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- **Changing demands in forest land use**
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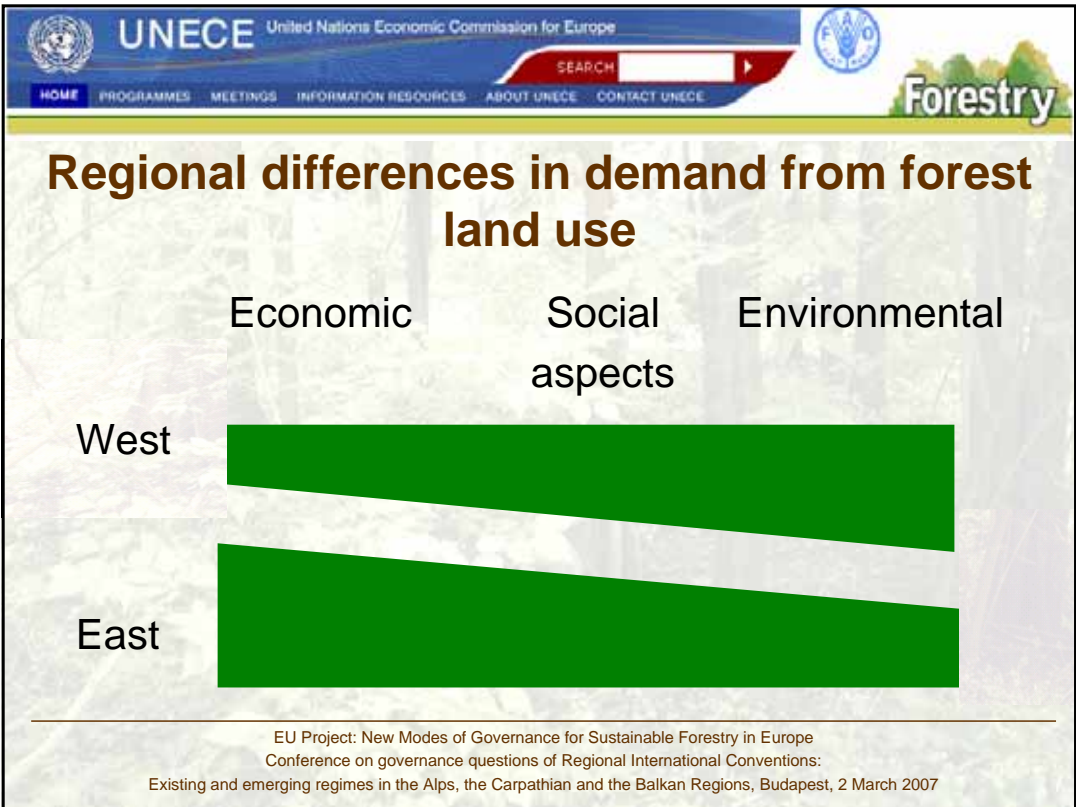
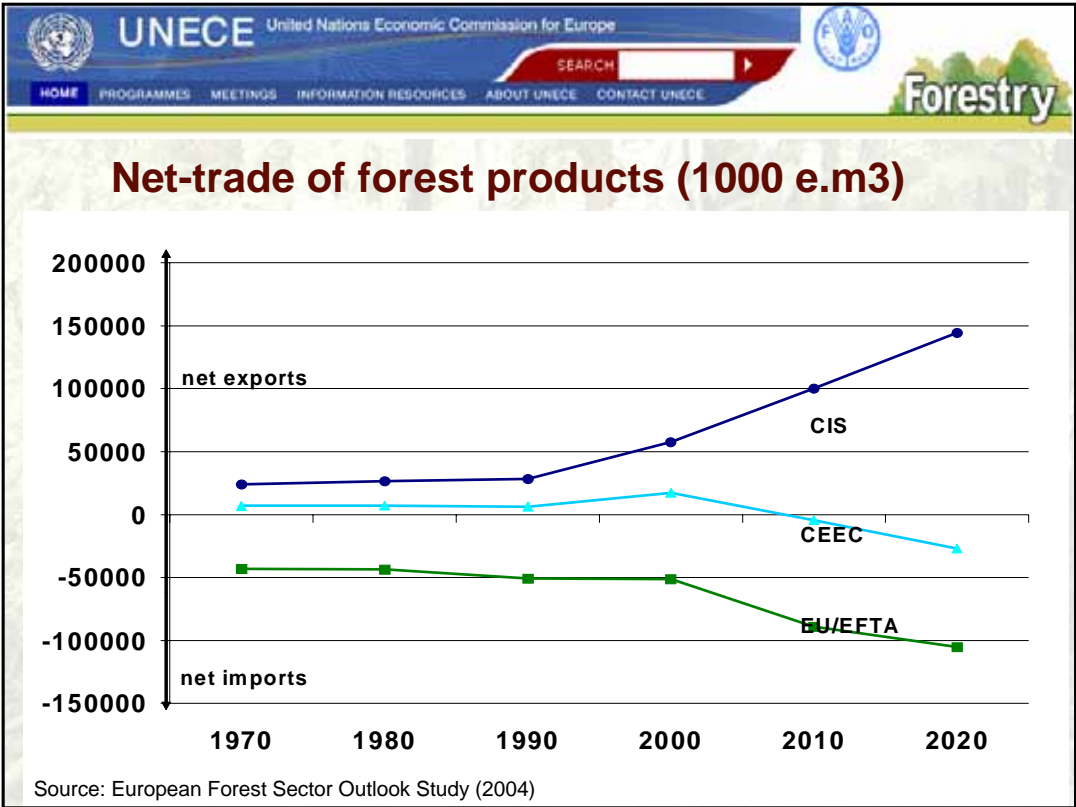
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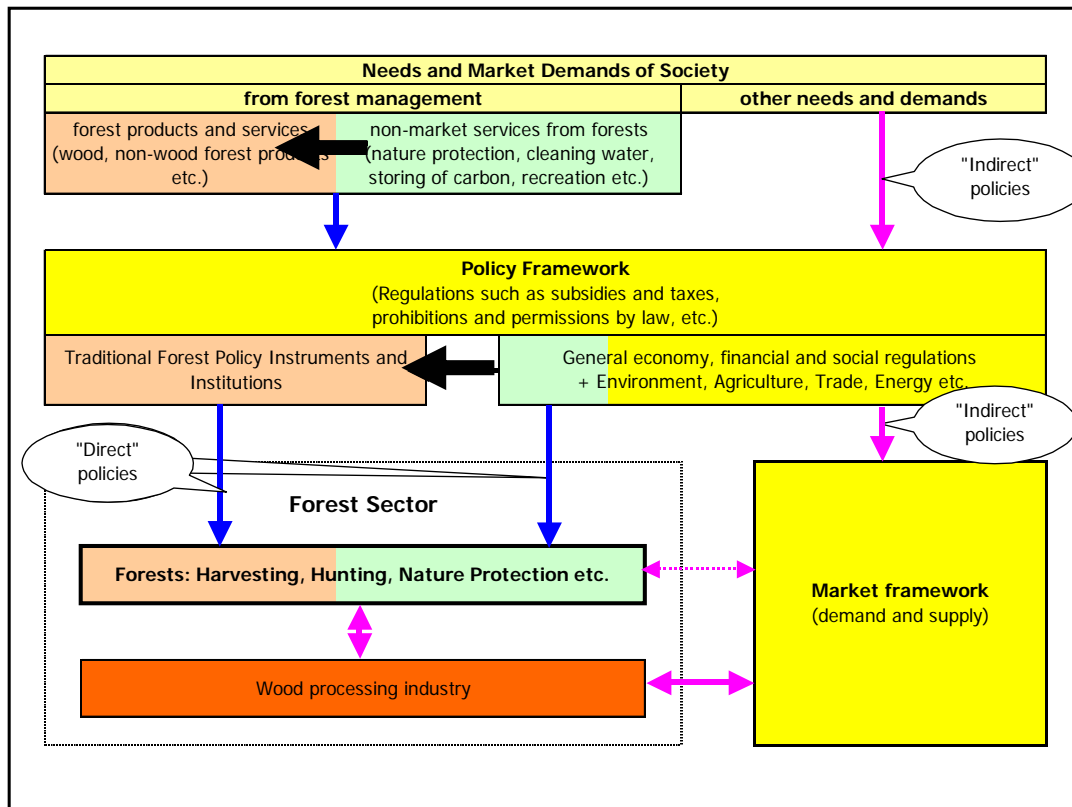
## **Changing demands in forest land use**

- **Public demand in social and environmental benefits of forests and services of forest management is increasing, (to a varying extent in different countries/regions of Europe)**
- **Although the environmental potentials of forest land use (forestry) and their links to forestry [wood production] are of marginal public perception**
- **Roundwood production has lost its relative importance as a source of income (20-30 USD/year/ha), inputs to employment are decreasing, (to a varying extent in different countries/regions of Europe)**
- **Bio-Energy ?**

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## Major changes in the forest policy framework

- Privatization respectively Restitution of forest land in CEE
- Outsourcing of state forest management to commercially acting entities
- Establishment of new state authorities dealing with social and environmental aspects of forest management, leading to a certain fragmentation of policy instruments and institutions
- Non-legally binding commitments on Sustainable Forest Management through MCPFE and EC at the same time various international conventions (water, biodiversity) strongly dealing with forest land use issues

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## Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)

- Traditionally the principle of sustainability was focused on long-term income opportunities from wood production
- In the 1990s the principle of Sustainable Development was introduced on the international political arena, emphasizing a balanced development of economic, social and environmental values
- SFM is the main policy approach, balancing a priori the economic values for society with the social and environmental benefits/services, poor public perception
- Difficulties to deliver social-environmental services in the wake of incomes from wood production

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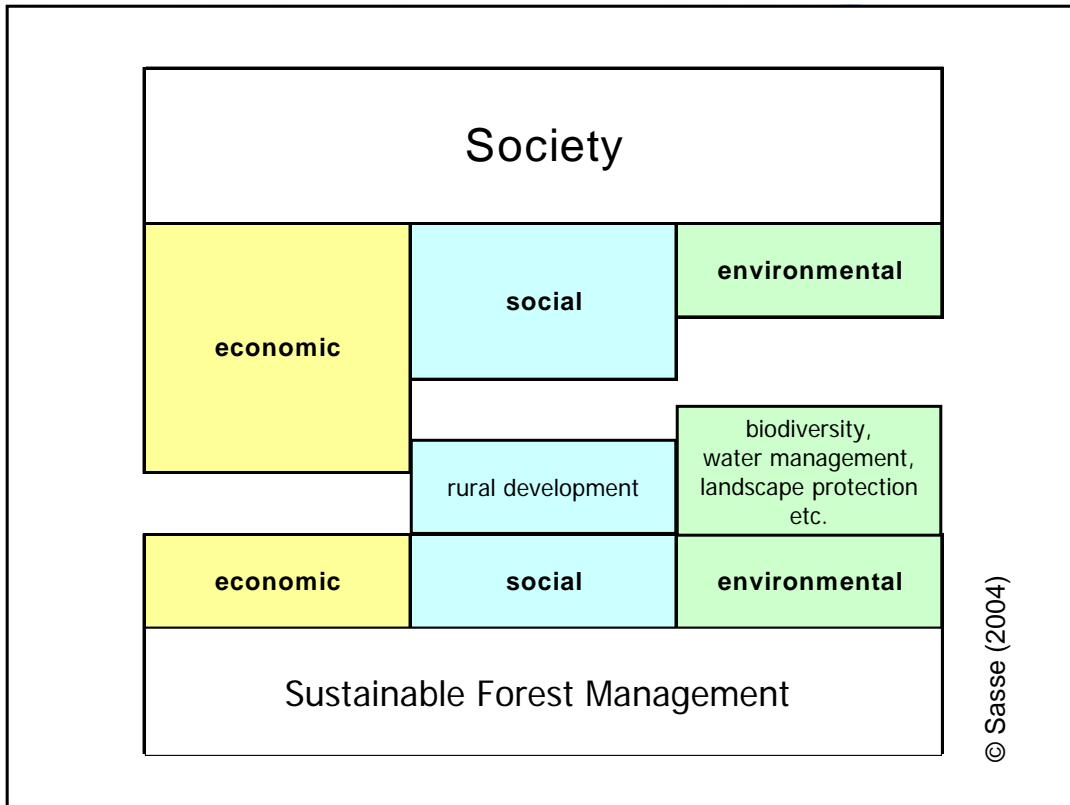
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## Key observations: lack of coordination of forest land use related policies

- Society requests specific economic, environmental and social contributions from forest land use
- A “policy vacuum” evolved, where environmental stakeholder groups successfully claimed for a specific governance and financing
- Environmental institutions and instruments that are empowered on the global level became a new cross-sector policy area with rising importance also on national levels

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## Key observations: common approaches

Beside structural differences in public demands from forest land use there are common approaches in forestry related legislation in Europe

- **Obligation: Reforestation in order to keep the forest cover**
- **Right: Public access to forests**
- **Right: Public use of non-wood forest products**

(Source: DP 33 UNECE)

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## Conclusions

- (1) **Enlarge the focus of traditional forest institutions in Eastern Europe towards social and environmental benefits**
- (2) ***Bundle forest land use policies institutionally (National Forest Programs)***
- (3) **More coordination on forest land use in the EU institutions**
- (4) ***A Pan-European forest land use instrument***

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## Meeting of the Heads of forest management from Carpathian Convention Countries, May 2006, Budapest

### Major Outcomes:

- use the term **“Sustainable Forest Management” (SFM)** referring to MCPFE
- **weak financing of social and environmental services out of incomes from wood production**
- **Objective to improve the contribution of the various forms of SFM to overall sustainable development**

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**Major Outcomes:**

- **efficient national and regional activities**
- **follow-up meeting (supported by NEP and/or FAO/SEUR secretariats, late 2006 – beginning 2007)**
- **Assistance in the preparation of the formally required articles of that possible Protocol**
- **Experiences from the Alpine Convention, particularly from the Protocol on Mountain Forest**
- **requested the UNEP secretariat for sufficient coordination of the various protocol initiatives;**
- **Requested the country representatives responsible for SFM to circulate the draft items to the corresponding state authorities**

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**Draft items for a potential protocol on SFM**

**Structured:**

- Forest management issues**
- Policy instruments and institutions**
- Communication and monitoring processes**

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**“Conservation and management of biological, forest and landscape diversity” (advanced)**

**vs**

**Agriculture and Forestry (draft items for a Protocol on SFM)**

**and**

**Conservation of biological and landscape diversity**

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**Conservation and management of biological, forest and landscape diversity**

**Structured by policy areas related to conservation of biological, forest and landscape diversity:**

- **Conservation Biodiversity**
- **Protection of natural resources**
- **Forestry**
- **Wild life management**
- **Recreation**
- **Etc.**

**Deeper structured into:**

- **Objectives**
- **Recommended measures**
- **Tools and means**

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