Wood energy as an opportunity for forest owners

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How best to use wood for energy?

- Support the use of wood in general
- Support the use of sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and certification schemes to secure balanced approach
- Communication and strong public support needed
- Avoid market distortions by analysing new initiatives
- No priority should be given to certain uses of wood
Annual increment and removal of wood resources in Europe for 1950–2010
Development of saw-wood (sågtimmer) and pulp-wood (massaved) prices
How to mobilise more wood?

- Strengthen horizontal cooperation between forests owners
- Strengthen vertical cooperation between industry and forest owners
- Implement policies to stop further fragmentation of forest holdings
- Support the consolidation of forest holdings
- Increase the knowledge among forest owners and advisers
- Certification of forests and the chain of custody
- Promotion of the use of wood in general
- Joint lobbying by the whole sector
- Continuous wood demand from the market/industry
- Sustainable forest management and active silviculture
Increased growth - How much?

Better regeneration + 4-10%
Best available seedlings + 8-20%
Fast growing tree species + 1%
Restoring ditches + 1-2%
Cleaning + 1%
Fertilizing + 1-2%
Preventing forest damage + 1-10%

Total: + 17 - 46%

+20%
Data availability

• Solid data must be the basis for new policy initiatives
• The data is often available, but not complied in the right form and difficult to compare
• Strengthen the international effort to harmonise and collect relevant data
• The European Commission Green Paper on Forest Protection and Information is a sensible first step, but more action is needed!
• But lack of data must not be an excuse for inaction!
There is still plenty of it out there.... There is no gap between supply and demand.
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- Not only an opportunity - it is reality!
- No gold rush – long term policy framework must be provided
- Need strong (political) support from government to unlock the full potential
- Wood must be seen not only as a cheap raw material, but as a sustainable and valuable resource worth paying for!
Thank you for your attention!

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