


Description of best practice

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Title	Forest owner cooperation Pohorje-Kozjak
Picture	<p style="text-align: center;">BIOMASNI CENTER POHORJE - KOZJAK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">• POLENA • ŽAGAN LES • SEKANCI</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Neposredna nabava pri lastnikih gozdov Pohorja in Kozjaka!</i></p>  <p style="text-align: right;">telefon 031 778 706</p>
Domain	<p>Forest ownership and land tenure</p> <p>Ownership structure</p> <p>Silviculture</p> <p>Market structure and paying capacities</p> <p>Infrastructure / logistics</p> <p>Mechanization / forest industry</p> <p>Wood energy</p> <p>Communities / networks</p>
Source of wood	Stemwood, Above ground woody biomass
Location	SE Slovenia
Implementers	Private forest owners
Actual status	running
Approach	<p>Forest owner association (FOA) Pohorje-Kozjak is voluntary, non-profit and independent association of private forest owners established in 2007. Main aim of FOA is to increase the sustainable management of private forests and strengthen the economic power of forest owners in accordance with the law. Main tasks of FOA are education of forest owners, consultancy on management and sale of wood, assistance in applying for calls and giving comments on legislation. In the year 2012, a forest owners cooperative (FOC) was set up in order to expand their activities to</p>

	the rave of business integration.
Main results	The purpose of FOC is primarily a common appearance on the market, which in turn accelerates the economic benefits of its members and increases the competitiveness of forest owners on the market. On the long term, the plan is to increase the purchase quantity of wood and conclude long-term contracts with sawmills. The FOC also established a logistic center for supplying the residents with heat, produced from woody biomass. The next planned step is the investment in boiler rooms, establishment of social enterprise and sale of heat to final consumers. In addition, members of the FOC carry out logging and harvesting activities for forest owners and state forests. In the period from its foundation to date, the operation of the cooperative is stable and positive.
Lessons learned	FOC Kozjak-Pohorje is an example of good practice expansion from the societal activities to the level of business cooperation in a forest cooperative. The comparative study reveals, that members of FOC are on average younger, they have larger forest properties and are better educated than members of the FOA. Also, the interests of members in FOC and FOA are different; socio-educational reasons are the main driving force in case of FOC, while among FOA members interests are predominantly economic in nature.
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Best practice assessment

Region	Slovenia
Time scale	running
Mobilization Potential	336.000 m ³ /year
Kind of wood concerned	Stemwood
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	Positive / more efficient working processes / cost reduction possibility identification
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