



EUROPEAN FORESTS FOR PEOPLE

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Many forest needs



- Household timber and construction
- Heating and cooking
- Industrial fibre raw material
- Biodiversity protection
- Recreation
- Non wood goods and services
- Etc. etc.







Main reference:

State of Europe's Forests 2011

Status & Trends in **Sustainable Forest Management** in Europe

Jointly prepared by FOREST EUROPE,
UNECE and FAO

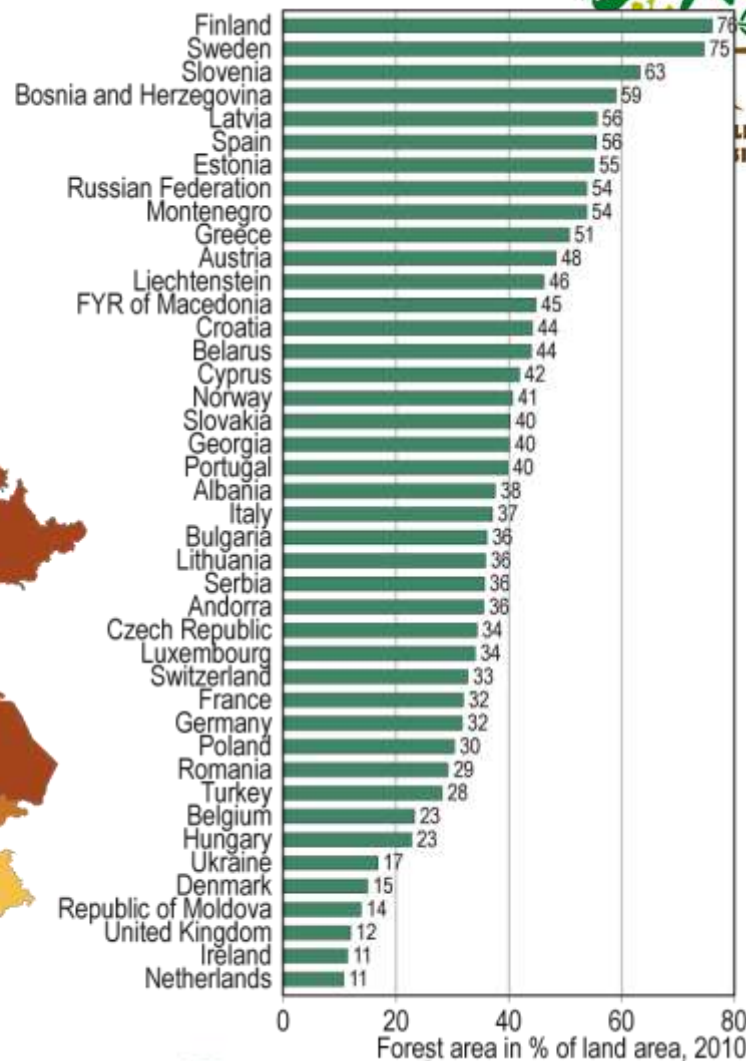
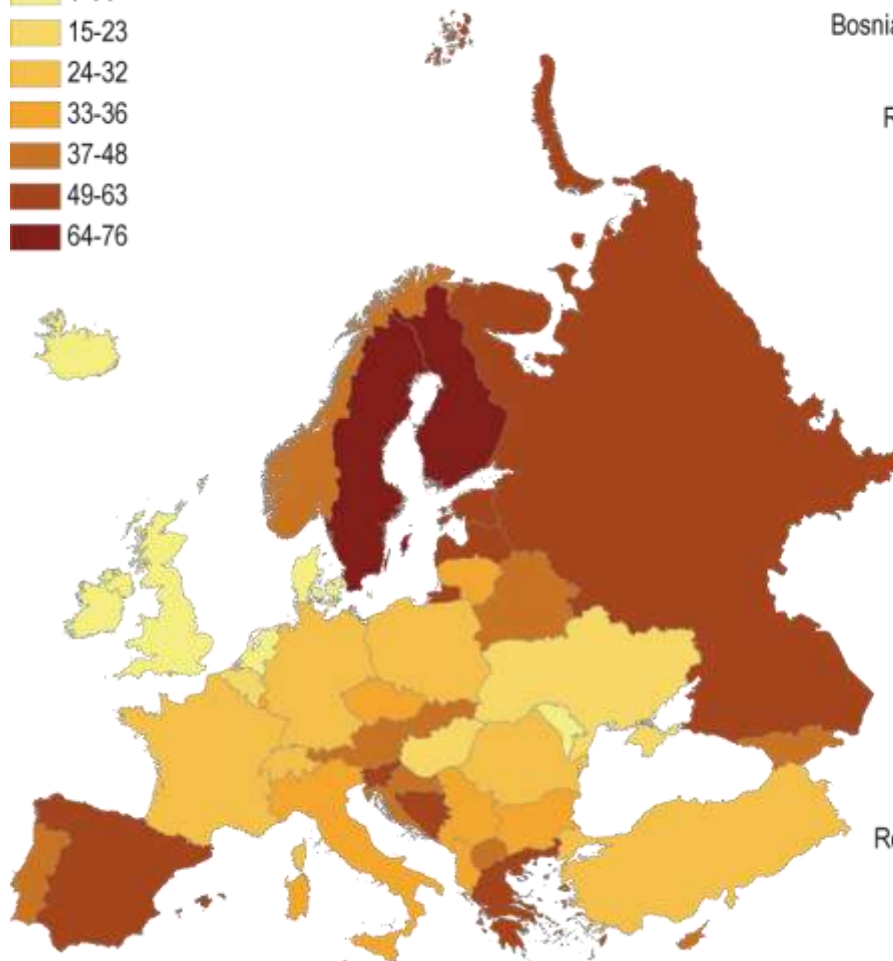
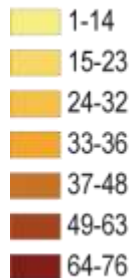
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Forest area in % of land area, 2010



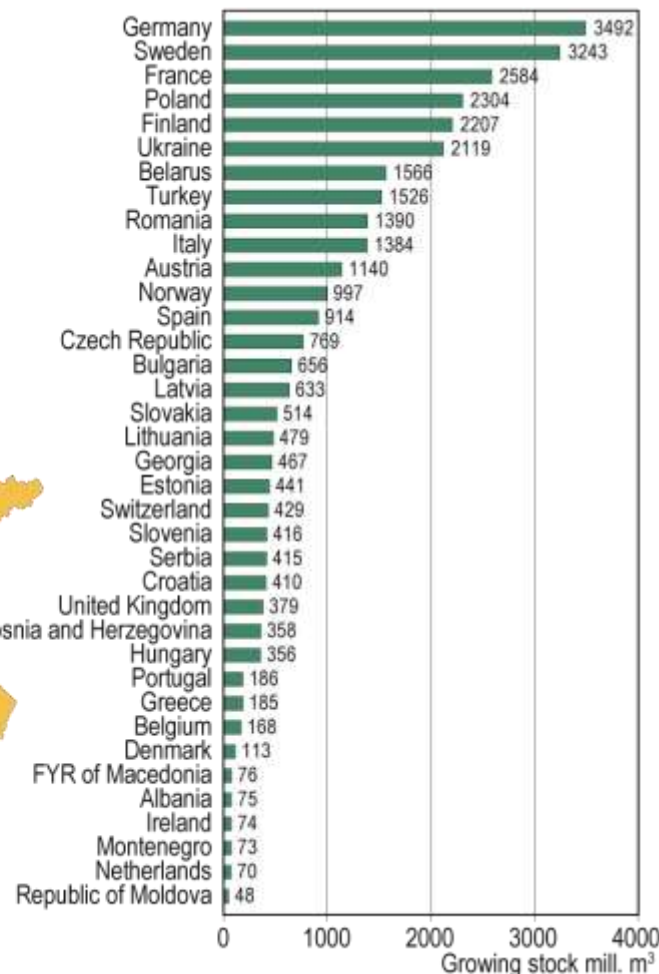
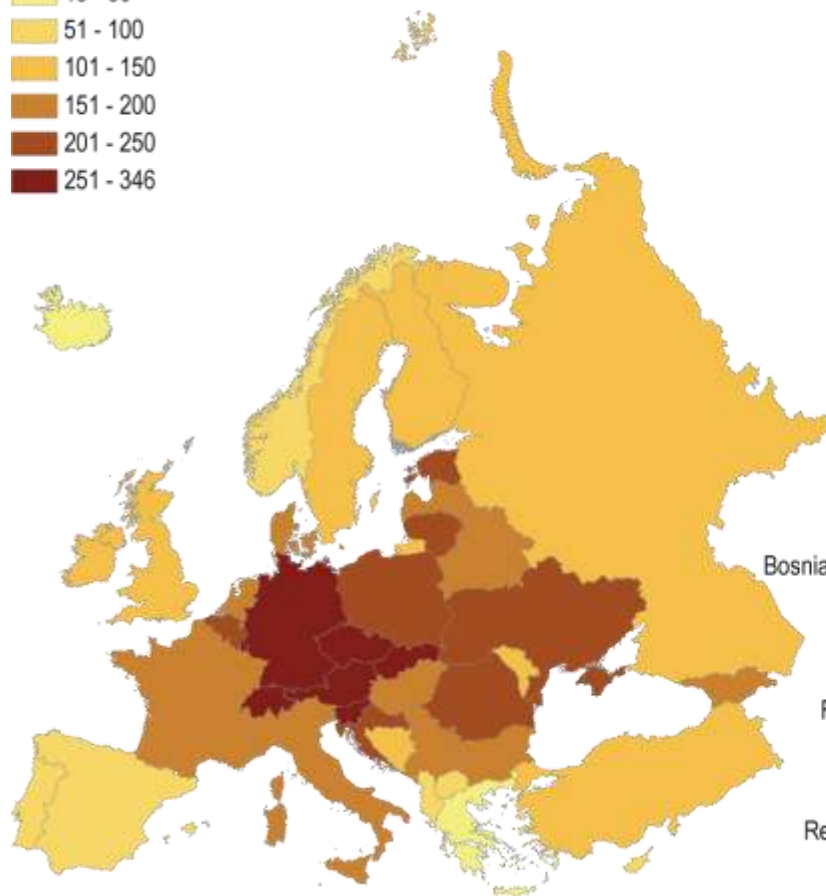
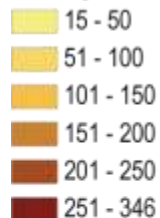
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Forest and other wooded land as % of land area. Source: State of Europe's Forest 2011.

FOREST STOCK



Growing stock on forest in m³ per ha

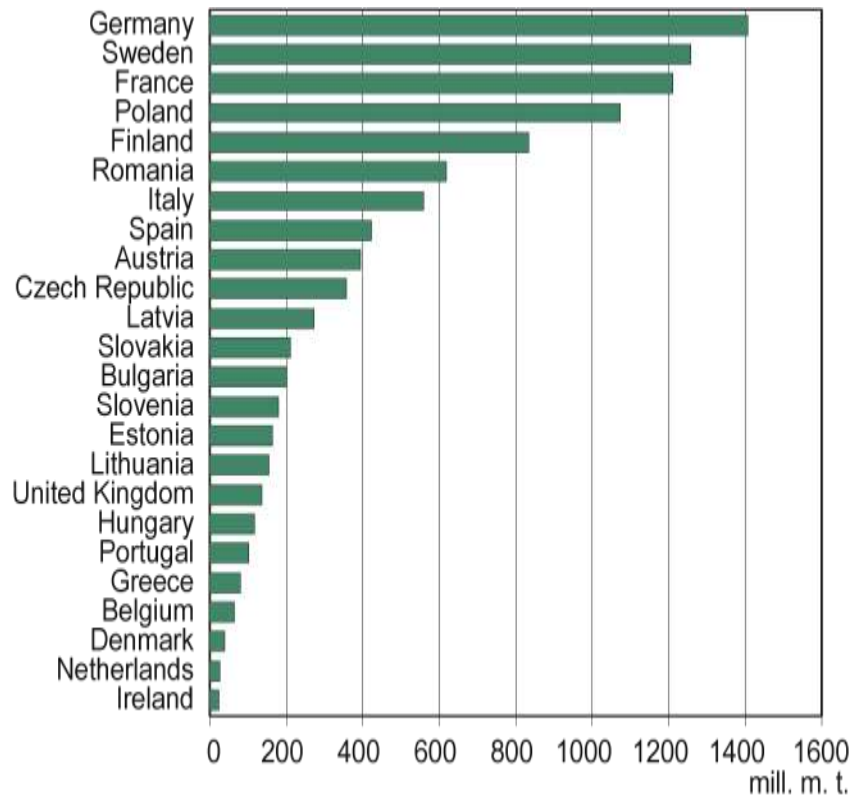


Growing stock volume per hectare (left) and volume (right) on forest, 2010.

Source: State of Europe's Forest 2011.



FORESTS SIGNIFICANT CARBON STOCK; POTENTIAL FOR SEQUESTRATION

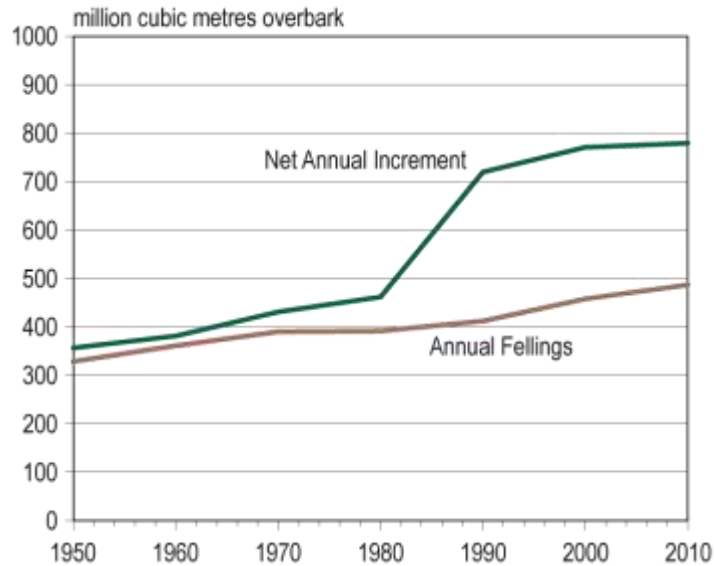


Carbon stock on forest biomass (above ground and below ground) in million metric tones.
Source: State of Europe's Forest 2011.

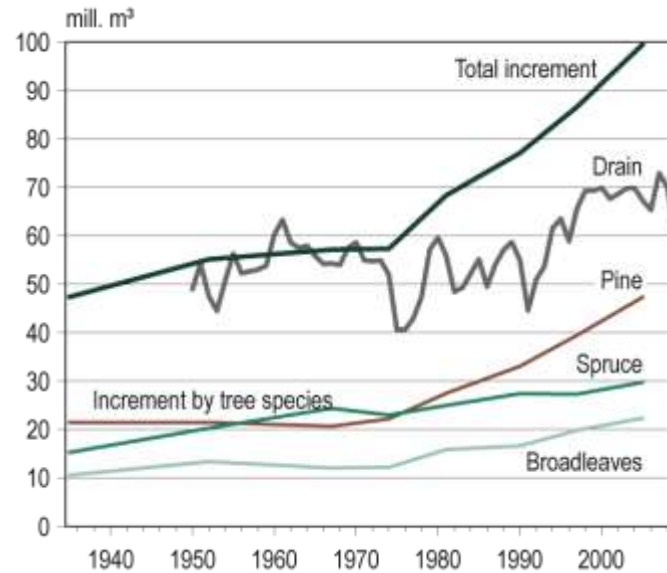
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SUSTAINABILITY - UNDERUTILIZED RESOURCE BASE



Net annual increment of growing stock and annual fellings in Europe(1950–2010). Sources: Kuusela (1994). Forest Resources in Europe 1950–1990; State of Europe’s Forest 2011.



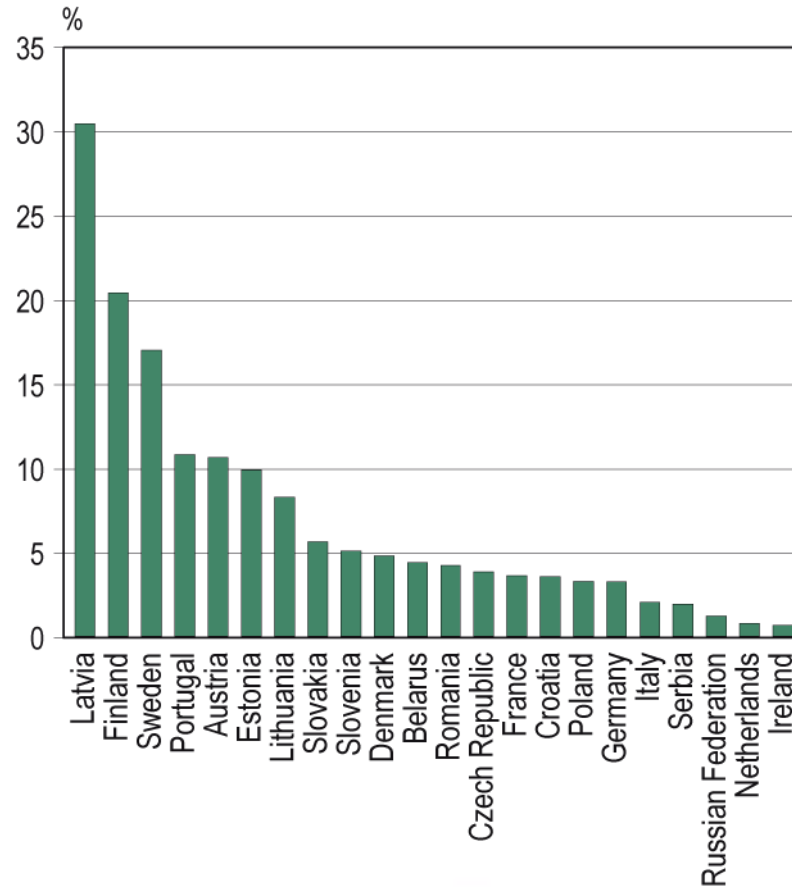
Annual increment of growing stock (1935–2009) and annual drain in Finland (1950–2009). Source: Finnish Forest Research Institute





WOOD IS AN IMPORTANT ENERGY SOURCE

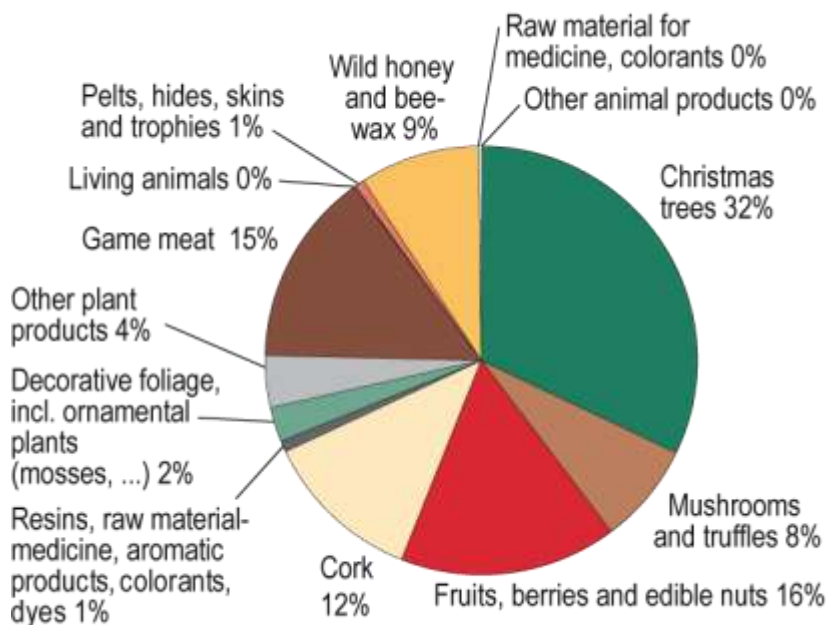
Total energy production from wood as percent of the total national primary energy consumption.



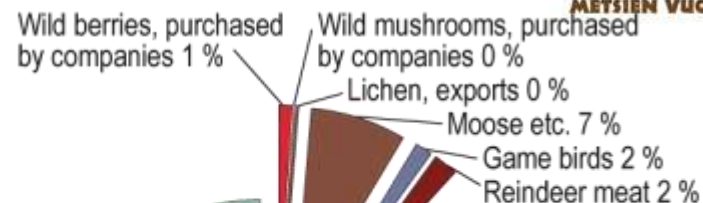


FOREST BASED NON-WOOD GOODS & SERVICES

Value of various forest products in Europe, 2005



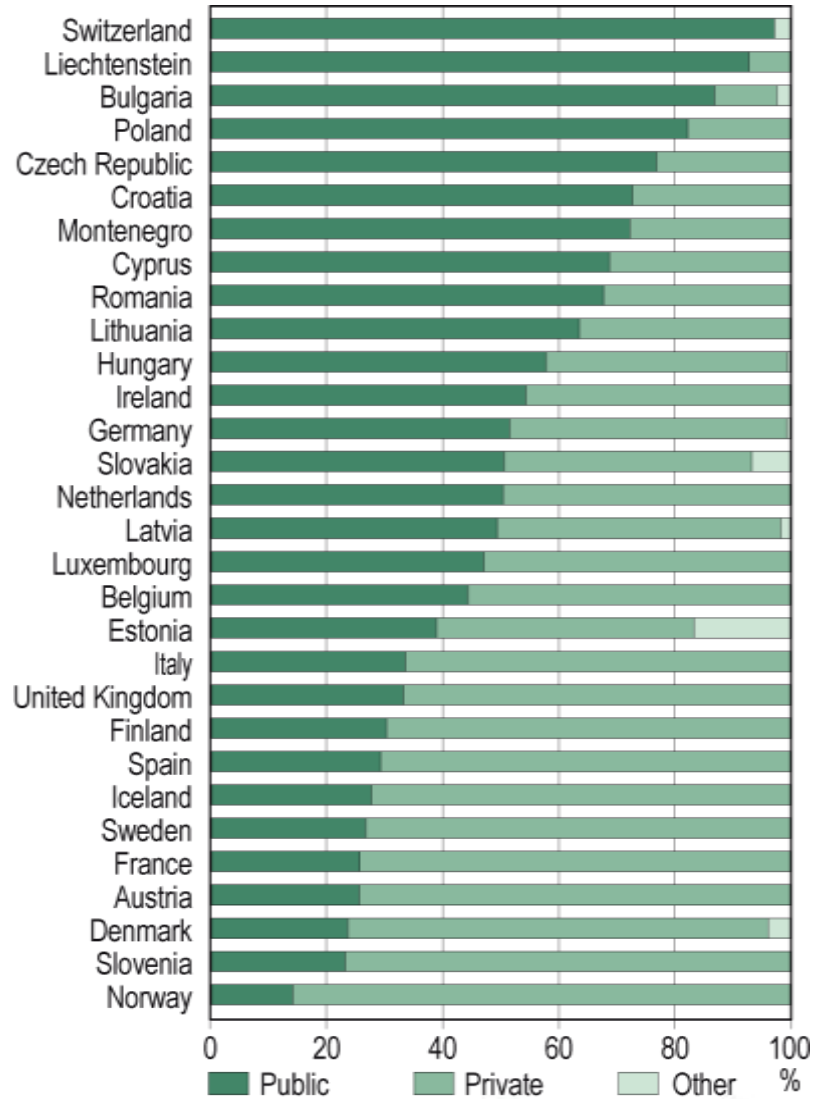
Value of marketed non-wood forest goods, marketed plant product/raw material, 2005. Source: State of Europe's Forest 2011.



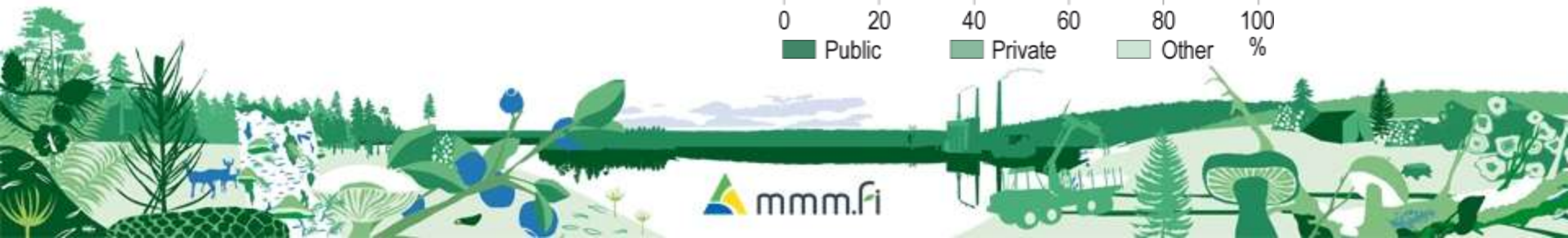
Amount and value of various forest products, 2009. Sources: Finnish Forest Research Institute; TNS Gallup Ltd. Food and Farm Facts; Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute; Reindeer Herders' Association; Boards of Customs



PRIVATE FOREST OWNERSHIP IN EUROPE

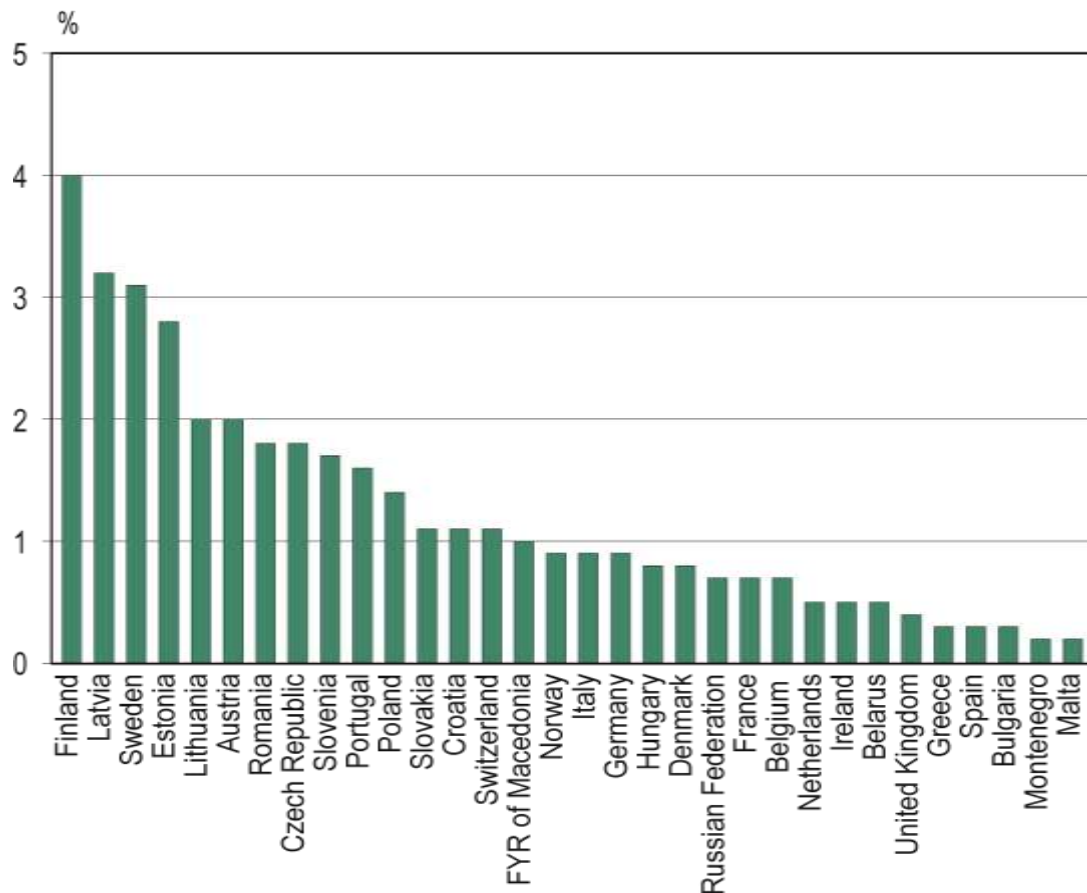


Ownership of forest in Europe, 2010.
Source: State of Europe's Forest 2011.





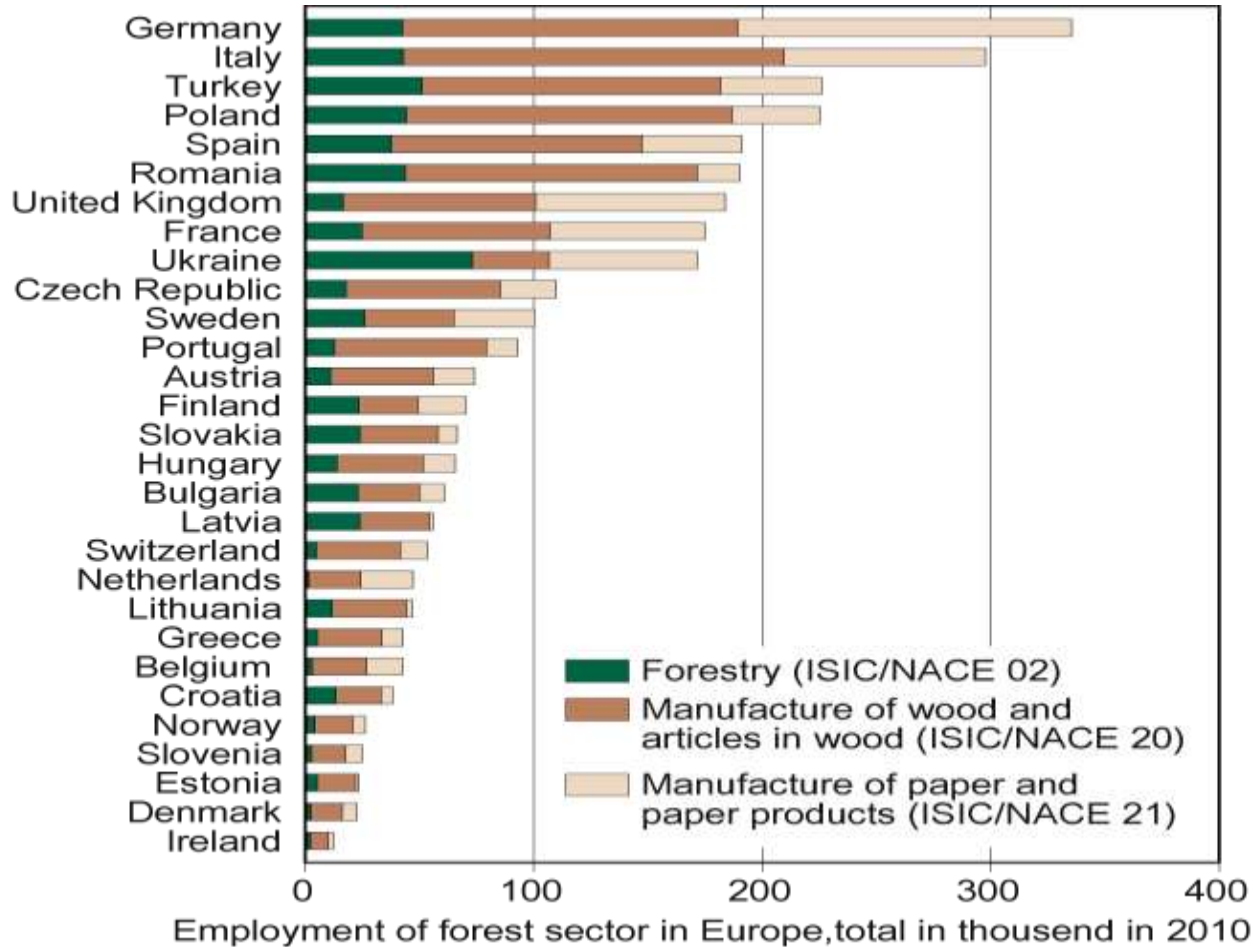
FOREST SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO GDP



Contribution of forest sector to GDP, 2010.

Source: State of Europe's Forest 2011.

FOREST SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYMENT



Oslo Ministerial Conference



- Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, 14 to 16 June 2011, Oslo Norway.
- Conference hosted by the Norwegian government and co-organized with the Spanish government.
- The ministers responsible for forests adopted two important decisions:
 - Oslo Ministerial Decision: **European Forests 2020**, setting targets for protection and sustainable management of forests;
 - **Oslo Ministerial Mandate** for Negotiating a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe.

European Forests 2020



- **VISION FOR FORESTS IN EUROPE**
- **GOALS FOR EUROPEAN FORESTS**
- **EUROPEAN 2020 TARGETS**
- **MISSION OF FOREST EUROPE**
- **EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL ACTIONS**
- **www.foresteurope.org**



VISION FOR FORESTS IN EUROPE



- To shape a future where all European forests are vital, productive and multifunctional. Where forests contribute effectively to sustainable development, through ensuring human well-being, a healthy environment and economic development in Europe and across the globe. Where the forests' unique potential to support a green economy, livelihoods, climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, enhancing water quality and combating desertification is realised to the benefit of society;



Oslo Ministerial Mandate for Negotiating an LBA on Forests in Europe



- The ministers decided to launch the negotiations in:
 - Establishing an **Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee**;
 - Adopting the **Rules of Procedures**;
 - Establishing the **Bureau** which consists of the Chair of the Committee and representatives of the following countries: Austria, Czech Republic, France, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine, Spain as permanent observer;
 - Nominating the **Chair**: Mr. Jan Heino (Finland);
 - Requesting the FOREST EUROPE Liaison Unit and inviting UNECE, FAO, UNEP and EFI to **service jointly** the negotiating process.

Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee



- The INC is open to **FOREST EUROPE Signatories (46)**.
- **Observer States, Agencies and Organisations**, incl. NGOs are invited to participate to the work of the INC.
- **2011-2013 timeline:**
 - The INC will commence its work not later than **31 December 2011**,
 - with the goal to completing its work not later than **30 June 2013**, and
 - will present its results to an **extraordinary FOREST EUROPE ministerial conference** to be organized within six months after the conclusion of the negotiations, for its consideration and possible adoption and opening for signature.



Legally Binding Agreement



- The Committee shall:
 - Base its work on existing **FOREST EUROPE Resolutions and Declarations** and relevant international commitments;
 - Take into account the *Non-paper on a possible legally binding agreement on forests in Europe*;
 - Develop a **holistic legally binding framework agreement** for forests.



Legally Binding Agreement



- The Committee shall address *inter alia* the following possible subjects (examples from the mandate paper):
 - To ensure **sustainable forest management** and the long-term provision of a broad range of goods and forest ecosystem services;
 - To maintain and enhance **forest resources**, their health, vitality and resilience, and their adaptation to climate change;
 - To increase the **resilience of forests** to natural hazards and to protect forest against human-induced threats;
 - To enhance the contributions of forests to the **mitigation of climate change**;



Legally Binding Agreement



- To maintain and enhance the **protective and productive potential** of European forests;
- To create and maintain enabling conditions for European forests to contribute to a **green economy, employment** and the development of rural and urban areas;
- To maintain and enhance the **cultural and social functions** of forests in Europe;
- To enhance **participation and cooperation** on forests at local, national, regional and global levels.



Legally Binding Agreement



- The Committee shall consider:
 - The importance of flexibility, so that Parties can take decisions adjusted to their specific forest conditions and needs in the future;
 - Global discussions on possible improvement of international arrangements on forests;
 - The need to avoid unnecessary duplication with other international agreements;
 - The importance of securing the effective participation of stakeholders;
 - Agreement on common terms and definitions
 - The possibility of the agreement being brought under the United Nations umbrella;



Next steps



- **Bureau Meeting** held 5-6 September 2011 in Joensuu, Finland
- **First Session of the Negotating Committee** will be arranged 21-25 November 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland
 - Oslo Ministerial Decision: European Forests 2020
 - Oslo Ministerial Mandate for Negotiating a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe
 - Non-paper developed by Forest Europe
 - Road Map



What will we achieve?



- everything is open until a proposal is ready
- independent process - UN rules and principles
- foundation will be laid in Geneva 21-25 November
- a successful outcome could have global consequences



THANK YOU!

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