Forest owner cooperation Pohorje-Kozjak



Forest owner association (FOA) Pohorje-Kozjak is voluntary, non-profit and independent association of private forest owners established in 2007. Main aim of FOA is to increase the sustainable management of private forests and strengthen the economic power of forest owners in accordance with the law. Main tasks of FOA are education of forest owners, consultancy on management and sale of wood, assistance in applying for calls and giving comments on legislation. In the year 2012, a forest owners cooperative (FOC) was set up in order to expand their activities to the rave of business integration.

FOC Kozjak-Pohorje is an example of good practice expansion from the societal activities to the level of business cooperation in a forest cooperative. The comparative study reveals, that members of FOC are on average younger, they have larger forest properties and are better educated than members of the FOA. Also, the interests of members in FOC and FOA are different; socio-educational reasons are the main driving force in case of FOC, while among FOA members interests are predominantly economic in nature.

The purpose of FOC is primarily a common appearance on the market, which in turn accelerates the economic benefits of its members and increases the competitiveness of forest owners on the market. On the long term, the plan is to increase the purchase quantity of wood and conclude long-term contracts with sawmills. The FOC also established a logistic center for supplying the residents with heat, produced from woody biomass. The next planned step is the investment in boiler rooms, establishment of social enterprise and sale of heat to final consumers. In addition, members of the FOC carry out logging and harvesting activities for forest owners and state forests. In the period from its foundation to date, the operation of the cooperative is stable and positive.

DETAILS

ORIGIN OF WOOD

Forest

TYPE OF WOOD

Stemwood

KIND OF WOOD CONCERNED

Stemwood

IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY

Enhancement of forest resilience

INCOME EFFECT

Positive / more efficient working processes / cost reduction possibility identification

EXPLOITATION POTENTIAL

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HUB

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ECONOMIC IMPACT

Enhancement of regionally added value / more efficient working processes /

SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

MOBILIZATION POTENTIAL

336.000 m³/year

SUSTAINABILITY POTENTIAL - VALUE

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EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Medium

EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION - EVALUATION

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KEY PREREQUISITES

High-quality hardware; reliability of the service; information on the prices of hiring the machinery, efficient coordination between service providers and users

TYPE OF EVENT WHERE THIS BPI HAS BEEN FEATURED

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JOB EFFECT

New employments / Better qualified staff

COSTS OF IMPLEMENTATION (EURO - €)

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MORE DETAILS

CHALLENGE ADDRESSED

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DOMAIN

Ownership, cooperation

Forest management, ecosystem, resilience

Harvesting, infrastructure, logistics

TYPE OF SOLUTION

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KEYWORDS

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DIGITAL SOLUTION

No

INNOVATION

No

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Slovenia

SCALE OF APPLICATION

Local

START AND END YEAR

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REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

MAIN WEBSITE

http://www.greenpartnerships.eu/wp/sl/2014/05/29/primer-dobre-prakse-biomasni-center-pohorje-kozjak-slovenija/

RESOURCES

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