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*Abstract Session 5.1 – Biodiversity protection at the landscape level – comparing objectives, resource deployment and tools employed between forest enterprises across Europe.*

Forests in Europe are the result of the legacy of past management. A multitude of management systems have emerged across Europe over time and with that a multitude of demands. Having a better understanding on the diversity of responses while facing similar situations and challenges is therefore of central interest. As forests have a multitude of functions, many different viewpoints and interest groups are touched by developments in forests, no matter if naturally driven or human induced. In order to contribute to that aim the project FOREST has inductively identified best available concepts and practice examples in the context of challenges in forest management. The selection of topics is based on key issues for a Central European perspective, many of which find correspondence or similarities also in other parts of Europe. This “Tour de Europe” presents various approaches to similar challenges and thus may serve as an input for developing, adjusting and broadening management toolboxes of forest managers. Specific attention is given to forest ownership and cultural history as they are highly diverse in Europe. This synthesis of the Forest cases will establish opportunities not only for forest practice but also for policy makers. It helps identifying policy tools and management practices that can be assumed to be effective under similar or predicted environmental and social conditions. At the same time the comparison of cases helps identifying ineffective policy approaches due to other influences having stronger local impacts. The book will further provide a toolbox for silvicultural decision making in the European context and will reach a broad audience as it is tailored for the complete set of stakeholders.

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