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Experience with joint private forest management approaches in Europe

The Hungarian Model

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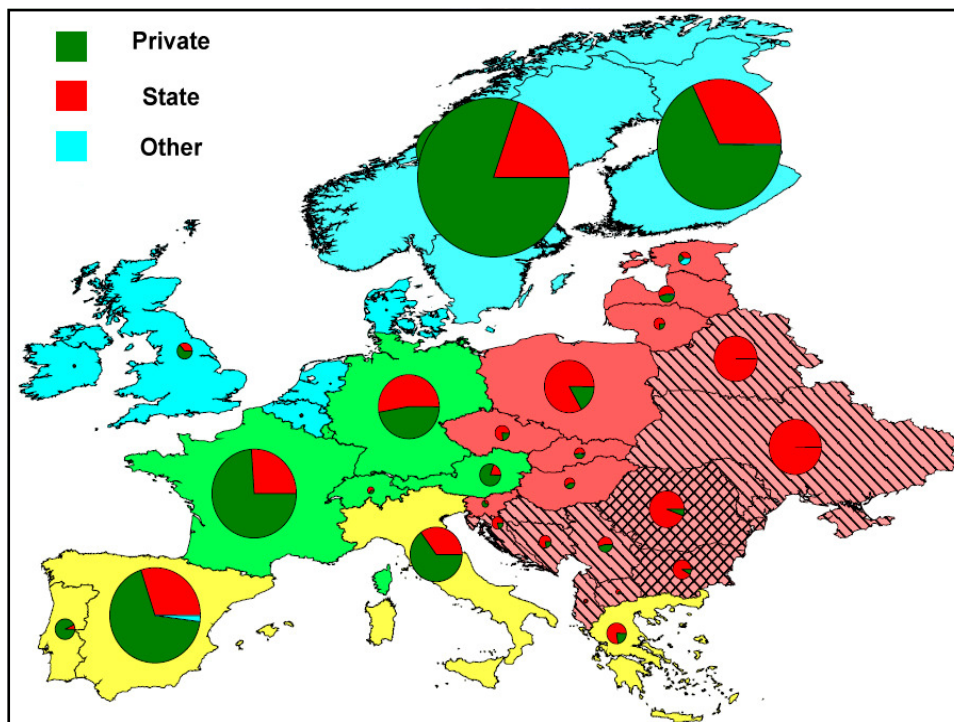


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Private forestry in Europe

- Area
 - 60% of the EU commercial forest cover
 - 96 million ha
- Owners
 - 16 million
- Average size
 - 3 ha

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Opportunities and Challenges

- Environmental
 - Climate change adoption, forest fires
- Social
 - Recreational functions, non-wood forest products
- Economical
 - Contribution to sustainable rural development, income diversification

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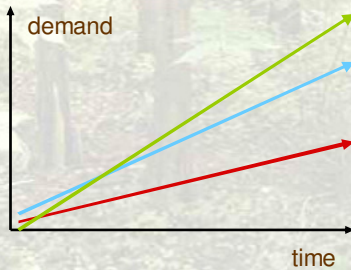
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Changing needs

- Timber →
 - Fuelwood
- Non-Wood forest products and services →
 - Ecotourism
- Public services →
 - Biodiversity
 - Nature protection



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Eastern Europe

- Advantages
 - Skilled and low-cost labor
 - Good access to Western Europe and Asia
- Challenges
 - Illegal logging
 - Low developed infrastructure
 - Scattered policy framework
 - Small scale ownership

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Example: Hungary

- History
 - 1991
 - 69% state, 31% co-operatives
 - 1996
 - Forest Law
 - 2001
 - 1.82 million ha, 58% state, 41% private
 - 2009
 - 1.98 million ha, 58% state, 41% private (+65.600 ha by private owners)

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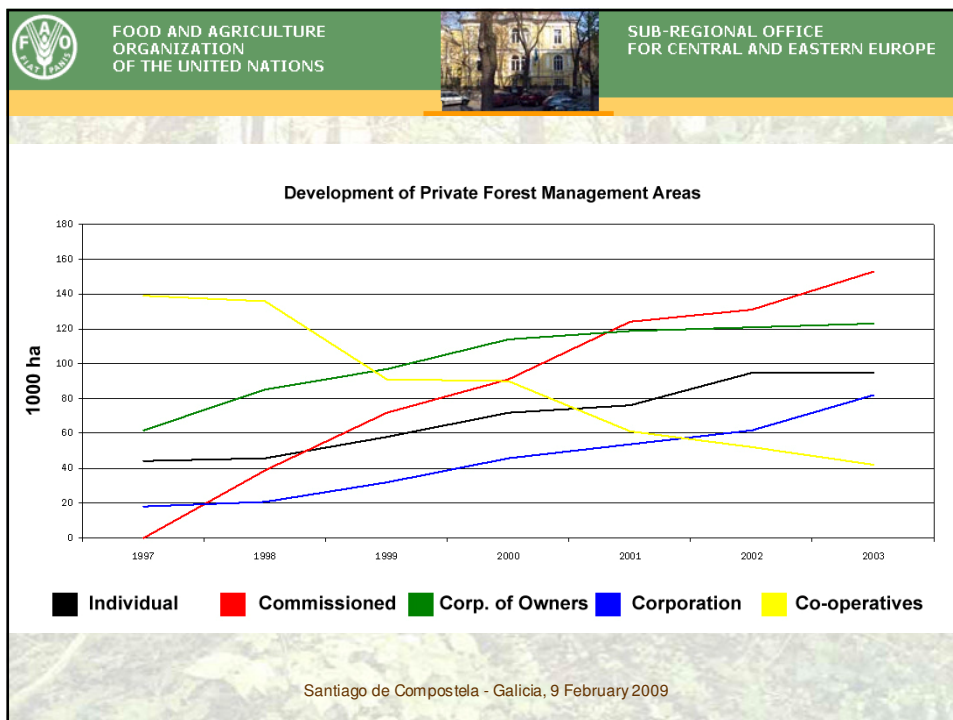


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Forms of private forest management

- Individual forest management
- Commissioned forest management
- Corporation of joint forest owners
- Corporation
- Forestry co-operatives

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Forms of private forest management

		Individuals		Corporation of Forest Owners		Corporations		Co-operatives	
Area	ha	293 123		118 013		90 072		36 928	
Number	pcs	24 800		1 104		889		285	
Average management size	ha/db	12		110		105		130	
Share		Area %	Pcs %	Area %	Pcs %	Area %	Pcs %	Area %	Pcs %
-10 ha		28	71	0	6	1	26	1	23
11-100 ha		61	28	25	61	18	50	13	44
101ha -		19	1	75	33	80	24	86	32
		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Integrated management

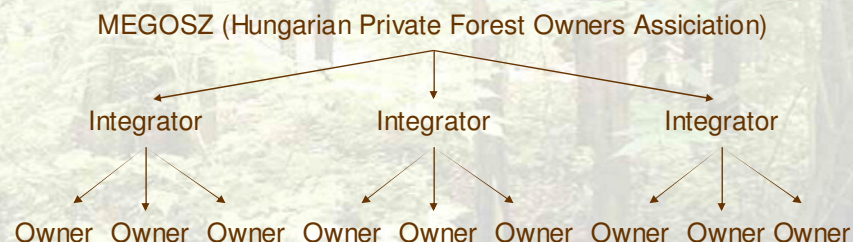
- Technical supervision
- Sharing information
 - Market
 - Joint contracts
 - Subcontractors
- Support administrative arrangements

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Integrated management

Information flow



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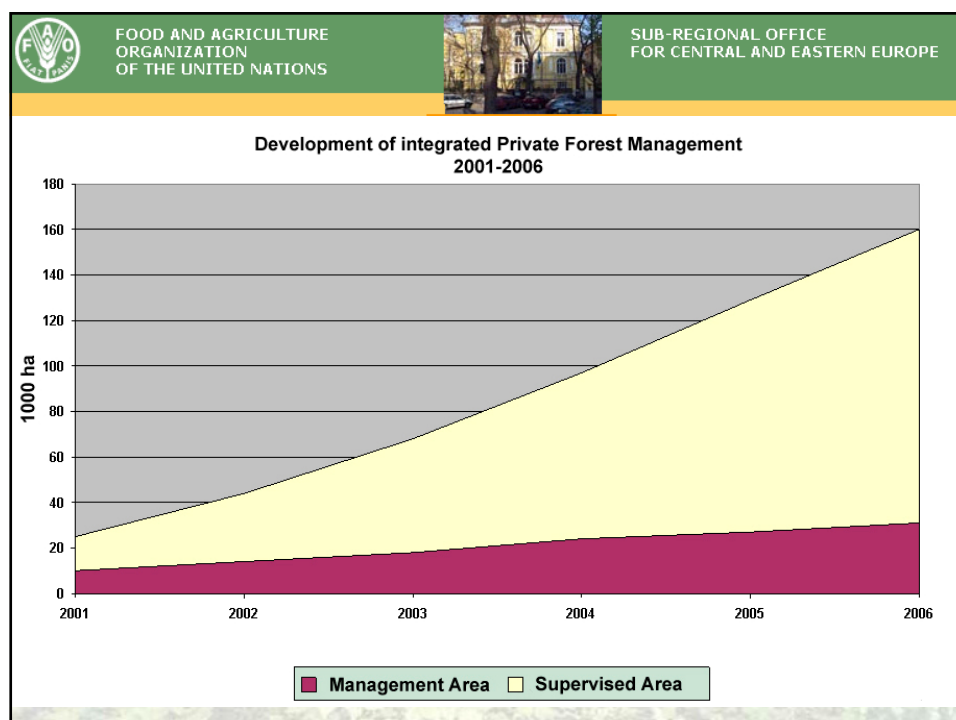


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Integrated management

- Criteria
 - Min. 200 ha managed area
 - „MEGOSZ” membership
- Current status
 - 65 integrators in the country
 - More than 70% private forest is integrated

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Next steps

New Forest Law

- Management Coordination Centers
 - Regulated services
 - More responsibility
 - Direct contact with the owner

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FAO activities related to Private Forestry

- Capacity building
 - Workshops, seminars
- Projects
 - *GCP/FRY/003/FIN – Forest sector development in Serbia*
 - *GCP/KOS/004/SWE – Support in implementing a forest sector development programme in Kosovo*

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Thank You for Your attention!

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