

Description of best practice

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Title	Ex post evaluation of the program 'rural area' 2007 until 2013 in NRW, forestal funding (ELER-Codes 123-B, 125-B, 224 und 227)
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Domain	Access to funding
Source of wood	Woodland/forests
Location	North Rhine-Westphalia
Implementers	<p>Ministerium für Klimaschutz, Umwelt, Landwirtschaft, Natur- und Verbraucherschutz des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen Schwannstraße 3 40476 Düsseldorf</p> <p>Ex post evaluation: Thünen-Institut für Internationale Waldwirtschaft und Forstökonomie Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut Leuschnerstr. 21; 21031 Hamburg</p>
Actual status	Closed
Approach	<p>In the program "rural area" 2007 until 2013 following weaknesses were found in NRW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High share of small scale private forests • Associations to reduce structural disadvantages often too small • Unfavorable age class proportion of the forests due to historical reasons • Logging potential is not being used • <p>Therefore following measures were implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase of the value added in forestry products (ELER-Code 123-B) • Forestal road construction (ELER-Code 125-B) • Natura 2000 – Forest (ELER-Code 224) • Forest restructuring (ELER-Code 227) • Soil liming (ELER-Code 227) • Environmental protection (ELER-Code 227)
Main results	ELER-Code 123-B:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of jobs could be increased, but the goals could not be reached (40 more jobs, goal: 100 more jobs) • Gross value added was higher than before the project <p>ELER-Code 125-B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of harvested wood could be increased from 356.000 m³ to 536.000 m³ due to road construction and costs for logging & logging distance could be decreased <p>ELER-Code 227:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term improvement of the biodiversity in the forests due to restructuring can be expected • Slightly positive effect on biodiversity through soil liming can be expected (increases stability of the forests) <p>ELER-Code 224: As part of the Natura 2000 funding, the following requirements had to be fulfilled: Support of habitat-typical rejuvenescence</p>
Lessons learned	<p>The funding in general was suitable to support reaching the goals. But due to the small amount of funding the effect of the projects on the state NRW was limited. So future funding should concentrate more on finding solutions for problems caused by the small-scale structure of the forests and on finding more sales opportunities.</p>
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Best practice assessment

Region	NRW
Time scale	2007 - 2013
Mobilization Potential	It was an assessment of several funding processes.
Kind of wood concerned	Stemwood
Sustainability Potential	positive effects of the total forestal funding
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Positive on biodiversity and forest resilience enhancement
Ease of implementation	Difficult
Economic impact	5 Mio. € more gross value added in the involved businesses
Job effect	Small effect with in total 40 more jobs in Funding ELER-Code 123-B
Income effect	The aim was e.g. to initiate more efficient working processes
Specific knowledge needed	Enhanced knowledge on administrative and organizational processes needed.
Costs of implementation	Approx. 114,8 Mio. € in total
Technical readiness level	Applicable
Key information for adoption	Funding came from the EU, the state NRW and private funds