

Conclusions Group III

Raw materials and markets

What are the factors holding back the development of wood energy?

- Poor forest road infrastructure causes high costs for forest exploitation – Therefore many areas remain difficult to be accesses.
- Small scattered ownership prevents effective investment in infrastructure.
- Subsidies in other countries create a distort market. Allowing Romanian pellets producer to ship their product over hundreds/thousand kilometers.
- Low cost raw material imports from neighboring countries may prevent efficient use of Romania wood resources.
- Pellets and modern wood burning systems are unknown to consumers.
- Lack of information to municipalities.

What measures do you think are needed to overcome these factors?

- Investment and funding for infrastructure.
- Strategy to promote wood energy (workshop, information campaigns).
- Guaranteed raw material supply (quantity and quality).
- Create forest owners associations.
- Create marketing and trade association on wood energy.
- Policy makers should incorporate the MCPFE sustainability criteria (biofuels).

Who is best in place to take responsibility for implementing in the necessary measures?

- Parliamentarians (it has to start in Brussels)
- National governments to provide a policy framework
- Municipal
- Romsilva (help create and supply the market)
- Private forest owners
- National associations
- International organizations