

Which role for forests in the future Common Agricultural Policy?

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A few aspects of Forests

- in Austria
- in the EU
- in the future CAP
- in the AT Presidency agenda

Austria as a case













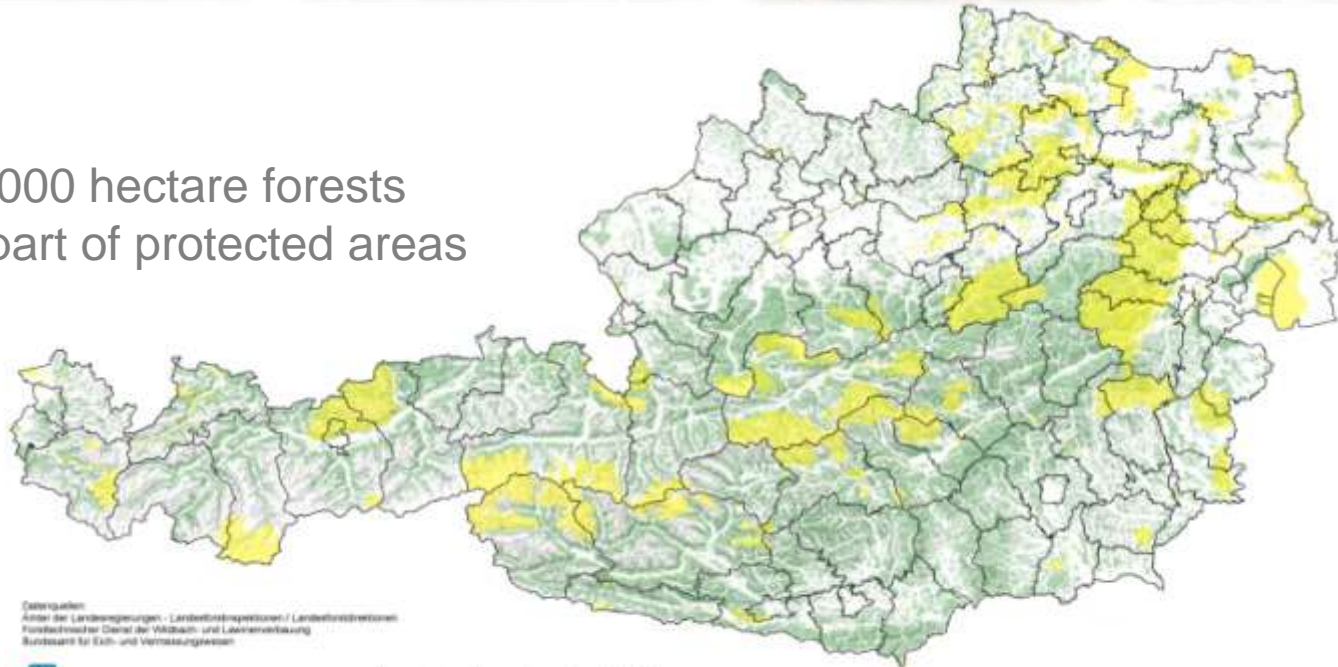




Biodiversity



659.000 hectare forests
are part of protected areas



Datenquellen:
Amt der Landesverwaltungen - Landesforstinspektionen / Landesforstverwaltungen
Forstwirtschaftlicher Dienst der Wildbach- und Lawenverbauung
Bundesamt für Eich- und Vermessungswesen



Bundesamt und Forschungszentrum für Wald

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◆ Multifunctionality

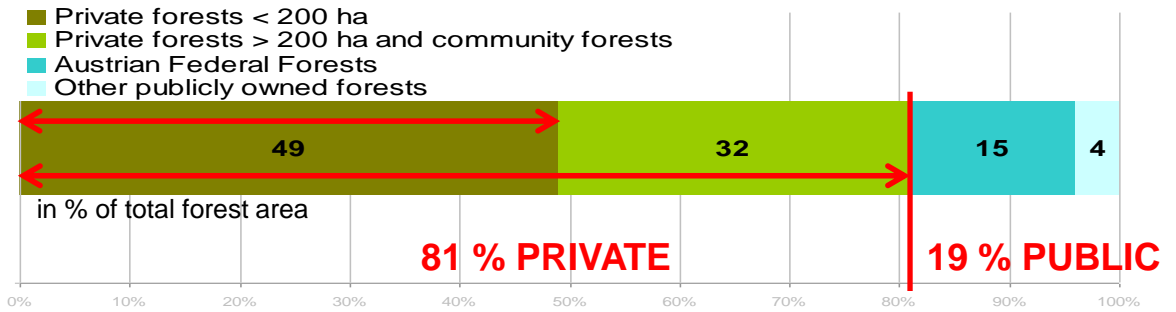
- Protectiveness
- Productivity
- Recreational
- Environmental

◆ Integrated Approaches

◆ Active Forest Management

◆ Motivated Forest Owners

Forest Ownership Structure in Austria





Facing climate change







**The market does not
pay for everything we
want from forests**

In Austria

**Forestry measures in Rural Development Programmes
have been relevant from the outset**



Forests in the EU

Forests in the EU - features

- Forests and other wooded land cover 43% of EU area
- Forests are the most important renewable resource of EU
- Managed sustainably they provide multiple benefits for the economy, the environment and the society

Forests in the EU - Diversity



Forests in the EU - No common policy

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Forests in the EU – Common denominators

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Forests in the EU – Common denominators

- Forest health, vitality, resilience
- Forests facing climate change (adaptation, mitigation)
- Growing demand for renewable materials, energy and ecosystem services
- Generating income, jobs, growth, i. p. in rural areas
- Transition to bio-based economy
- Achieving the SDGs

Forests in the EU – Common denominators

- Good reasons for ensuring active, sustainable forest management throughout the EU
- The market does not pay for everything we want from forests
- A need for effective incentives
- Forestry is linked to agriculture in many cases
- Rural development policy is the main tool of the EU for supporting the implementation of Sustainable Forest Management, therewith enabling the forest sector to contribute to overall EU priorities and objectives

Forests in future CAP

Preliminary considerations:

- Forestry measures in Rural Development Programmes will remain relevant
- EU should only set the general frame and give flexibility to Member States for details (Subsidiarity)
- Incentives must exceed administrative burden considerably for being attractive

Forests in the Presidency Agenda

The Presidency Priorities

‘A Europe that protects’

- Security and Migration
- Securing Prosperity and Competitiveness through Digitalisation
- Stability in the Neighbourhood – Rapprochement of the Western Balkans/Southeastern Europe

AGRI Priorities

- **Legislative Proposals for the CAP post 2020**
- Directive on Unfair Trading Practices
- Spirit Drinks Regulation
- Developments on the Agricultural Markets

FORESTRY Priorities

Overall Objective: Promoting sustainable forest management at all levels

- FAO Committee on Forestry - 24th Session
- Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe
- **The role of Forests for Rural Development in the light of the Common Agricultural Policy beyond 2020**
- Review EU Forest Strategy
- FLEGT – VPA Vietnam

Informal Meeting of EU Forest Directors General

15 - 17 October 2018, Innsbruck,
Austria

- **Plenary debate: The role of forests for rural development** in the light of the Common Agricultural Policy beyond 2020
- **Excursion** “Multifunctional role of Sustainable Forest Management for rural development”
- ◆ Findings and conclusions to be communicated to **Council and Parliament**



Thank you very much!

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