

# **From environmental impact assessment to local decisions**

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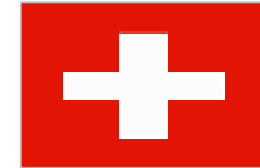


## CEPF – The voice of European Family Forestry

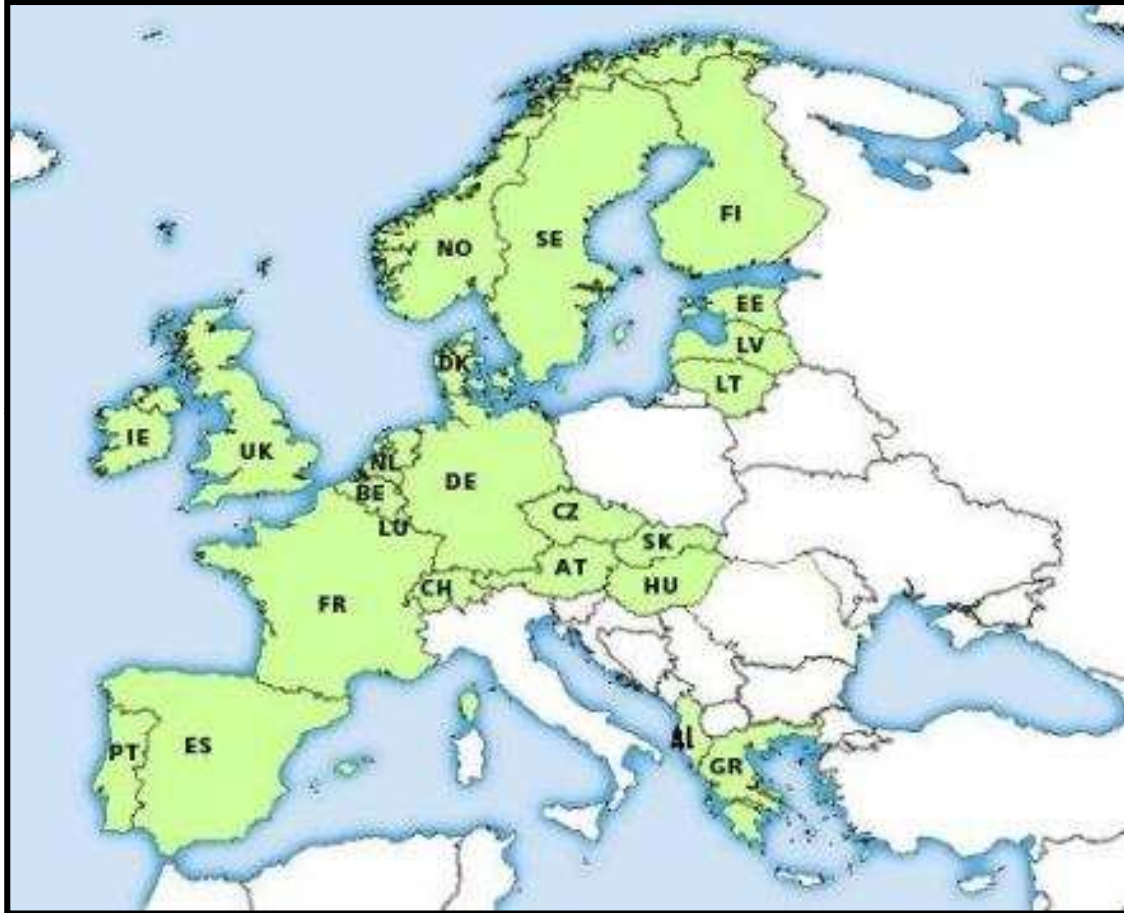
- Founded 1996 with roots back to 1961
- The umbrella organization for family forestry representatives in Europe
- Represents the interests of **family forest owners** in the political process within the **European Union** as well as worldwide
- Assembles 29 national and regional forest owner associations of 25 European countries



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# CEPF – in 23 countries



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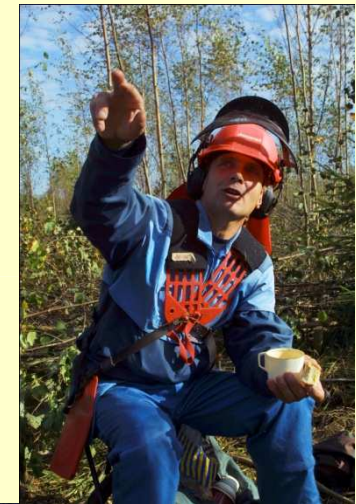
# European forestry

- Over 60% of forests owned by families
  - generation bridging management and experience
- 16 million family forest owners
- Small scale forest holdings
  - average size 2-50 ha
- Local decision makers – on site.



## Information customers and suppliers...

- Sustainable forest management
  - Balancing economic, social and ecological requirements
  - Respecting the diversity across Europe
- A prerequisite for SFM is information on the overall political objectives and also on the actual state of the forest recourse.



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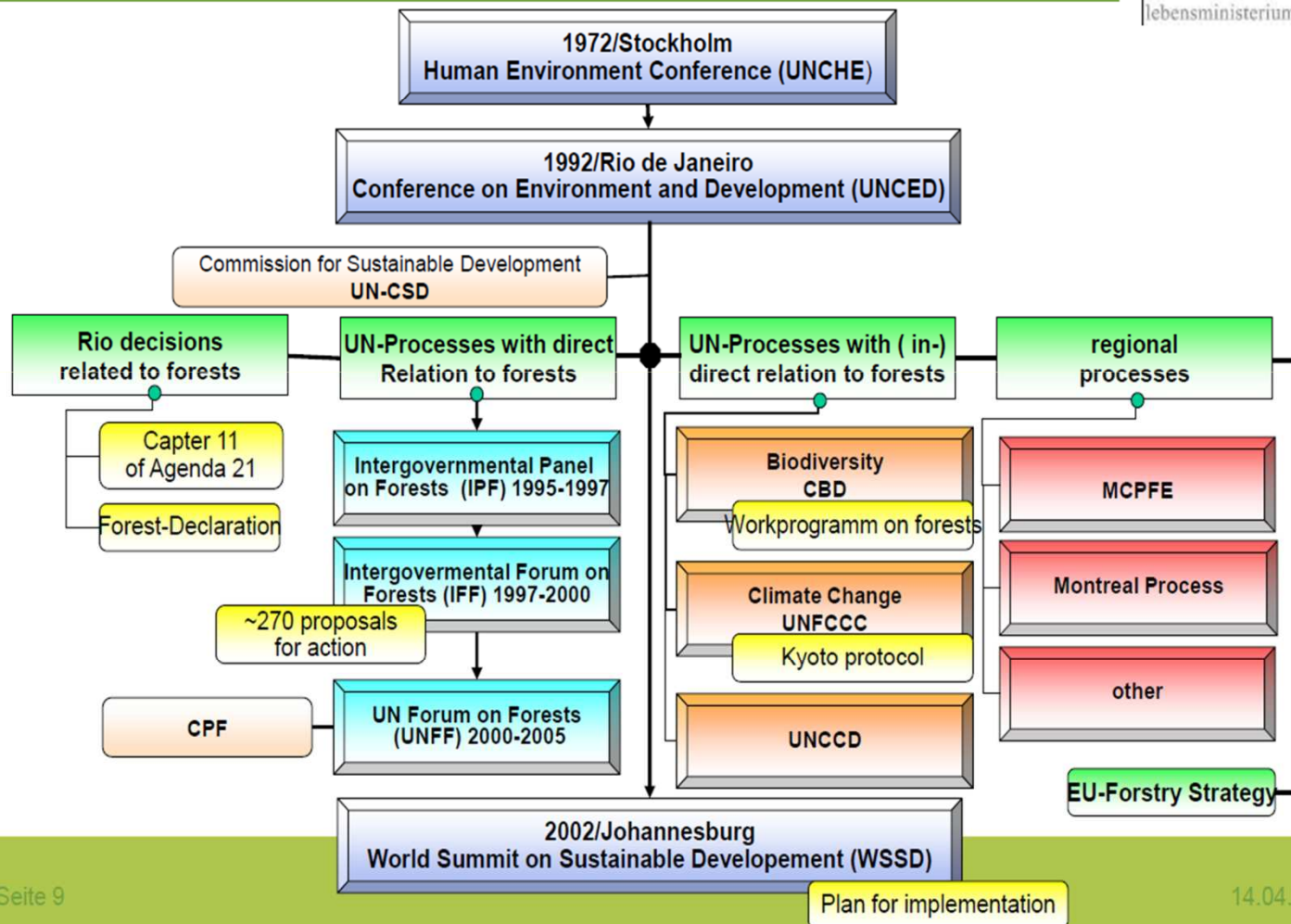
These photos about forestry: timber, harvesters and people

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# Agreements and processes relevant to forests

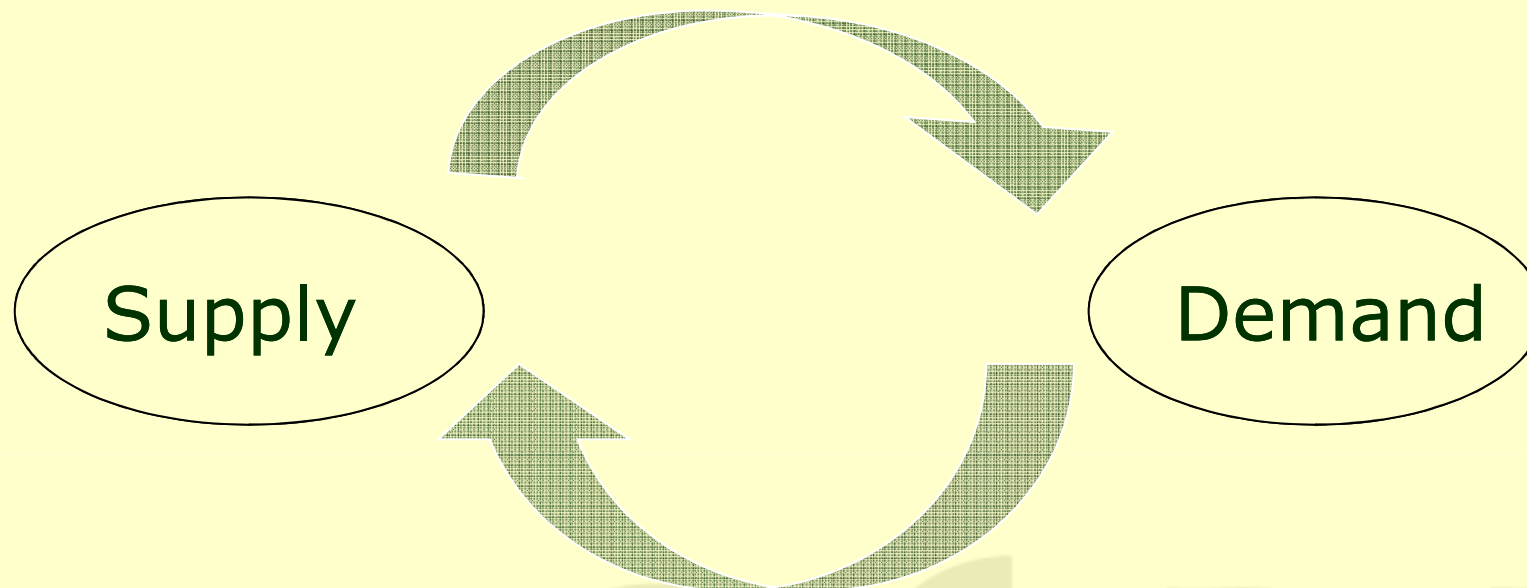




# What are the objectives?



# "The information market"



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Criteria &  
Indicators

Trends in a  
development

Local, on site  
knowledge



## Is the approach of TESS feasible?

(Can you turn forest owners into suppliers and customers of information)

- The forest owners must have confidence in the system
- The system must be simple and easy to use
- Transparency in the flow of information
- The information must be credible and verifiable
- The political objectives must be clearly defined
- Easy accessible and low-tech solutions is necessary.



To conclude:

Coherent information at local, regional, national and European level (and global) requires strong data systems.

TESS might be a strong and efficient approach.

It must be recalled that is only possible to show a simple picture of reality!

Scientific/planning tools must be supplemented by other ways of exchanging information.

Forest certification is already a well established tool that facilitates exchange of larges amounts of information – from the forest floor to the consumers and vice versa.



Thank you for your attention!

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