

## Description of best practice

Best practice	
Title	Machinery ring Bled
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Domain	forest ownership, silviculture, mechanization, communities
Source of wood	Stemwood, above ground woody biomass
Location	NW Slovenia
Implementers	400 members (farmers, forest owners)
Actual status	Running
Approach	Machinery ring is a social organization that offers support services for farmers and forest owners. It is a form of the use of machines between farms based on mutual neighborly assistance. Members of a machinery ring are owners of agricultural and/or forestry machinery and they can also provide services to other members at prices agreed. The machinery ring ensures coordination and dialogue between service providers and users.
Main results	Forest owners have access to high-quality hardware that cannot be afforded by individual owners. The machinery ring also provides expert advice and the purchase and sale of wood, including biomass for heating, and agricultural services. In the framework of the machinery ring, the training of owners for work in the forest and professional excursions are organized in cooperation with the Forest Service. The members also receive various discounts when purchasing forestry equipment. To make better use of machinery and work on a larger scale, they set up a limited liability company SK Servis, which deals with felling, harvesting and sale of wood, the production and sale of wood chips and the construction and maintenance of skid roads.
Lessons	Experience of the first years of operation show good results. The

learned	amount of work increases year by year. Forest owners are provided with a comprehensive service, from harvesting forest trees to selling timber, processing residues in wood chips and selling chips. They are able to achieve better prices at market. The machinery ring is a good and innovative example of linking forest owners, which by increasing efficiency and professionalism enables increased mobilization of wood from private forests, better silviculture of these forests and higher returns for individual owners.
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## Best practice assessment

Region	Slovenia
Time scale	2004 -
Mobilization Potential	110.000 m <sup>3</sup> /year
Kind of wood concerned	Stemwood, waste wood
Sustainability Potential	Positive
Impact on environment & biodiversity	Enhancement of forest resilience
Ease of implementation	Medium
Economic impact	Enhancement of regionally added value / more efficient working processes /
Job effect	New employments / Better qualified staff
Income effect	More efficient working processes / Reduction of costs related to the machinery
Specific knowledge needed	Silviculture / wood market / Operation of thr machinery
Costs of implementation	Low
Technical readiness level	Running
Key information for adoption	High-quality hardware; reliability of the service; information on the prices of hiring the machinery, efficient coordination between service providers and users