Latvian forest Owners’ Association and Private forestry in Latvia
Latvian forest Owners’ Association (LMIB)

- Founded in 2005
- LMIB is representing Latvian forest owners nationally and internationally
- Members – private persons, companies, municipalities
- Collaboration with ~ 10 regional forest owners associations and 6 cooperatives
- Main tasks – to promote sustainable and economically efficient forestry in Latvia
- Represented internationally in CEPF, IFFA and ELO
Members

- Direct (voting) members: more than 300, each member, regardless of the size of his property, has one vote
- Indirect members more than 2000
- LMIB members manage 1,900 million hectares of forest land, which is about 57% of the total forest area in the country
Forest in Latvia

- Forest cover 52% of the territory, area 3.3 million ha

**FOREST OWNERSHIP BY STATUS, 2015**

- State-owned forests: 49%
- Local government-owned forests: 1%
- Privately owned forestland: 50%

Source: SFS
Private Forest in Latvia

- A total of ~ 135 thousand private forest owners in Latvia
- Average forest property area 10.6 ha
- 91% of forest owners own less than 20 ha forest

Source: J. Donis. Pētījums: «Privāto mežu apsaimniekošanas un meža īpašumu Konsolidācijas un kooperācijas procesa monitorings»
Development in Private forest Property Structure

Changes in forest ownership structure by area, %

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Felling volumes, mill m³

Source: SFS
Tree species in private forests by area, %

- Spruce: 14.3%
- Birch: 38.6%
- Aspen: 7.5%
- Grey Alder: 14.1%
- Black Alder: 3.2%
- Oak: 0.5%
- Ash: 0.5%
- Other species: 0.5%
- Pine: 20.8%

Source: SFS
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