



## Multifunctional forest land use and its policy framework

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## Forest land use in the Carpathians

- Forest land use is the major form of land use in the Carpathians;
- Forests have a diverse structure and are present the major habitat for endangered fauna and flora;
- Forest land use contributes significantly to sustainable development of the Carpathians (biodiversity, nature protection, employment and economic incomes);

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## Urban pressure as well as threats to biodiversity and natural resources led to

- Growing general environmental awareness
- Increasing needs in social and environmental benefits from forests/other ecosystems
- Raising demand in public services;



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## Sustainability and Forest Management

- Traditionally focus on long-term income opportunities from wood production;
- “Sustainability” as a tool for international agreements to ensure long-term welfare of modern societies;
- “sustainable forest management” as the main policy approach referring to a broad variety of traditional environmental values provided in the wake of incomes from wood production;



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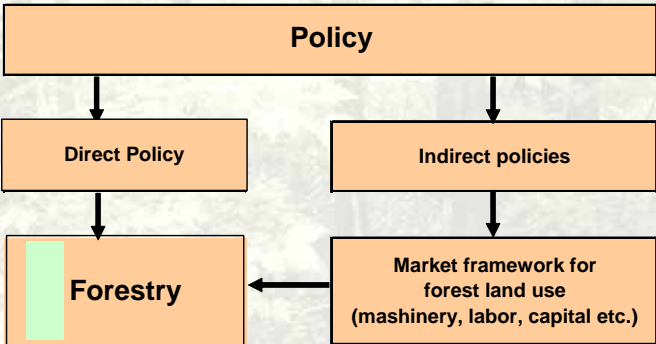
## Financing of public services through incomes from “sustainable forest management” has failed

- Roundwood production loses importance;
- Income from forestry (wood production) remains marginal;
- Inputs to employment are decreasing;

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## The long past




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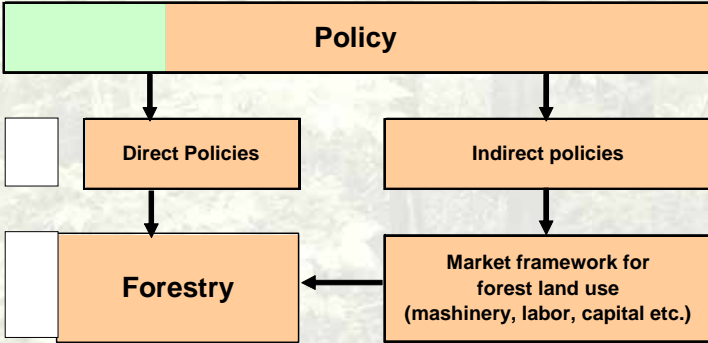
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## The 70-s




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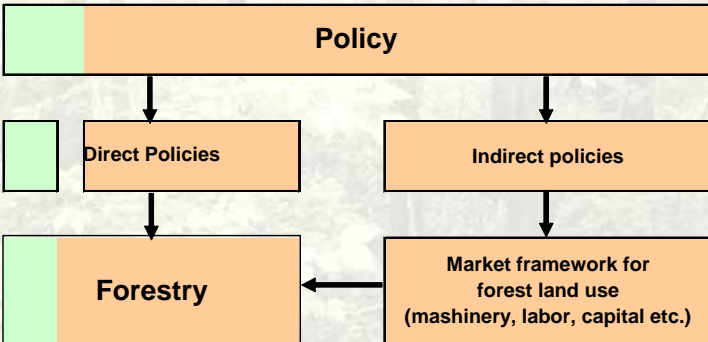
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## The 80-s




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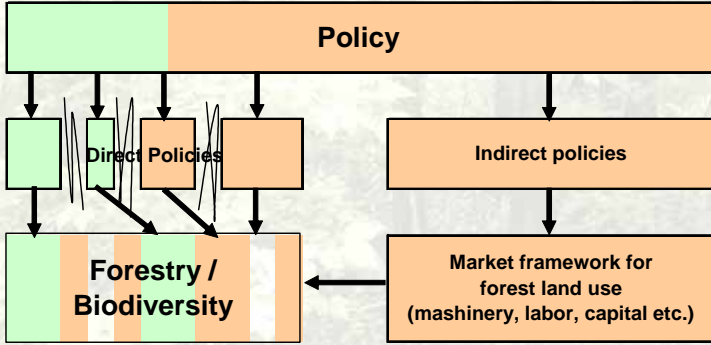
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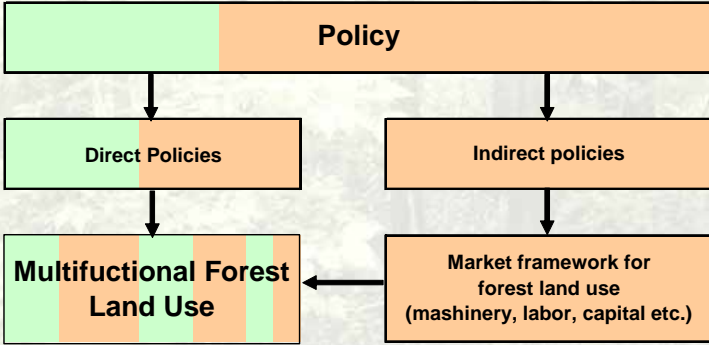
**The split-up of the policy framework for forest land use and the lack of coordination between the various policy areas leads to an unsatisfactory contribution of biodiversity, nature protection and forest management (forest land use) to an overall sustainable development!**

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## The Vision



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## Prerequisites for achieving the vision:

- (1) Enlarge the focus in Eastern Europe towards social and environmental benefits;**
- (2) Bundle forest land use policies institutionally and instrumentally;**
- (3) More coordination on forest land use in the EU institutions;
- (4) A Pan-European or sub-regional forest land use instruments;**

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### **Structure of the meeting:**

1. Approach/options towards a common policy on forest land use (biodiversity and forest management) in the Carpathians;
2. Discussion of specific measures related to forest management and biodiversity (see Chapter III);
3. Options for a common protocol under the Carpathian Convention;
4. Survey and progress on the report;