **catalysing** and increasing the **volume of funds** available for implementing **common objectives** defined at the **regional level**.

Examples

- ✓ **TerrAfrica** www.terrafrica.org.
- ✓ **Congo Basin Forest Fund** www.cbf-fund.org.
- ✓ **Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel Initiative (GGWSSI)** www.theggw.net.

Among the key aspects of these platforms, we can note the following: i) clearly **identified beneficiaries**, ii) **diversified donors and technical partners**, iii) a well-defined **governance structure** and related processes, iv) intense and regular **communication**.

Key principles to be discussed

The RFP generates projects on topics of common interest + innovative thematics requiring a mutual learning (e.g. referring to SFMF). If possible, priority should be given to **regional approaches**.

Direct beneficiaries and project implementers of the RFP are not necessarily forest administrations (e.g. partner administrations and institutions, NGOs, associations, research centers, etc.)

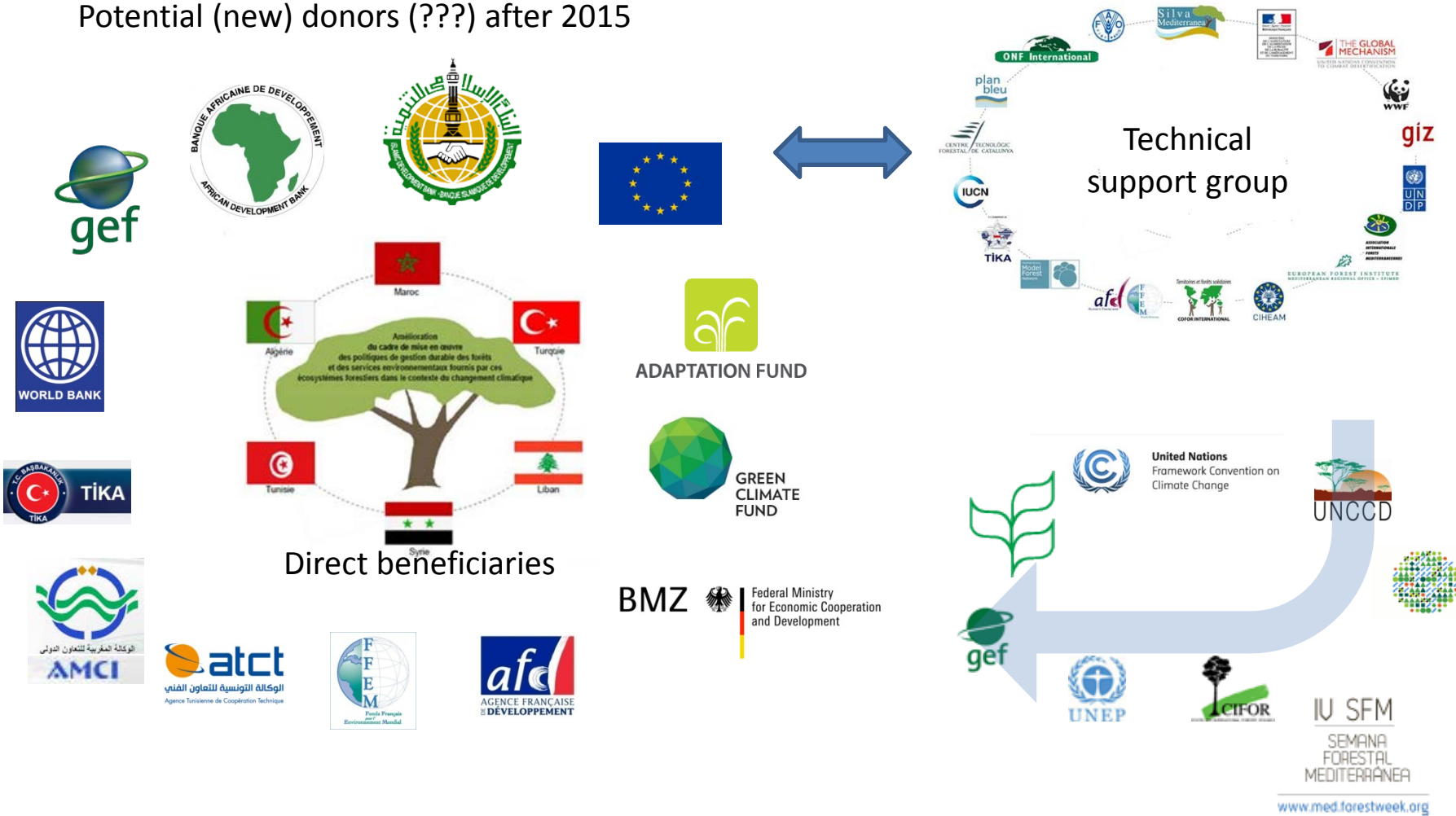
The RFP should be **in line with the national processes** on forest finance (e.g. maintaining contacts with GEF-FP, Rio conventions-FP, National Forest Funds, etc.)

The RFP should be **driven by the countries** (needs for national focal points)

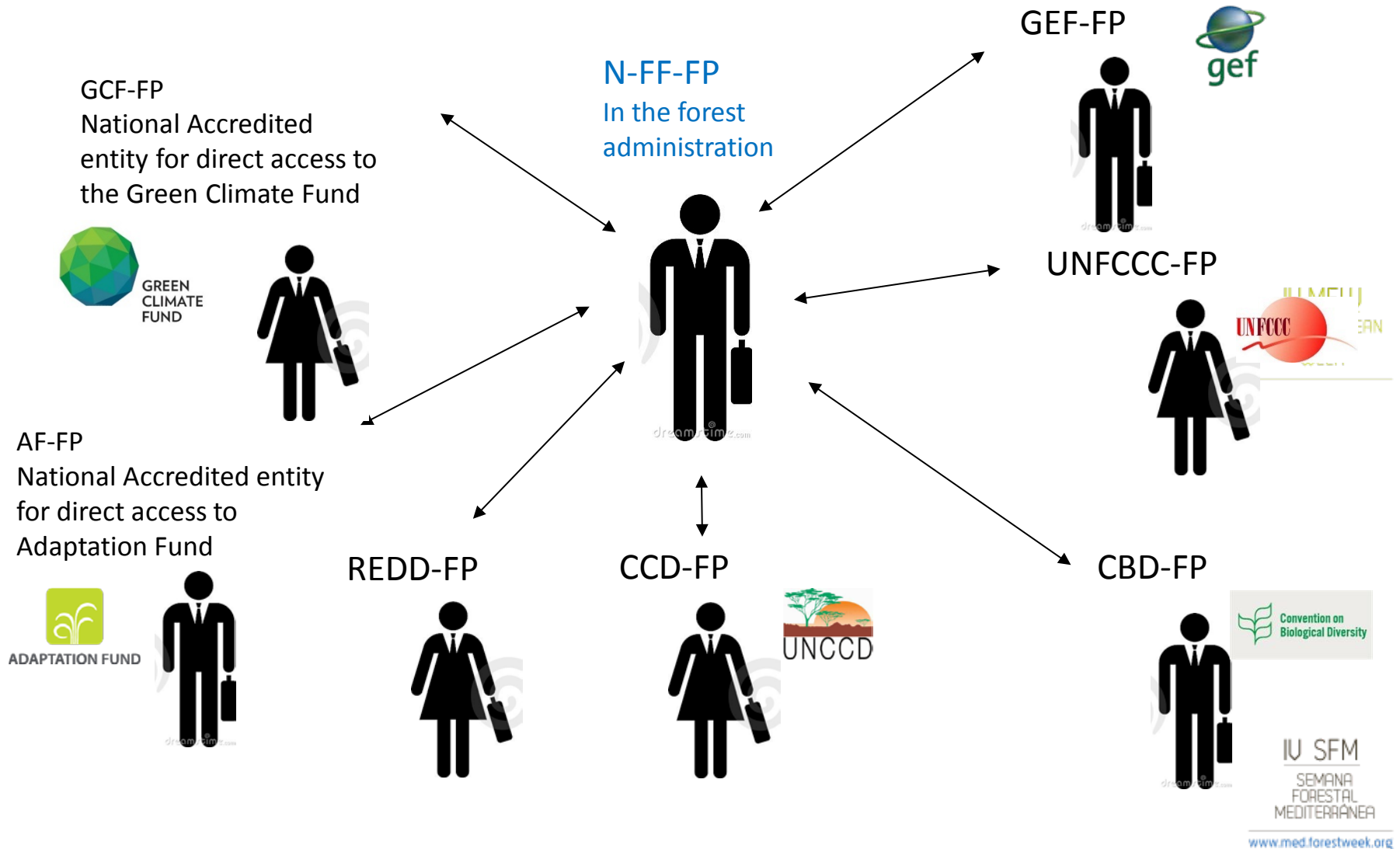
Funds should support the design of **long-term financing strategies**, and related instruments (National Forest Funds, Public Private Partnerships, PES, EFR, REDD+, etc.)

Possible relation between the RFP and the CPMF ?

Potential (new) donors (???) after 2015



Focal points the national level

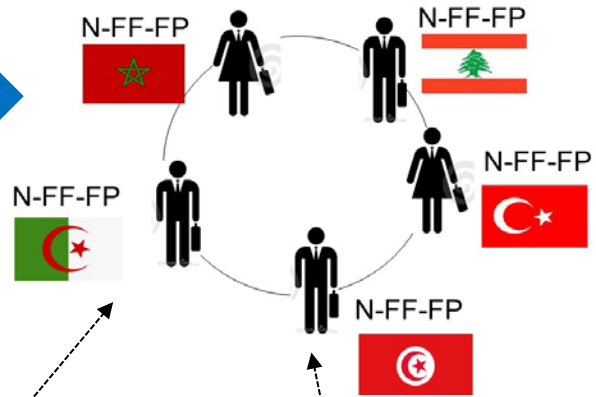


Possible RFP : an overview



Donor platform

RFP Steering Committee

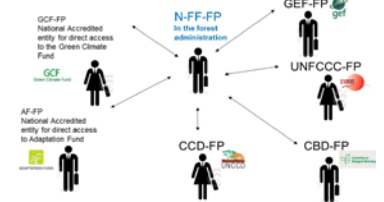


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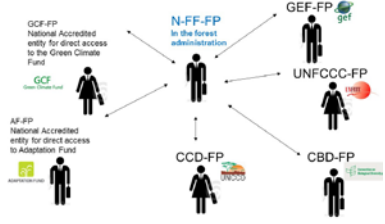


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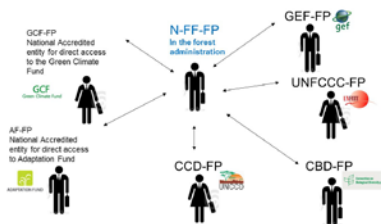
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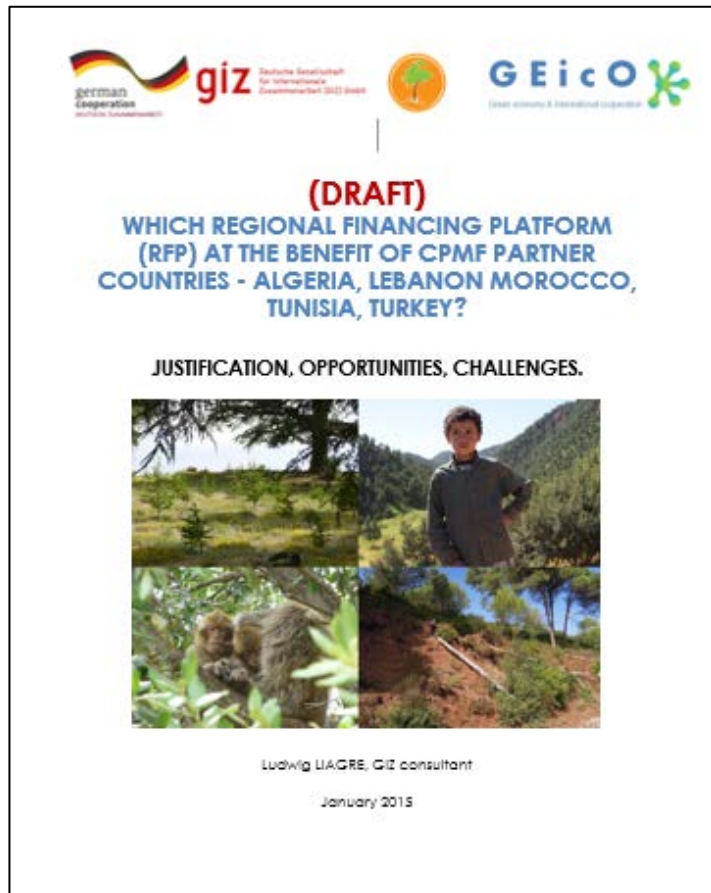
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Which Regional Financing Platform for CPMF partner countries? (GIZ, 2015)

Pending issues

- ✓ Possibility to capitalize on the CPMF success stories?
Opening ways for pan-european forest cooperation,
beyond CPMF target countries ?
- ✓ Governance structure : political mandate + secretariat
(facilitation) + national focal points ?
- ✓ Work agenda, based on the SFMF ? Building on the
CPMF-OP?

Questions to country representatives

- ✓ What is the added-value of such a donor coordination mechanism for your institution/country?
- ✓ What should be the priorities of such a donor coordination mechanism?
- ✓ How could your institution/country play an active role in this donor coordination mechanism? Politically? Technically? Financially?
- ✓ In your opinion, which kind of players should play an active role in developing and facilitating such a coordination mechanism?

Questions to donors

- ✓ Given your experience in other contexts, what kind of coordination mechanism may be adapted to the Mediterranean context?
- ✓ Which key features and modalities would you recommend to establish such a mechanism?
- ✓ How would you see the role of your organization in contributing to such a regional mechanism? Technically, financially, in-kind, other?