In this context, the congress aimed to answer the following questions:

1. What is the destiny of forest sector in Europe?
2. Where are rural development policies post 2013 heading to?

The congress explored forest-based development of rural and mountain areas and related relevant practices. Parallel sessions focused on specific challenges such as mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, conservation of biodiversity, energy production, water cycle management, desertification, prevention of natural risks and socio-economic aspects of forest-based rural development.

At the conclusion of the event, the EU Commission, Managing Authorities and forestry stakeholders joined a round table to present and discuss proposals for forests and forest resources within the future EU rural development framework.

Day 1 parallel session themes

- Forests, conservation of biodiversity, landscape protection and public services.
- Forests, agroforestry and bioenergy.
- Strategies for mitigation of and adaptation to climate change.
- Competitiveness of the forest sector: wood/non-wood products, supply chains, strategies for forest-based local governance.

Further information: documents, presentations and other details can be retrieved at: www.reterurale.it/romaforest2011