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Integrated forest management for resilience and sustainability across 25 countries



Who I am?

- forest owner & forest consulter since 25 years
- south of Austria, 850 ha forest, agriculture, etc.
- special interest in silviculture
- head of Pro Silva Austria since 2012
- head of **Pro Silva** Europa since 2017 (existing since 28 years)
- 25 countries, 5.500 members
- from science talk to active management strategies
- promoting nature orientated forestry
- not reduced to „*Plenterwald*“ => Cont.Cover Forest



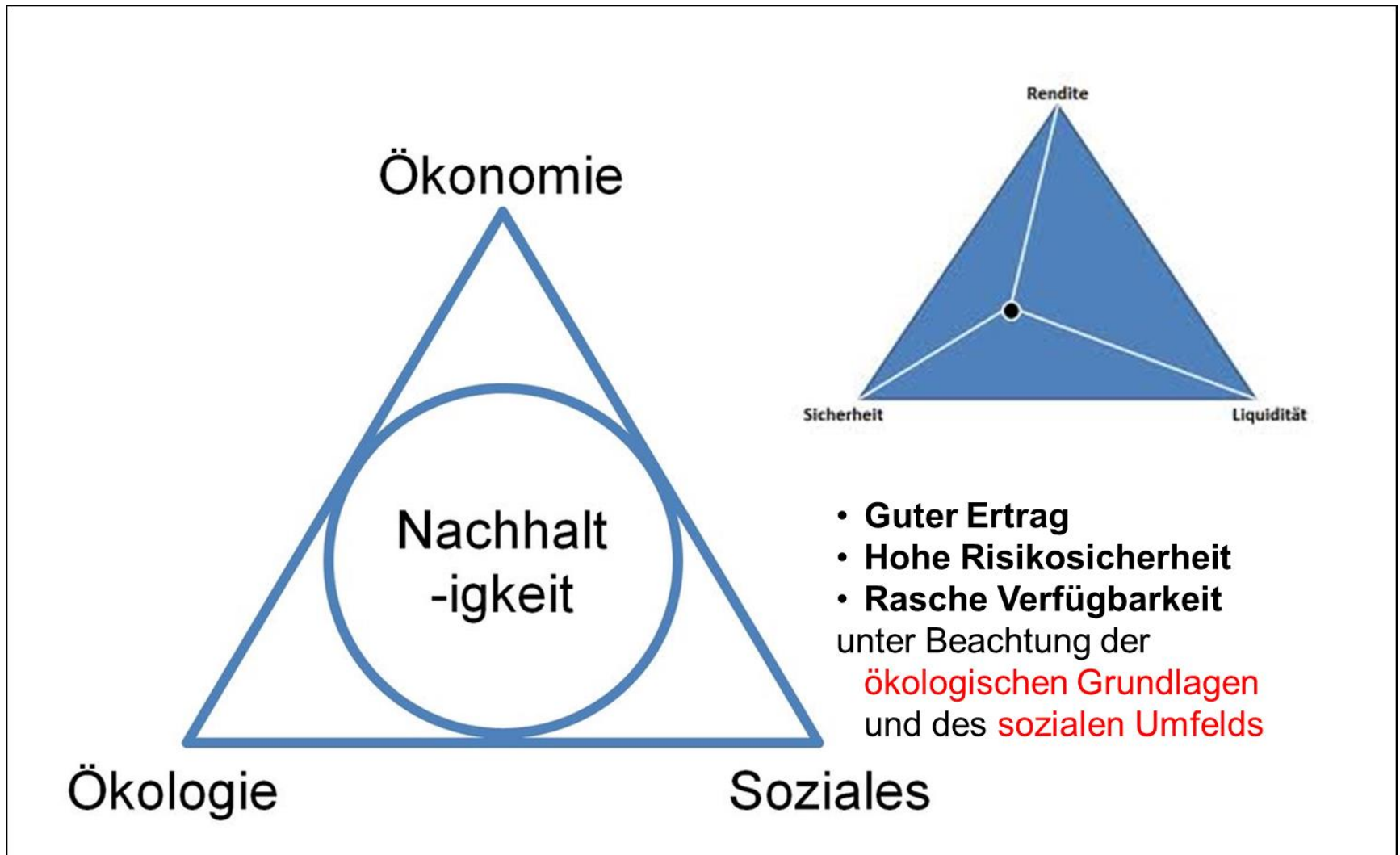
starting point – where we are ?

- industrial influence is growing (seg. ↔ int.)
 - decrease of HP in the forest (human / horse) ?
 - science in the inner wheel ?
 - *forest education ? – sustainable ?*
 - *UFO's are a growing species*
 - *NGOs are demanding terrain !*
 - *increasing demand in ecoproducts and services*
 - *hierachical systems demand hierarchy*
- => do we know what we are talking about ?***

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How is integrated forestry done ?

- **Principles** of „Pro Silva“ – MCPFE (Lisbon)
- sustainability is the **magic triangle** – balance !
- **responsibility** + *self reliance of forest owners/managers*
- **income function** for forest owners (work, timber)
- **framework** – dependencies (market, infrastructure, organisations)
- **risks** (wind, snow, barkbeetle) + **deer** influence
- high density in **infrastructure** (forest roads, skidding trails, etc.)



forest policy support

- **subsidies** for ecoelements (habitat trees, deadwood, biotope islands, connectivity networks)
- **support** for building local/regional networks
- **network** of *best practice examples* on EU level (exemplary forests, reference stands, training sites)
- basic information of **site types** & **tree species** suitability/adaptability – Site Modelling
- **guidelines** for silvicultural principles & toolbox elements
- support for act against new **diseases & neophytes**



Example – LEADER project 2004-2006

- *„Sustainable forest management in MK“*
 - 16 leader forests – cooperative planning
 - 50 example stands: consulting, marking, doc., eval.
 - depth effect and broad effect
 - 18 excursions, > 600 participants, 8 seminars
 - catalog of themes, standards for excursions
 - 8 journal articles, 18 press releases
 - cooperation in between & with science external
- => group is still existing – self confidence !!***



basic questions for science

- comparism of forest systems (administration)
- comparism of forest educaton systems
- „sustainability“ of forest education
- forest policies top down ?
- who decides ? Who is the „forester“ ?
- define the key groups as multipliers
- best strategie for broad acceptance of IFM



What do we need ?

- **paradigm change** in forest education system
- **vertical** expert consulting – multiplying approach
- horizontal **peer group** concept
- management planning und **strategic consulting**
=> regional expert pools
- independent **financing** (systems)
=> EU, crowdfunding, foundations, ...
- whom we want to **address** ?
=> forest policies or forest owners/managers, multipliers
- clearer goals, definitions, concepts => reduce technical input, increase networking, communication, personal relationship

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EDucational NETwork for FUture FOrests **linking practice, science** **and educational outreach** **for advancing** **close-to-nature forest** **management**

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<http://web.bf.uni-lj.si/go/prosilvaslovenia2009/>