



Willkommen in Obwalden – Welcome to Obwalden

European Forest Week – Silva 2015
Engelberg - Switzerland



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7 municipalities

37,200 Inhabitants
(0.45% of the Swiss Population)



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Obwalden



- Geographic center of Switzerland and heart of the Swiss forest
- Around 10 % of the population works in agriculture and forestry.
- 491 square kilometers
- meters above sea level: from 434 to 3,230



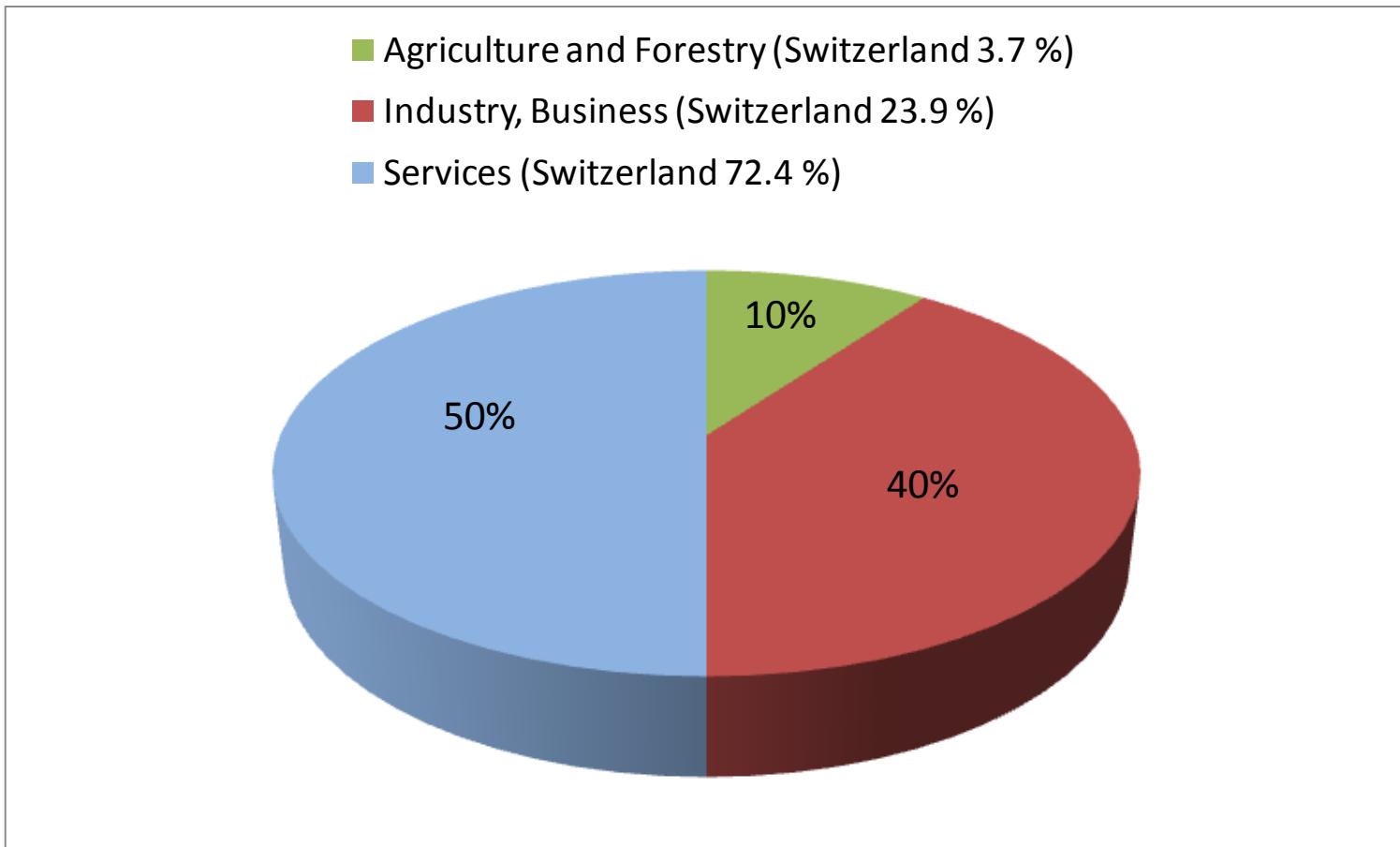


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Economy



Enterprises from Obwalden



maxon motor
driven by precision



reinh a r d



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The Forests of OW



- 40 % of the territory is covered by forest
- 87 % of the forests are owned by cooperatives
- There are 7 forest enterprises in OW
- The rangers and the managers of the forest enterprises are employed by the cooperatives
- 60% Spruce, 18% Beech, 7% Silver Fir



The Functions of Forests



Natural Hazards

A scenic view of a snow-covered mountain range with a town at the base. The mountains are rugged with patches of snow and dark rock. In the foreground, there are evergreen trees and a small town with buildings and roads at the foot of the mountains.

Integrated Risk Management

Measures in the Catchment Area



Slope Reinforcements



Maintenance Protective Forest



Flume Reinforcements



Maintenance and Repair



Retention Basins



Organisation

Maintenance of protective forests

→ more cost-effective than technical protective structures



The background image shows a lush green landscape with a river or stream in the foreground. Behind it are dense forests and rolling hills under a clear blue sky.

The welfare functions of the forest

recreation – landscape conservation – drinking water



A habitat for plants and animals



Raw material supplier and employer

**Have an unforgettable week
in Engelberg!**

