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# Value added forest products: their role in rural areas development





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Bio-based (nature-based or green) economy: two views

Adaptive strategy ("Old wine in new bottles") → conventional wisdom of externality correction (i.e., "getting prices right" giving the true value to resources, reducing the consumption of natural capital; weak sustainability concept; low Carbon economy)

Alternative strategy: "Strategies for synergies" (M.Toman, 2012): which consider not only the protection of natural capital, "but it stresses as well the importance of addressing equity and social inclusion challenges in moving toward a green economy".

## The social and political components of the Green economy

"Policy action requires looking across a very wide range of policies, not just explicitly "green" (i.e. environmental) policies." (OECD 2011, page 18)

(Green economy) "will also involve achieving smooth and just adjustment in labor markets by ensuring that workers have the means to find opportunity in change. More generally, the success of a green growth strategy will rest on addressing political obstacles and distributional concerns about the costs of change." (OECD 2011, page 20)

"The key aim for a transition to a green economy is to eliminate the trade-offs between economic growth and investment and gains in environmental quality and social inclusiveness... the environmental and social goals of a green economy can also generate increases in income, growth, and enhanced well-being" (UNEP 2011, page 16)

## Two views with different impacts on the rural areas: the case of the forest resources

Adaptive strategy: focus on forests producing raw materials together with agriculture, fishery, food and biotechnology being the engine of the growth

**Strategies for synergies**: focus the increasing importance on the social dimension of the forestry economy (from an economy based on commodities to a an economy based on services)

Technological innovations, large scale investments (→ high risks), diversification in outputs, ...

→Developing Nordic forestry in a value chain perspective (sectoral development – vertical dimension of bio-economy) = the Nordic model

Social innovations, small scale, diversification in the use of inputs, networks, high added value P&S

→Forests as the green infrastructures for the rural development (intesectoral development – **horizontal dimension**) = the Med model

### My 2 working hypothesis

- 1. The real innovative and crucial aspects of the **bio-economy** are related to **equity, social inclusiveness, tenure security, employment**, i.e. to social and political issues, more than to problems connected to natural science or technology innovation
- 2. The horizontal approach is more effective in supporting value added creation and job expansion in managing green resources in rural areas than the vertical approach



### The vertical model (value chain)

Large scale innovative industrial technology:

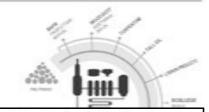
- pulp-chemical plants producing carbon fiber from lignin, biochemicals, nanocellulose, tall oil, dissolving pulp, bioplastic, ... for the chemical, pharmaceutics, textile, food industries
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation energy plants for biofuel production
- new engineered wood products, reconstructed panel, innovative solutions for the construction sector

#### Some evidence

Finland: the first next-generation bio-product mill in the world

#### Bioproduct mill - more than a traditional pulp mill

- Wood is refined into biomaterials, bioenergy, biochemicals and fertilizers sustainably and with great resource efficiency
- Resource-efficient way of using all production sidestreams
- The mill will not use fossil fuels
- Energy efficiency will be emphasized when choosing equipment and machin
- Helps Finland to reach its targets for the use of renewable energy



- Metsä Group is planning the biggest investment in the forest industry in Finland (EUR 1.1 billion)
- Annual pulp production: 1.3 million tonnes
- Use of wood: 6.5 million m³ annually (currently 2.4 million m³)
  - → Wood mobilisation
- Over 2,500 jobs will be created throughout the value chain, new jobs in harvesting and wood transport
  - → Competent workforce

Source: Riikka Joukio, 2014

## Some evidence

Tofte pulp-mill, Statkraft + Södra announced (May 2014) planning process for liquid biodiesel-production at the site 240 MW ← 1 M tons chips



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Plans biofuel production Stational and Södra have signed a letter of intent to create a company with the aim of establishing production of biofuel based on forest naw material in the future. The agreement means that Stationalt, will acquire the company Södra Cell Totta AS, which owns the industrial site of the former Totte collidose plant in Hurum. Nonesu.



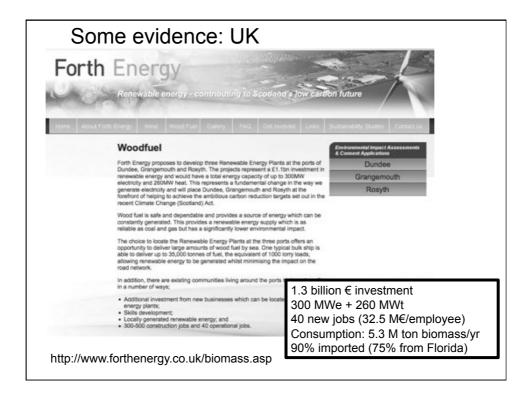
Biofuel plays an important part in the drive to achieve national and international targets for reducing climate emissions from the transportation sector. It is predicted that authorities will provide incentives to stimulate an increased mix of sustainable biofuel in oil-based fuels.

"Statikraft views blofuel as an interesting area in renewable energy. I believe that the collaboration with Sodra will be a solid basis for development of the project," says Statikraft CEO, Christian Rynning-Tønnesen.

"Sodra is monitoring with great interest the technology developments and the business opportunities presented by the use of forest raw materials for industrial production of climate-neutral fuels. We have also enjoyed good collaboration with Statisfalt in the past and look forward to joining the two companies' expertise and experience in this project," says Sodra's CEO Lars Idemark.

Sodra Cell's Totte mill in Norway ceased production in August 2013. The mill had an annual production capacity of 400,000 tonnes of chemical pulp.

http://www.pulpapernews.com/2014/05/statkraft-to-acquire-s-dra-cell-tofte



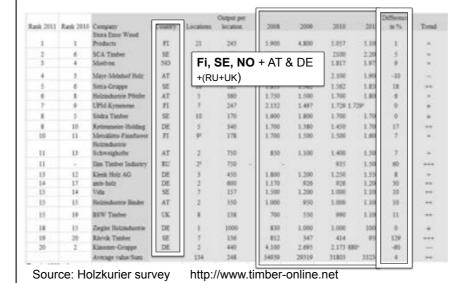
# Production of sawn wood in Europe: a process of consolidation

Companies		Sawmills			
Rank	Company	Production or Capacity [m3/yr]	Rank	Sawmill	Production or Capacity [m3/yr]
1	Stora Enso	5960000	1	Seaburg-Ebersdorf Sawmill	1200000
2	Phelfer Gruppe	2200000	2	Wismar Sawmill	1200000
3	UPM	2020000	3	Somplar sägewerk	1200000
4	Mostven	1968000	4	Binder.sägewerk	825000
5	Rettenmeier Group	1935000	5	Landsberg Am Lech	825000
6	Ante-holz GmbH	1900000	6	Offner Wolfberg	800000
7	Klausner-Group	1860000	7	Rottleberode sägewerk	700000
8	Mayr-Melnhof Holz	1830000		Sebes Schweighofer	700000
9	SCA	1690000	9	Radauti Schweihofer	700000
10	MetaliWood	1487000	10	Kodersdorf Klausner Sawmil	660000
11	Setra Group AB	1460000	11	Värdsågen	650000
12	Södra Timber	1400000	12	Leoben	650000

Source: The sawmill database

http://www.sawmilldatabase.com/productiontoplist.php?continent\_id=999

## Production of sawn wood in Europe (1,000 m3): concentration in few countries



#### Some evidence

Scandinavian countries: 3 billion \$ of investments in 2014 in the forest resources based green economy: energy + bio-chemicals



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The revival of the softwood fiber-based forest industry in the Nordic countries has been especially noticeable in 2014; investment plans of three billion dollars in pulp, bio energy and bio materials

Håkan Ekström

Wood Prices, Paper & Wood Product Consulting, Forest Resource & Timber Reporting, Owner at Wood Resources International

Forest companies in Northern Europe have announced plans to investment three billion dollars in 2014 in attempt to move beyond mostly producing newsprint and commodity packaging grades. The idea is to diversify their product lines to include new bio-products from wood fiber and to generate bioenergy to reduce the region's dependence on fossil fuels, reports the Wood Resource Quarterly.

https://www.linkedin.com/groupItem?view=&gid=2554933&type=member&item=5929358887110070274&trk=groups\_items\_see\_more-0-b-ttl

- The new bio-factories have in common that they need huge investments, they are labour extensive, they are based on a very efficient logistics (import of raw material), they will mainly use low quality wood
- This development will reduce the market power of non-industrial forest owners, they will be fully dependent from the industries and more exposed to risk and instability.

In a market of not differentiated products European producers are much exposed to international competition

## GERMAN PELLETS TO BUILD SECOND US PELLET PLANT

BIOENERGY
Review

Source: www.forestbioenergyreview.com/pellets

Serman Policis is further expending its production to the control of the control

Once again, we have classes a site with well-established wood supplies and legistics," said Peter-Leibold, manager of the German Pellem Group. Until a few years age team had been an important location for the wood based passel industry. The US company Georgia Pacific had produced participhosal and other products at this size. contributions and other inflamentation. Including a mall-leave sizing, are already in disact, Construction on the new sizes will been seen.

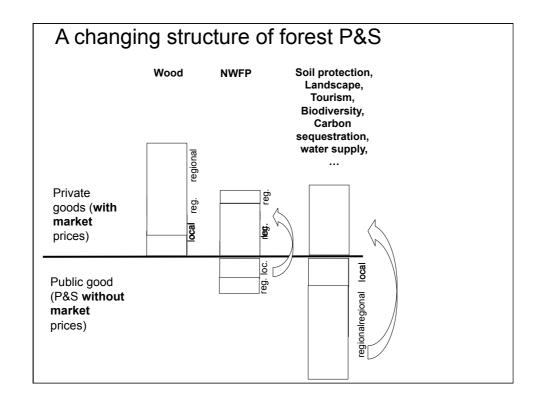
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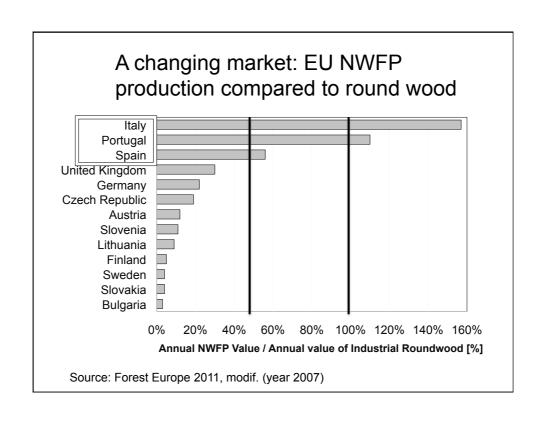
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For the transport of wood pollers from the Union and Woods like sizes to Europe, German Pollers will be using the harbour of Prot. Arthur on the Gulf of Mexico. At the deep-water port, German Pollers operates storage and loading evolutes.







## Value of the production of some NWFP in the EU \_\_\_\_Pine resin

Pine nuts



Production (tons)	Value (M €)
16,545	48.7
5,295	83.8
18,992	307.7

Data source

FAO FRA 2010 Alternative Min

Alternative Max

Perez et al., 2004; NFC, 2005 and 2012; Mutke et al., 2012 and 2013; Sfeir, 2011; Daly et al., 2012; GDF, 2009.



Production (tons)	Value (M €)
101,428	163.3
142,300	142.3
142,300	327.3

APCOR, 2010; Daly et al., 2012.



Production (tons)	Value (M €)
1,705	0.9
8,343	2.6
9,821	3.2

IGN, 2013; Spanos et al., 2010; NFC, 2007; Cesefor, 2009; Magrama, 2011; GDF, 2009; Satil

#### New (old) products:

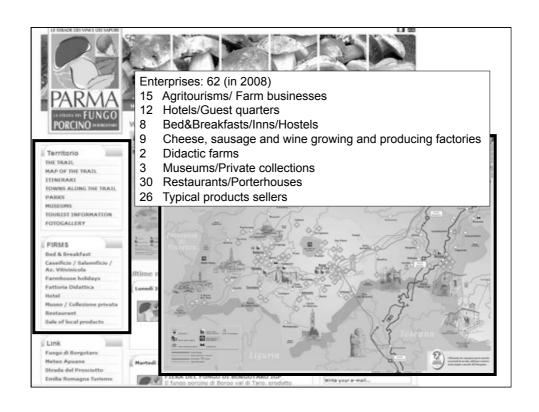
- Pine resin
- Tannin
- · Aromatic and medicinal herbs
- Foraging
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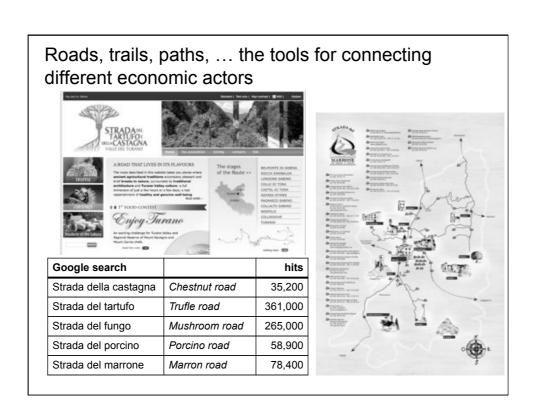


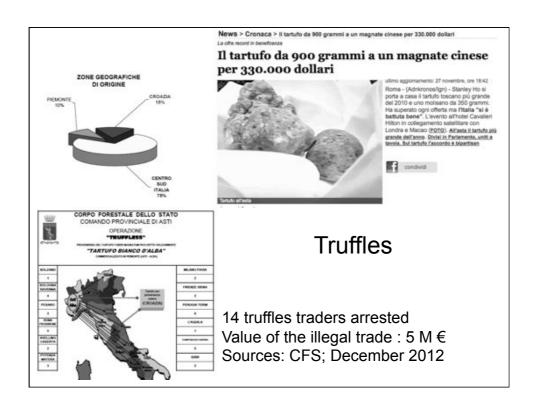
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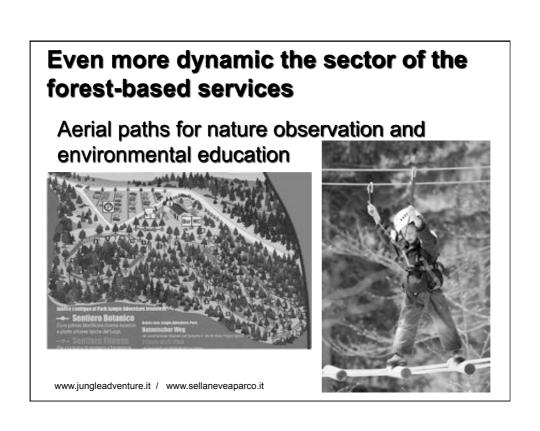
#### **Mushrooms**

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### Forest services and tracks for disables people

#### Sentiero natura Zannes





Il sentiero natura di Zannes si trova alla fine della Val di Funes, una delle più belle valli dolomitiche ai piedi della maestosa catena delle Odle. Il sentiero è stato realizzato dall'Azienda Provinciale Foreste e Demanio, ed è il primo sentiero naturalistico dell'Alto Adige attrezzato per persone disabili.

#### Primo sentiero naturalistico percorribile su sedia a rotelle

Il sentiero comincia dal percheggio di malga Zannes, dove sono disponibili percheggi riservati ai disabili, tollette attrezzate per disabili e un tabellone informativo. Il sentiero attravensa il prato Pius e un ponte di legno di nuova costruzione, costeggia Kalikhofen e la casa forestale fino al recinto degli animali, in cui si trovano caprioli, cervi e daini e ritorna nuovamenta al parchegoso di Zannes.

#### Stazioni in scrittura Braille

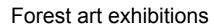
Nell'ittinerario di tre chilometri rientrano prati coltivati dagli agricoltori, boschi intatti, pascoli fioriti ai piedi delle imponenti crode dolomitiche. I 14 punti di souta sono dotati di tabelle che informano sulla genesie e sulle peculiarità naturalistiche della zona, in parte modificata dall'uomo; in aisune "stazioni" le nottile sono anche in sortitura Braille per non vedenti. I nomi delle piazzole lasciano immaginare che cosa vi è da scoprire: "Montagne da toccare" e "Auditorio della natura" sono solo due degli esempi. Le stazioni forniscono però anche informazioni, dati e cifre sulla filora, fauna e cultura paesaggistica di filores.

http://www.provincia.bz.it/foreste/azienda-provinciale/funes.asp

### **Concerts in forest**



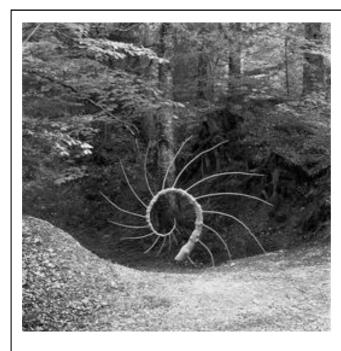






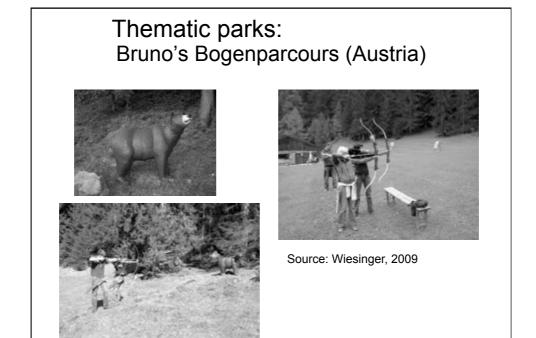


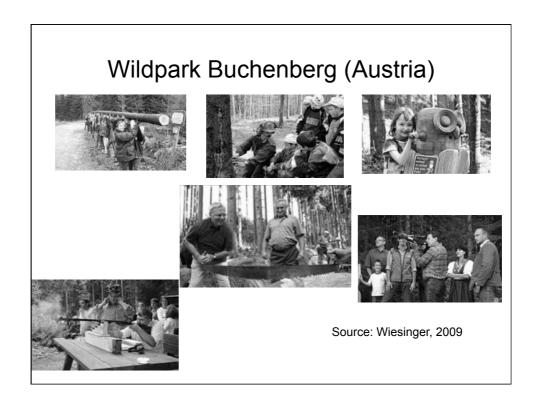


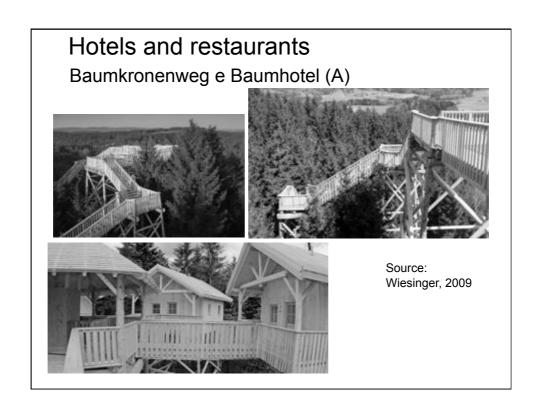


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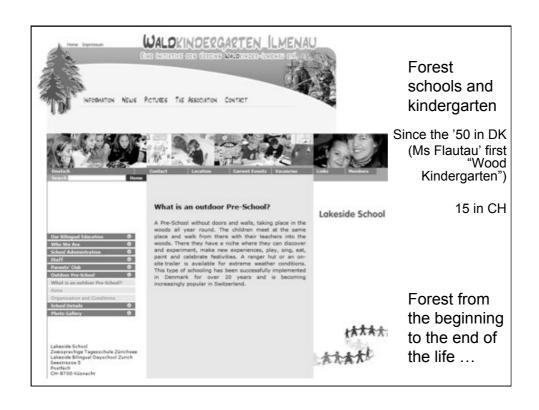
# Tree houses and tree-hotels

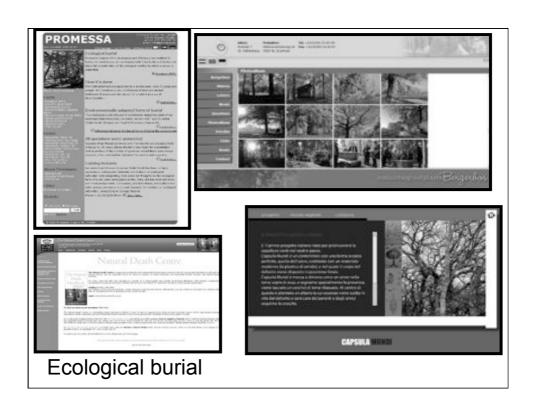


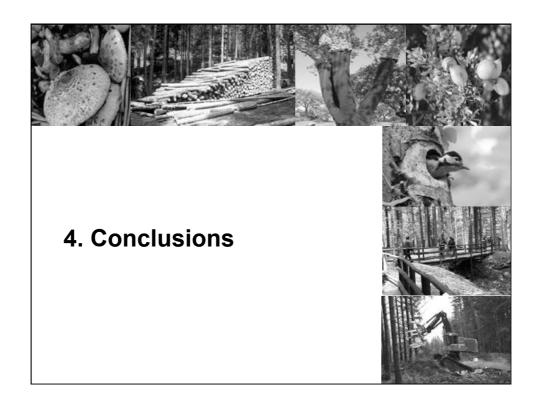




La Suite sulla Quercia (Bolsena Lake).

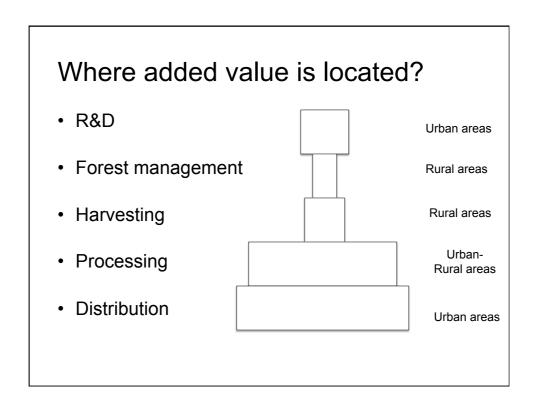






# Setting the problem: where value added is created?

- Wood and related goods have a total value of 500 billion €, which makes up about 8% of the EU manufacturing GDP
- EU forest and forest based industry employ around 4 million people



## UE Forest-based sector in economic data (2011)

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Data on horizontal approach

Source: Harald Mauser (2014) with Eurostat data

### The horizontal approach to bioeconomy: a summary

- · Few statistical data: limited political visibility
- A constellation of niche markets: diversification as the key-element; more complex market organization, cross-sectoral and interlinked
- Social innovation (social capital) much more important than financial and technological capitals
- Products and services with more value added and employment at local (<u>rural</u>) level

Unfortunately the industrial interests are much more politically relevant than the interests and political strength of the forest managers!



