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WORKSHOP: Capacity Building of PRIVATE FOREST OWNERS IN MACEDONIA

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Objectives

The main objectives of the workshop on Capacity Building for Private Forestry Owners in Macedonia are:

- acquaintance with the private forestry sector in the Republic of Macedonia, the problems they face, and possible solutions for them;**
- acquaintance with the work and activities of associations of private forestry owners in Europe**



-establishing contacts with the Confederation of European Private forestry Owners – CEPF;

- supporting the establishment of national association of private forestry owners in the Republic of Macedonia, in order to strengthen their representation in dealings with the government



Presentations:

- 1. Private Forestry Sector in Macedonia and the most common problems that occur in it (Branko Skenderski – PFO)**
- 2. Experiences, challenges and opportunities of private forestry in Europe (Attila Lengyel - CEPF)**
- 3. The case of Latvia: a successful forest owner association (Vlatko Andonovski – BFOR)**



Problems that occur in the management of private forests in the Republic of Macedonia

Inadequately developed Private forest service in the frame of Public enterprises

- Forestry inspection isn't efficient enough
- Lack of training for private forest owners
- Private forest owners are not organized
- There is no tradition in Forest owners association
- There is no pursue towards creating of associations
- The expectation that all problems in private forestry sector will be solved by the State only
- Unbelief of private forest owners in State and opposite



Problems that occur in the management of private forests in the Republic of Macedonia

- There are no incentives by State for development of private forestry
- Undeveloped market for wood and other non wood forest products
- There is no organized training for private forestry professionals (engineers and technicians)
- There are no proper forest management plans for private forests
- Law on forest is not applying persistently
- Primary wood procession is unorganized
- Large number of non-registered sawmills
- Undeveloped and unorganized enterprises for services in forestry



Possible motives for establishing Private Forest Owners Association

- **Protection of own interests through the activities :**
 - **Participation in formulation of Forest policy**
 - **Participation of formulation of Forest legislative**
 - **Participation in National Forest Program**
 - **Establishing of partnership with the Forestry Department within MAFWE**
 - **Establishing of partnership with Private forest service of the Public Enterprise “Macedonian Forests”**
 - **Environmental protection**



Possible motives for establishing Private Forest Owners Association

- **Protection of economic interests through:**
 - **Improvement and development of private forestry**
 - **Increasing of private forest holdings/properties**
 - **Cooperation with CEPF**
 - **Possible use of State incentives**
 - **Development of activities for using Non timber forest products**



Possible motives for establishing Private Forest Owners Association

- **Protection of economic interests through:**
 - **Development of eco tourism**
 - **Development of primary wood procession**
 - **Organized market presence**