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Bioenergy – a future with European family forestry

Contribution from European family forestry and proposals.

16 million forest owners representing more than 60 per cent of forests in Europe are managing a vast resource that could be used to combat climate change. There is a large potential of increased wood production:

- Since only 60 per cent of the annual increment in European Forests is harvested, a substantial increase in the annual cut without negative environmental impact could easily be attained. The sustainable cut in European family forestry can be increased by at least 150 million m³, equal to 300 TWh.
- With improved silvicultural methods the *annual growth* (and the production) in European forests could increase by a further 25 percent.
- In addition, increased afforestation of unused land or agricultural land could lead to an even higher forestry production.
- The enhancement in *energy efficiency* of the actual forest-based sector will also contribute considerably to an increase in renewable energy output.



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