


Description of best practice

Best practice	
Title	Fonds forestier en Limousin (Forest Fund in Limousin)
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Domain	Silviculture, innovative funding
Source of wood	Stemwood
Location	Limousin
Implementers	private forest owners and companies, public entities
Actual status	Running
Approach	The Forest Funds en Limousin is a regional structure that acts as an interface between forest owners and financial contributors. It manages financial flows and handles requests from forest owners requesting assistance. This private initiative was initiated by Fransylva in Limousin (Limousin forest owners' syndicate).
Main results	In return for their financial investments through the Forest Fund in Limousin, companies and local authorities are awarded the "I love the Limousin forest, I support it" label, enabling them to communicate to their clients or employees about their interest in preserving the environment and fighting climate change. The sums paid by companies are tax deductible because the share is considered sponsorship. The forestry works eligible for aid are plantations or forest improvements. The minimum surface area of the forest sites must be 1 ha.
Lessons learned	By the end of 2017: 180 hectares of plantation have been validated by the Forest Fund in Limousin and 90 hectares are still under study.
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Best practice assessment

Region	Limousin
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Time scale	Since 2000
Mobilization Potential	+ 45 000 m ³ and + 650 ha of improved forest every year
Kind of wood concerned	Stemwood
Sustainability Potential	Very positive
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Improves biodiversity through stand improvement work
Ease of implementation	Very easy: territorial forest animation
Economic impact	reduction in mobilization costs and increase in operators' turnover (€878,000 in turnover in 2014)
Job effect	Positive impact: additional forestry work (in 2014: + 15 working days)
Income effect	Increased income for the forest operator
Specific knowledge needed	NA
Costs of implementation	125 000 €
Technical readiness level	Applicable in the next year
Key information for adoption	Amount of aid for owners = €100,000 per year