

4F Finland – a short introduction

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Objectives of the Finnish 4F dialogue

- The Finnish 4F dialogue will *illustrate the complex processes of resource governance and resource use in the landscape dominated by the northern semi-natural forests of Finland*
- Numerous stakeholders and interest groups take part in these processes at the municipal, regional and national levels
 - *The dialogue will share experiences in the implementation of these processes*
- International guests will *share their own experiences of the processes and of finding a sustainable pathway for future development, from an economic, ecological and social point of view*



Issues to be explored

- Land ownership, balancing diverse land and forest uses
- The multiple use of forests, expectations
- Demands on forest biomass - from the bioenergy sector to other diverse use, competing or accommodating uses?
- The private forest owner as an ecosystem service provider in the context of Finland's everyman's right - goals and expectations
- Protecting biodiversity - from mandatory protection towards voluntary schemes
- Stakeholder consultation in the formulation of policy and legislation, and in the reconciliation of land and forest use
- Green consumption and the forest industry



Further reflections

- Addressing future challenges related to forestry and land-use, specifically competition between different land-uses and sectors:
 - in Finland
 - Northern Europe and
 - with other regions of the world
- Any tensions specific to bioenergy and its role in the shift from fossil to renewables in the time frame needed to make a dent on climate change

Further reflections

- Addressing tensions that may arise when shifting from fossil fuels to renewables, such as:
 - forest land use for energy competes with existing traditional pulp industries needs
 - forests' ability to address climate change
 - climate change and possible added pressure on food production in Northern Europe



Thank you!

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