"FORESTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: A DRIVER FOR THE GREEN ECONOMY IN POLAND":

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More and more forests in Poland!

- Poland - forest cover - 9.1 mln ha
- 7.6 mln ha managed by State Forests – various functions of forests provided
- Value added created by SF in 2011 – 1 billion euro

Forest cover 1945 and 2013
Within 20 years the wood supply increased by 100 % without harming nature!

2012 roku State Forests supplied 35 mln m³ of timber
Forests and timber industry = 370,000 jobs

- 25,000 – State Forests
- 50,000
  - private forest services enterprises
- 300,000
  - timber and furniture industry
- And...taxes (150 mln eur/year)
How to find a balance between competing demands:
- Timber industry
- Energy
- Environment, nature protection...

Growing demand for wood

Changing societal needs & expectation:
- Continues economic development
- Nature protection versus utilization
- Access to natural areas (recreation) and products
Natura 2000 network and nature...

• Majority of NATURA 2000 in PL in forests.
• 40% of land in State Forests (2.8 mln ha).

• High responsibility of foresters for habitats and protected species

• And other nature reserves...
Forests for tourism and education

- educational paths, visitors centres,
- more than 2 million participants of education actions annually
- trails, bike trails, horseriding paths, campings, fireplaces, parking lots
Steps taken in Poland:

- Promotion of increased contribution of forests as a source of fuel and wood
- Regulatory framework to promote investment in bioenergy in rural areas, local communities activation
- Optimizing the use of forest residues, and at the same time preventing burning of “good quality wood”
Biocentoic tree
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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