EIP-AGRI WorkshopNew Value Chains from multifunctional forests

Presented by Robert MAVSAR at 144th meeting of the Standing Forestry Committee



Forests should be key for bioeconomy

- Covering 37% of EU land
- Capturing 13% of CO₂ emissions
- Renewable resources for
 - 25% of EU Bioeconomy
 - 50% of renewable energy
- Key for the sustainability of: biodiversity, water and soil

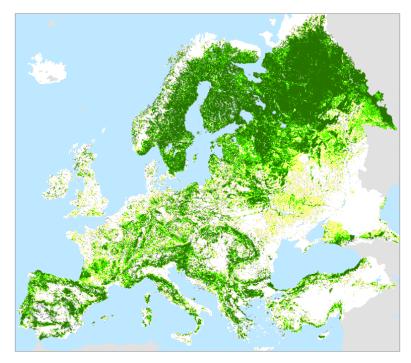


Image source: European Forest Institute



It is not only about wood

- wild forest products, recreation services,...
- more than 150 WFP are of importance in the international trade







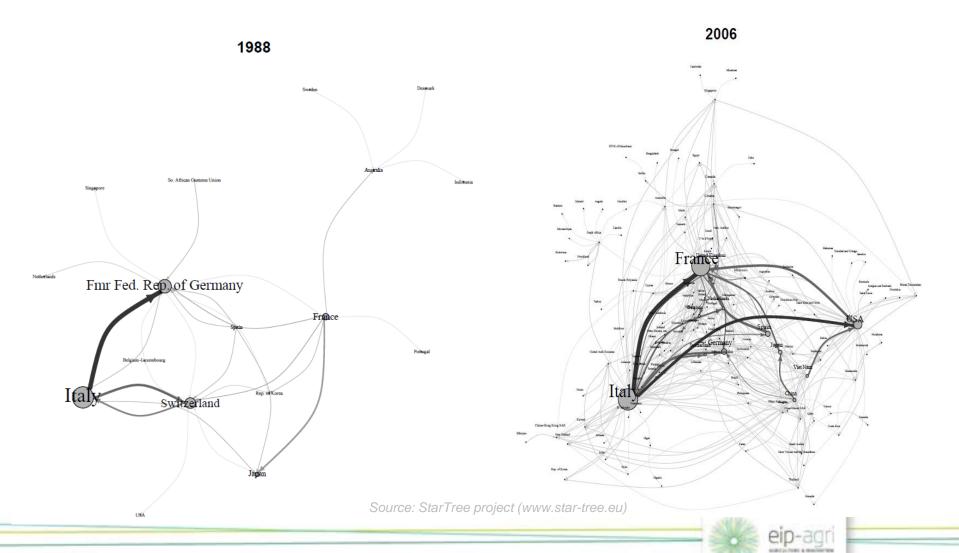






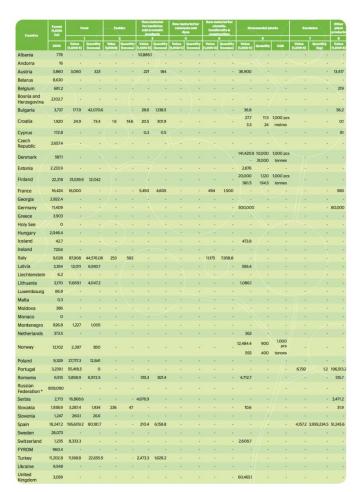


The globalization of markets brings new opportunities (example of global truffle trade)



It is not only about wood

- Total value of WFP in Europe is estimated at 2.27 billion € (10% of the value of wood removals)
- Missing information
- Informal markets,...



Source: Forest Europe, 2015





Multipurpose trees and non-wood forest products a challenge and opportunity

www.star-tree.eu









FOR 0.5% OF THE INTERVIEWED HOUSEHOLDS WFP MORE THAN 50% OF INCOME



Creating New Value Chains

Opportunities

- diversity of raw materials
- innovative business concepts (products and services)
- employment in rural areas
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Image source: http://www.arcticpowerberries.com/berry-facts/



Creating New Value Chains

Obstacles

- lacking information
- ownership of raw material
- management
- legislation
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Image source: thrivingnow.com



Workshop Objectives (I)

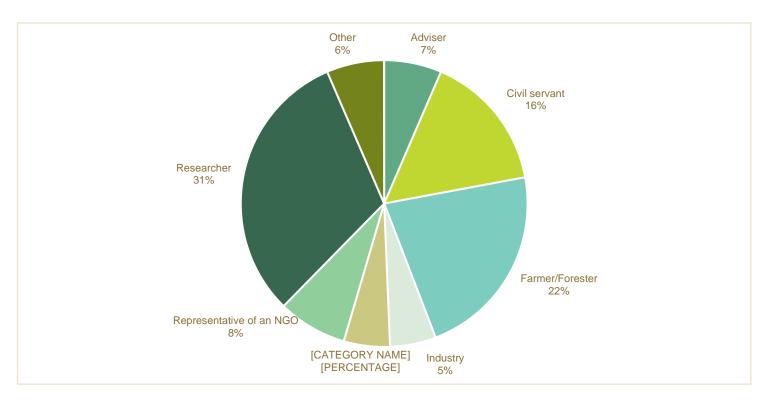
- Explore a range of concrete examples of developing new value chains from multifunctional forests;
- Critically examine the practical challenges and opportunities for setting up such new value chains;
- Promote the setting-up of EIP-AGRI Operational Groups (OGs) focusing on the creation and development of new value chains from multifunctional forests;

Workshop Objectives (II)

- Offer some 'tips and tricks' for setting up OG
 partnerships for projects that could tackle the practical
 challenges identified in setting up new value chains;
- Present and spread all of this information to inspire the creation of new OGs and promote wider use and establishment of new value chains from multifunctional forestry.

Workshop participants

76 participants22 countries



New value chains









Food

Non-food

Agroforestry

Recreational and Leisure Uses

19 innovative value chains were presented and discussed



Creation of new value chains

- Innovative aspects
- Challenges
- Enabling conditions





What influences the development of new value chains?

- Cooperation & Networking
- Targeted resource management
- Commercialization of alternative forest products
- Marketing
- Social benefits and employment
- Tradition re-invented
- Knowledge
- Public support



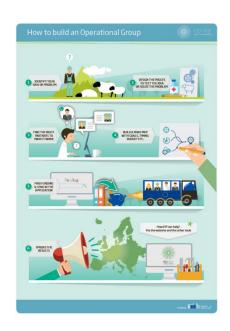


Role of EIP Operational Groups

Less known and applied in relation to forests

Some ideas:

- traceability
- product development and marketing
- resource management improvements
- improved coordination
- knowledge transfer





Business development

- Identification of business opportunities
- Business plan development
- Marketing strategy
- Advisory services





Cooperation

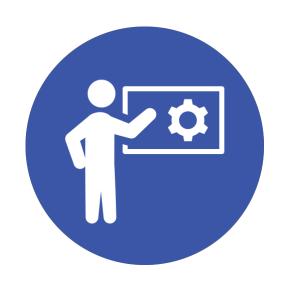
- Owners
- Value chain actors
- Local communities
- Cross-sector





Capacity building/awareness raising

- Forest owners
- Forest managers
- Policy makers
- Local communities
- Entrepreneurs, ...
- Users/consumers
- Cross-boarder exchanges





Legislation/Policy making

- Enabling conditions (restrictions)
- Modernization
- Simplification of procedures
- Strategic planning
- Funding mechanisms





Thank you!

