SOCIAL DEBATE ABOUT FOREST AND WOOD INDUSTRIES IN FINLAND

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• Acts and communicates in the interphase between the forest sector and the society in large
• Main target groups: teachers, youth, decision makers, journalists
• 46 member organisations – the wide range and differences is our strength
• Financing is based on projects
• Financial sources (appr): member fees 20%, state support 25%, Finnish Forest Foundation 25%, Foundation for Foresters 10 %, other foundations, donors, companies etc 25%
• 13 people at the office
• Since 1877
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FOREST INDUSTRY IN FINLAND
FINLAND'S TOP EXPORT PRODUCTS

1. Paper and paperboard
   7,0 bill. EUR

2. Diesel fuel
   3,4 bill. EUR

3. Stainless steel
   2,5 bill. EUR

4. Wood pulp
   1,8 bill. EUR

5. Motor vehicles for personal transport
   1,7 bill. EUR

6. Softwood sawn wood
   1,6 bill. EUR

7. Electric generators and motors
   1,3 bill. EUR

8. Special machinery
   1,0 bill. EUR

9. Earth movers and excavators and other similar machinery
   1,0 bill. EUR

10. Electricity transformers and frequency changers
    1,0 bill. EUR

Source: Finnish Customs
MORE WOOD NEEDED
10–15 mill. cubic meter
THE SOCIAL DEBATE

- Started in the 1970’s
- Since that sometimes more, sometimes less fierce
- More protected areas
- Discussions on certification
- Endangered species and the Red List
- The role of forests as sinks and climate change (more recently)
FOREST POLICY IN FINLAND
Strategic Programme of Sipiläs Government

WOOD ON THE MOVE AND NEW PRODUCTS FROM FORESTS

- Transfers of holdings to the next generation will be promoted
- The National Forest Strategy will be implemented
- Excessive regulation preventing use of wood in construction will be cut
- Legislation on Metsähallitus will be reformed to meet EU requirements
- Research and development activities to create new products
- Forest resources data and electronic services will be utilised better
- Investments to road maintenance, railway network and terminals
THE NATIONAL FOREST STRATEGY

- 13 Regional Forest Programs
- The National Forest Council
- Regional Forest Councils

METSO-PROGRAMMET

- The aim is to protect the ecologically most valuable sites
- Voluntary for the forest owner
- Ecological criteria
THE FOREST ACT

1.1.2014

“When there is more to gain by renewing the forest than to have it growing, it is time to renew it”

- Guidelines for Silviculture
THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FOREST OWNER

- Inform the Forest Center 7 days in advance
- It is compulsory to renew the stand
- Vulnerable sites according to 10 §
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A Day in a Life of a Finn (FI, SWE, ENG)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PC0P7AsDYU

Mr Jallu: Learning to drive a forest machine (FI)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwlkTGWi1c4

The view of Finns on the use of forests
THANK YOU!

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Annual timber flow in Finland 2014, million m³

- **Annual increment** 106
- **Total removal** 79
- **Fellings** 65
- **Roundwood** 7
- **Export of roundwood and wood chips** 1
- **Roundwood to industry** 64
- **Wood chips and sawdust** 3
- **Pulp and paper industry**
- **Recycled fibre** 613,000 t.
- **Sawdust and wood chips** 9
- **Forest energy timber** 9
- **Forest chips** 9
- **Increase of growing stock** 28
- **Timber product industry**

- **Roundwood to industry includes also timber storages. Over a longer period the average impact of timber storages is zero.**
Bioaika-tapahtumakiertue on metsäsektorin yhteinen lahja 100-vuotiaalle Suomelle ja Suomen nuorille.