

Wood mobilisation and forest owner cooperation

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European forestry

- Over 60% of forests owned by families
 - generation bridging management and experience
- 16 million family forest owners
- Small scale forest holdings
 - average size 2-50 ha
- Sustainable forest management
 - Balancing economic, social and ecological requirements
 - Respecting the diversity across Europe
- 60% of the annual increment in European forests is harvested

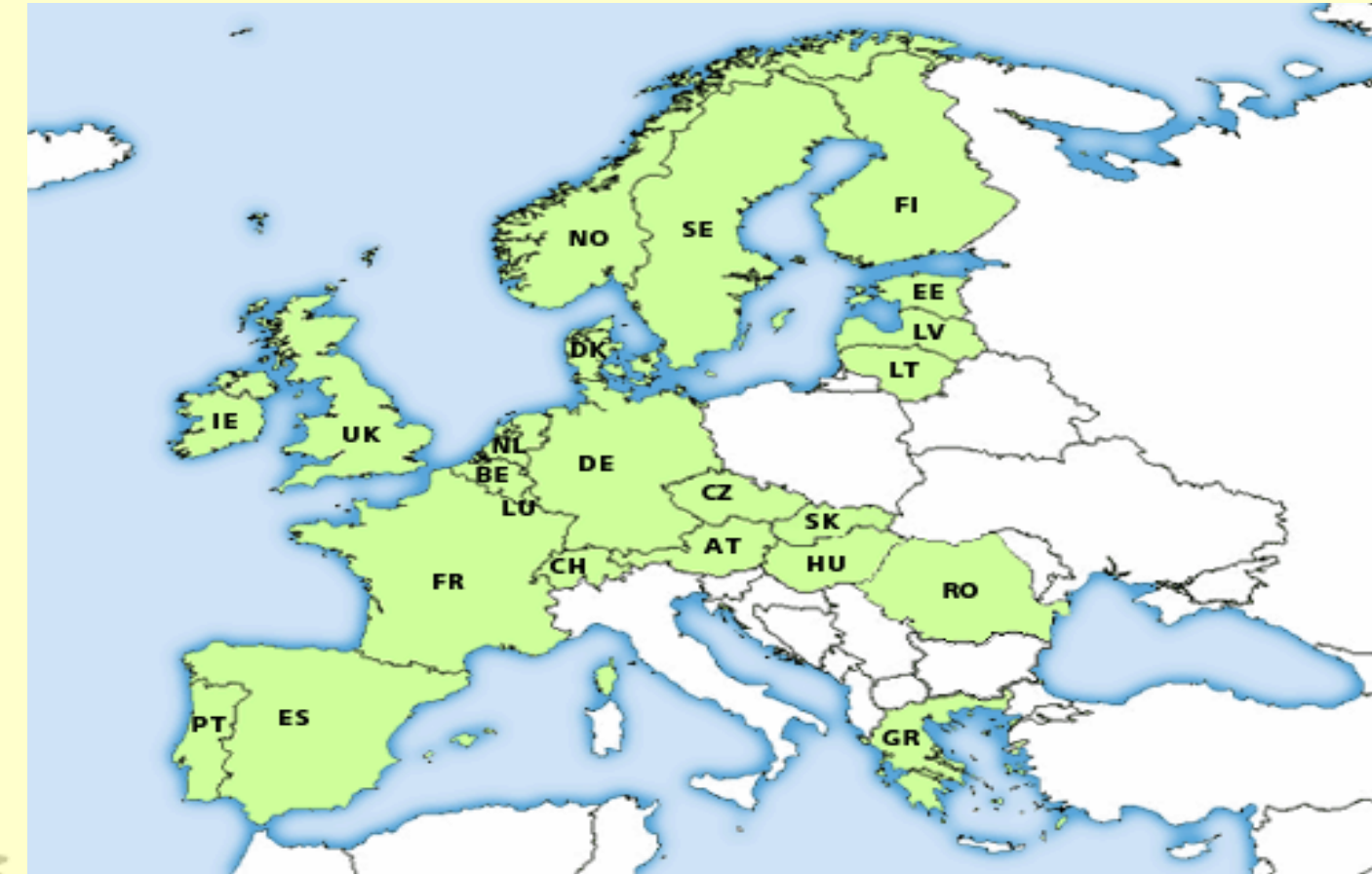
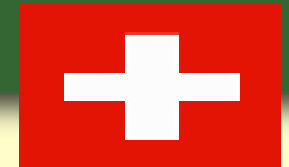


CEPF – The voice of European Family Forestry

- Founded in 1994, but have roots back to app. 1960
- The umbrella federation of family forestry in Europe
- Represents the interests of family forest owners in the political process within the **European Union**
- Participates in international and global forest policy fora
- Assembles national forest owner associations of 23 European countries



The European Industry



CEPF – in 23 countries

A photograph of a dense forest of tall evergreen trees, likely spruce or fir. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating dappled light on the forest floor. The ground is covered in moss and fallen branches. The overall scene is lush and green.

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Current challenge

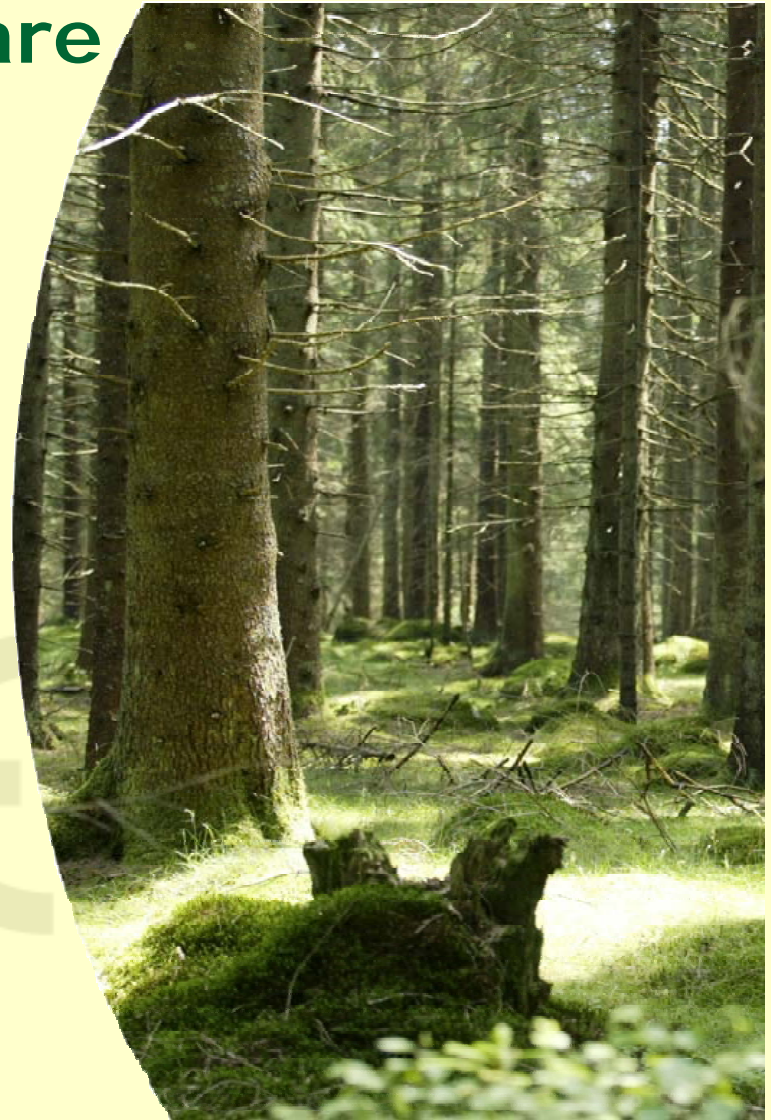
- The rise of energy policy in the EU leads to a higher demand for wood resources
- There is a potential in the private European forests
 - **to increase the wood mobilisation in Europe**
 - **to increase production in existing forests**



Today's forest land which are well managed

- Improved silviculture
- Improved plant material
- Fertilizing
- Ditch cleaning
- More effective nature and landscape preservation

+ 20 %



Problems on wood mobilisation

Forest Owners	Legislation
Lack of organisation Ownership structure Absentee owners Wealth of Europeans/Lack of interest Lack of knowledge	State restrictions Bureaucracy Compulsory management plans Transport and infrastructure Lack of forest workers Land register
Market	Environment/Society
Prices Transport regulations Fiscal regulations No customary standardisation of wood products Lack of technology Increased production	Green legislation ENGOs Mental barrier in society (in regard to acceptability of wood harvesting) Forest fire Topography

Mobilising forest owners

- The forest owners are by far the biggest producer of renewable energy in Europe
- We will also be that in the future!
- But the smaller forest owners needs to become better organised
- CEPF believe forest owner organisations is the most powerful tool to mobilise the forest owners and their resources



Country	Number of producer organisations	Private forest owners	Members	Share (%)	Total private surface (ha)	Member surface (ha)	Share (%)
Austria	8	150,000	54,800	37%	2,525,645	837,500	33%
Denmark	8	25,000	5441	22%	335,000	78,000	23%
Estonia	47	55,000	2000	4%	925,675	100,000	11%
Finland	1	920,000	131,032	14%	11,800,000	5,300,000	45%
France	30	3,500,000	100200	3%	10,500,000	1,800,000	17%
Germany	4,550	2,000,000	379,000	19%	4,823,723	3,500,000	50%*
Latvia	0	150,000	-	-	1,390,000	-	-
Lithuania	15	232,000	-	-	800,000	-	-
Norway	7	120,000	40,000	33%	6,000,000	3,500,000	58%
Portugal	30	400,000	12,000	3%	3,280,000	1,200,000	37%
Sweden	6	335,805	107,369	32%	11,813,000	6,375,000	54%
Total	4,702	7,887,805	831,842	11%	54,193,043	22,690,500	42%

How to introduce the model of FOA to other countries or to improve exiting cooperation?

Action needed

- Authorities must support the creation of FOA
- Industry must also play their role
- Forest owners must understand the importance of the management of their forest
- We all need to work on changing the negative perception of forest and wood

Not only to supply more wood to the markets but also providing other services demanded by society



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