

CEPF – The voice of European Family Forestry

- Founded in 1994
 - The umbrella federation of family forestry in Europe
- Represents the interests of family forest owners vis-à-vis the **European Institutions**
 - Participates in international and global forest policy fora
- Assembles national forest owner associations of 23 European countries



How to become a forest owner

- **By Inheritance**
- **By Buying**
- **By Marriage**
- **By Restitution/privatisation**



Forest Owners position

Sustainable management developed by forest owners

Ecologic requirements

Social obligations

Economic framework



Obligations and rights

Forest law

Nature protection (NATURA 2000)

Hunting rights

Forests as big areas for sports and recreation

We don't need new regulations or management plans



Market

Forest owners are used to conditions of open markets

We want to make our decisions on our own

- **way of forest management**
- **harvesting quantities**
- **meet market demands**



Market

- Energy from biomass is a big chance
- Heating, electricity, bio fuel, panels and pulp are competitors for biomass
- Forest owners want to be players on the market for energy from renewable resources
- Forest owners want to make a contribution for Europe getting more independent on energy matters



Challenges

Cooperation and networking for small scaled forest owners

Providing services for forest management and operations

Supporting forest owners associations in new member countries



Further information:

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