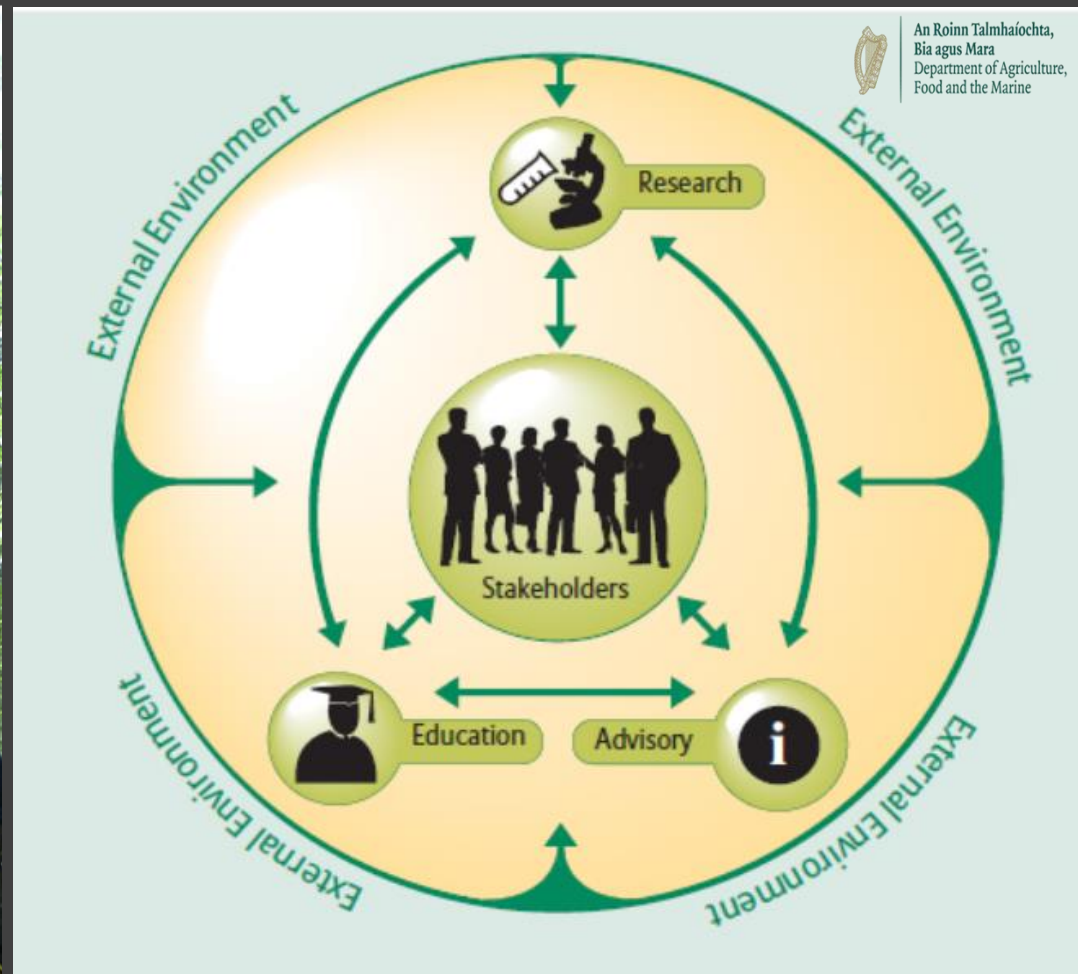


Promoting close to nature forest management
through education and knowledge sharing:
enabling new networks for innovation

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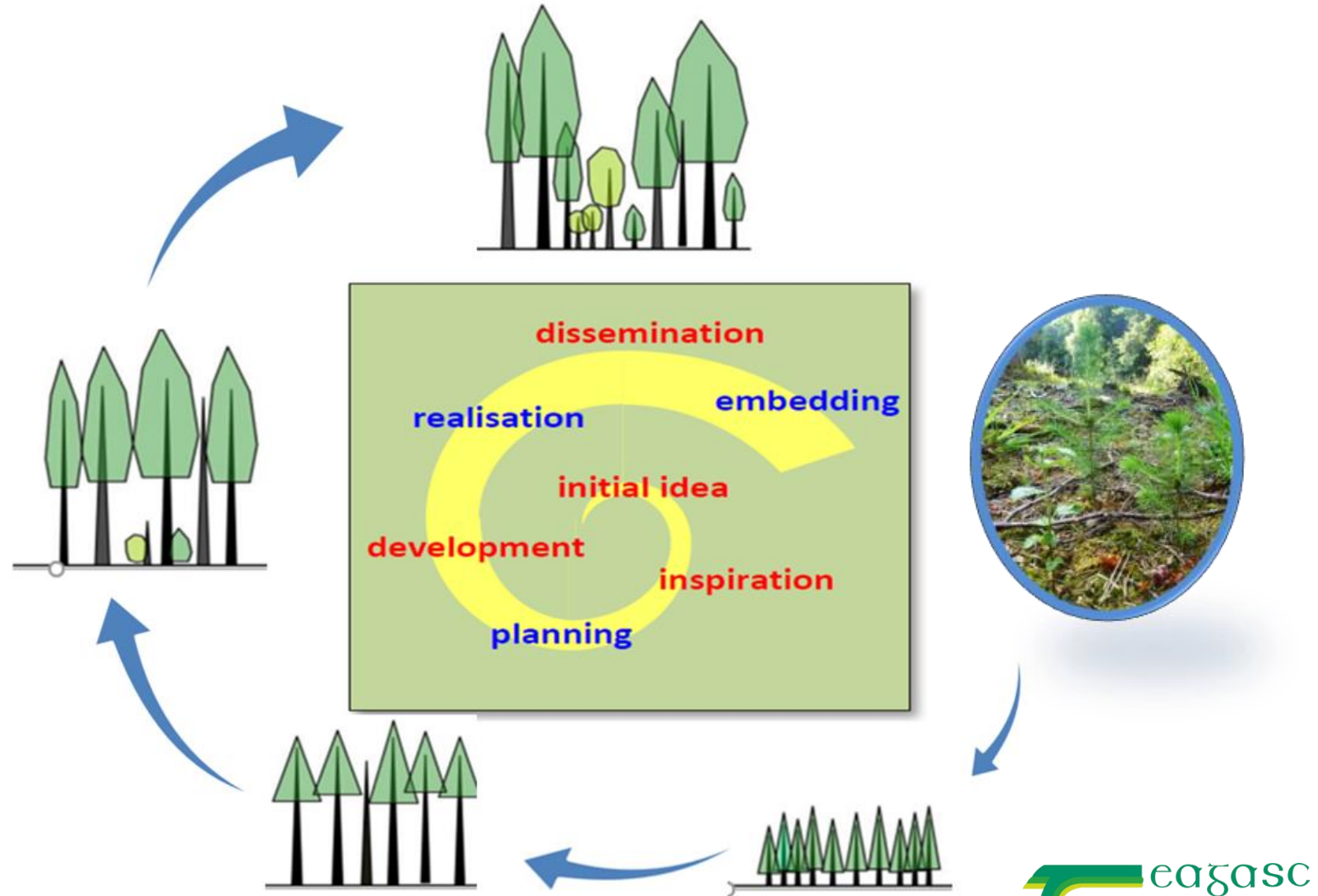


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Enabling New Networks for Innovation

- Transfer: “I know what is good for you”
- Exchange: “Can we make a deal?”
- Co-creation: “What can we create by pooling resources?”



H.E.Wielinga (2016): “Dynamics of Living Networks”



■ First Phase of New Marteloscope Network 2019-2021



The Irish Marteloscope Network



The Oak Park Marteloscope Workshops



An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
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Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine



**Close-to-nature
forest management workshops**
Integrating biodiversity and production

Workshop 1:
Forest management for biodiversity and resilience

Workshop 2:
Discover the potential of integrated forest management

workshop 1 / 2 | 3 sept/4 sept | Oak Park Carlow
workshop 1 / 2 | 10 sept/11 sept | Oak Park Carlow

These hands-on workshops will include:

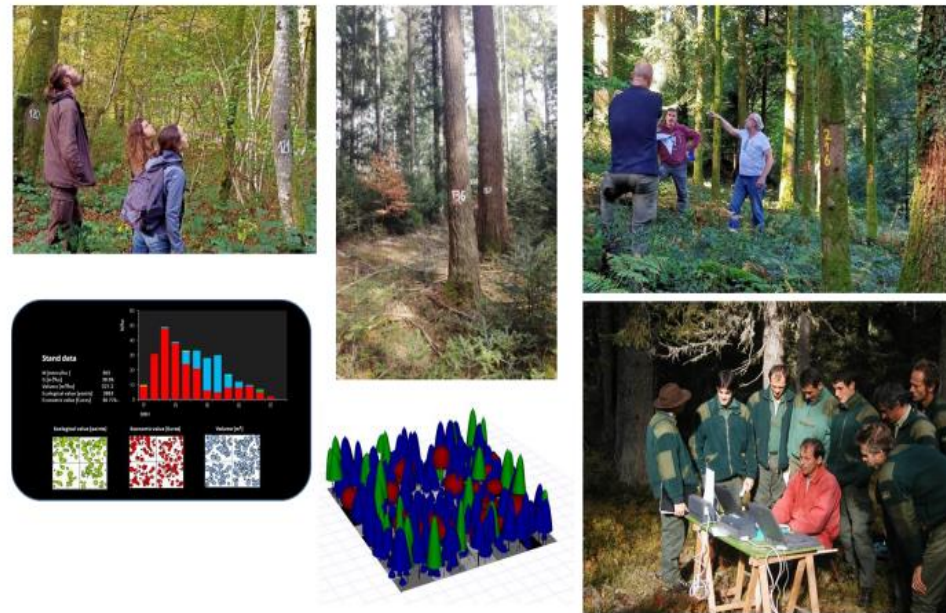
- practical outdoor exercises in forest plots
- learn how to evaluate biodiversity and survey trees



to register
Scan the QR code

Find out more at www.teagasc.ie/forestry

SimInForest
Combining field exercises and simulations
on martelosopes to develop integrative and sustainable
silviculture approaches



PI: Dr. Benoit Courbaud, INRAE, France
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- Funded by Teagasc with support by the Integrate Network

Running since 2019 in Oak Park Carlow

Team effort

Over 100 participants each year

Interactive all day workshops on integrated management

New development :

The SiminForest 4 years project





MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE FOR FOREST RESILIENCE

Next session from 15 October 2025 to 15 January 2026

The first free online course for mixed species, continuous cover forestry, available in three languages



Improve the level of information, knowledge and skills of forest managers and owners in the field of CCF in order to impact their practices for the benefit of a management adapted to the challenges of climate change.

Free Online Training on Close-to-Nature Management

- 8 weeks online programme: facilitation-style virtual meetings, video tutorials and interactive exercises
- Collaboration between Teagasc and 3 forestry extension agency led by Foret-Nature in Belgium
- **Over 16000 participants in 3 languages in the last 2 years**
- **To be translated in Spanish this year**
- **New session in September**

The Integrate Network Annual Meeting in Ireland



Conclusions and recommendations

- Importance of mixing forest user groups for best discussions
- Efficient registration and feedback collection
- Integrating online and in forest training for greater impact
- Need for team effort
- Importance of allocating time/resources to plot maintenance
- Opportunity for research and learning from the remeasurements and general monitoring in the plots
- Importance of European collaboration/ knowledge sharing



Thank You