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Forests – key natural and knowledge resource in the Alps

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Experiences and involvement

- forestry and knowledge transfer
- participatory approach in decision making process

Alpine space projects:

- KNOWFORALP project - (2000/2006) (www.waldwissen.net)
- MANFRED project (2007/2013) local adaptation of CC response strategies in forestry
 - Solčava community as a pilot area
- NEWFOR project (2007/2013)



Why are forests in the Alps so important?

- variety of forest functions
- triple role of wood in its life cycle (natural environment, living environment, economy environment)
- role of forests regarding climate change
- forests and forestry as a source of ideas for sustainable development

Role of forests and forestry in local economy

- Forest – one common source / different economic activities
- present and future importance of wood – source of renewable material and energy
- possibilities for further mobilization of forest resources on sustainable grounds
- Find a way – cooperation, high added value, development of brands.

Knowledge/information transfer as a key factor

- knowledge – rich sources, poor use
- respect local knowledge (study circles)
- experiential learning (best practices)
- diversity and complexity of landscapes/ conditions/ uses is an advantage
- export of local experiences and knowledge to the whole society