

Wood as primary construction material



Since Harghita County is rich in wood source, the main aim of this policy is to encourage and promote the use of wood in constructions first of all at the level of public buildings but to enlarge it on business and household level. This successful implementation project from Harghita County we are going to expand this approach on national level in Romania. This policy approach should be taken into account at in other regions of Romania as well. 52% of Harghita County's turnover is given by forest management and wood processing. 35.6 % of the County's surface is covered by forest, 47% of these forests are owned by local forest owner associations, the rest being owned by private owners and local public authorities, churches and state. The most important lessons from this best practice is the consciousness and endurance of the local stakeholders. The policy aims to identify how forests can provide new jobs and business opportunities in order to keep rural communities alive. Beside the fact of strengthening the idea of traditional use of wood, there is a need to create new, competitive wooden products with high added value. In order to protect the local wood processing based industry the policy of County Council does not allow the establishment of international investors who would like to exploit the county's natural resources without adding high value added activity on local level. Taking into account that at this moment there isn't any big company, investor in the field of silviculture and forestry establish in the county this is already a positive impact of the policy.

DETAILS

ORIGIN OF WOOD

Forest

TYPE OF WOOD

Stemwood

KIND OF WOOD CONCERNED

70-80 % is conifer

IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY

Sustainable forest management, replantation of forest controlled by local forest owner associations

INCOME EFFECT

Positive

EXPLOITATION POTENTIAL

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ECONOMIC IMPACT

Positive, growth of the company / turnover 52% of the County's turnover coming from wood process

SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

MOBILIZATION POTENTIAL

Approx. 1,000,000 m3, area affected 2,300 km2

SUSTAINABILITY POTENTIAL - VALUE

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EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Medium

EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION - EVALUATION

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KEY PREREQUISITES

Long term sustainability for local economy, local value preserving

TYPE OF EVENT WHERE THIS BPI HAS BEEN FEATURED

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JOB EFFECT

Creating of new jobs mostly in rural area

COSTS OF IMPLEMENTATION (EURO - €)

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Sustainable and effective forest management, efficient wood processes, long term business strategy

MORE DETAILS

CHALLENGE ADDRESSED

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KEYWORDS

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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Romania

DOMAIN

Wood construction industry

DIGITAL SOLUTION

No

SCALE OF APPLICATION

National

TYPE OF SOLUTION

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INNOVATION

No

START AND END YEAR

2012 -

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REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

MAIN WEBSITE

<http://www.hargitamegye.ro>

PROJECT WEBSITE

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PROJECT REFERENCE

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RESOURCES

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