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Forests are fulfilling many functions that are essential for human-well being. Therefore they are under scrutiny of the general public. This is even more the case in the state property. The public want the state to manage forests in sustainable way with emphasis on wide range of their needs. The subject of the study is the evaluation of the success of two biggest state forest enterprises (SFEs) in the Czech and Slovak Republics: two neighbouring countries, which shared their history since 1918 until they separated 27 years ago. The success is there defined as a fulfilment of all aspects and sub-goals stemming from the overarching goal - sustainable forest management. The evaluation is done using 3L Evaluation Model based on the principles of benchmarking. The 3L Model (three-layer model) consists of designing criteria (C) and indicators (I) for comprehensive, science-based evaluation of state forest institutions with management tasks. The results show that both SFEs are strongly focused on sustainable forest stands, what is mainly caused by strong state regulation in both countries. Surprisingly, the evaluation of the economic effectiveness show significant difference between evaluated SFEs that used to be part of one state. The authors also pointed out rather weak orientation of both SFEs toward non-market demand, despite their efforts made in the context of increasing public pressure to improve the non-productive forest functions.

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