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**Czech Republic
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Current forest policy issues in the Czech Republic

1. Transition to free market

Market economy principles have been implemented but because of more than half of forests are managed by state organization there is difficult to avoid any effect of monopoly. Such problems occur in plenty situations even all principles are very open and could work, but because of such asymmetry, the practical output is good.

The main problem is on which stage of the production cycle the state enterprise should sell wood: on stump, by road, etc. What will be the form of price negotiation? What will be the average area/volume of wood which can get one sub-contractor?

2. Harmonization with EU process

Finalization and running of the new system of financial contributions to forestry from EAFRD,

Application of the new regulation LIFE+ for the continuation of the monitoring of forests in the Community,

Enhancement of cross-sectoral responsibility for forests,

Promotion of consumption of wood and wood products,

Implementation of NATURA 2000,