Assessing sustainability of forest based activities in rural areas of the Northern Periphery



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# Northern ToSIA – Sustainable forest resource management in the Northern Periphery

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#### Outline

- ☐ Northern ToSIA project objectives
- Sustainability challenges in the Northern Periphery
- Assessing sustainability impacts with ToSIA









### **Northern ToSIA objective**

Long-term goal: Improving sustainable forest resource use in the Northern Periphery



#### Project objectives:

- To test and develop the ToSIA tool in regional and company case applications
- •To develop the tool applicability and necessary instructions for use in the Northern Periphery
- •To disseminate the tool and user experiences for the whole Northern Periphery area



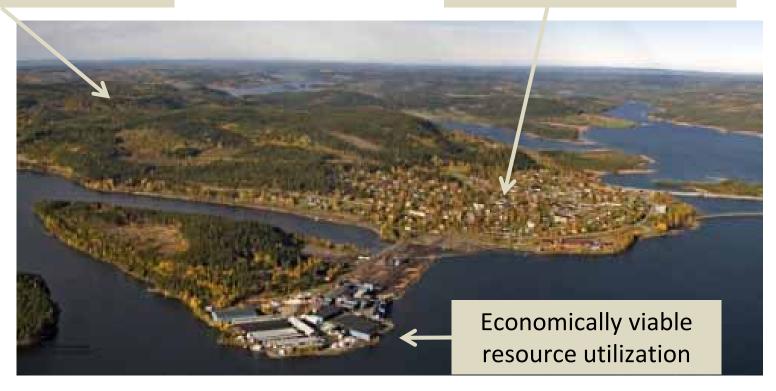




### Sustainability Challenges in the Northern Periphery

Environmentally friendly resource management

Securing social wellbeing in the region



Gällö in Jämtland, Sweden







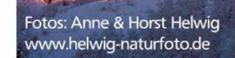


### Environmentally friendly resource use















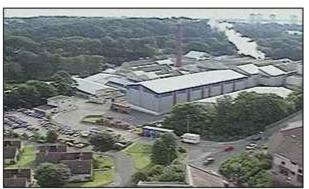








#### Paper mill closure costs 250 jobs



#### People: the social dimension

- •Recreational use increases in importance
- Forest sector offers employment
- •Cultural values, ...

Stora Enso to shut down two factories in Finland and one in Sweden - 1,400 jobs to go

#### HELSINGIN SANOMAT

close window



Residents of Kemijärvi staged their protest at the Stora Enso pulp mill on Thursday afternoon.

Photo: JAAKKO HEIKKILÄ











#### Value added:

•Forest-based sector is important for the regional economy



Foto: FVA Baden-Württemberg, Department of Forest Utilisation



Gällö in Jämtland, Sweden













# The EFORWOOD Sustainability Impact Assessment Approach

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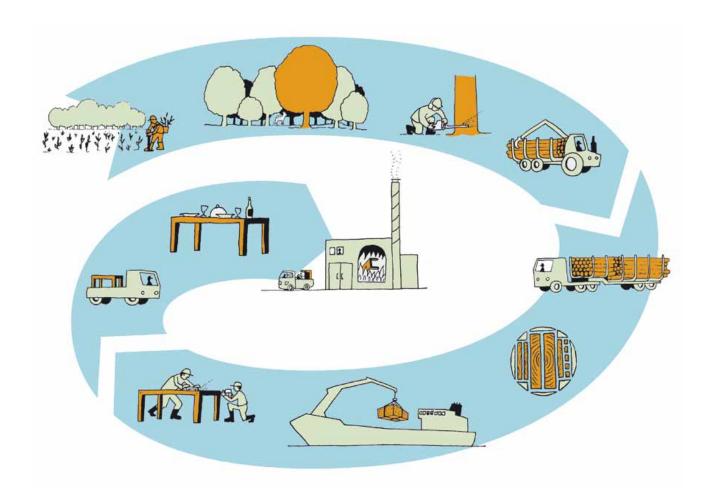


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# Forest-Wood Chains (FWC): from tree regeneration to end-of life of wood products

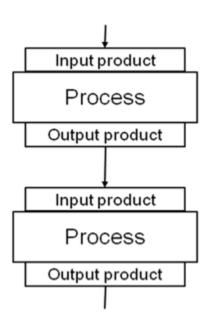


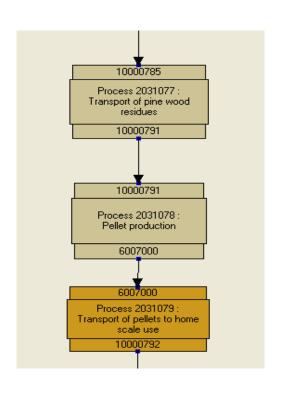












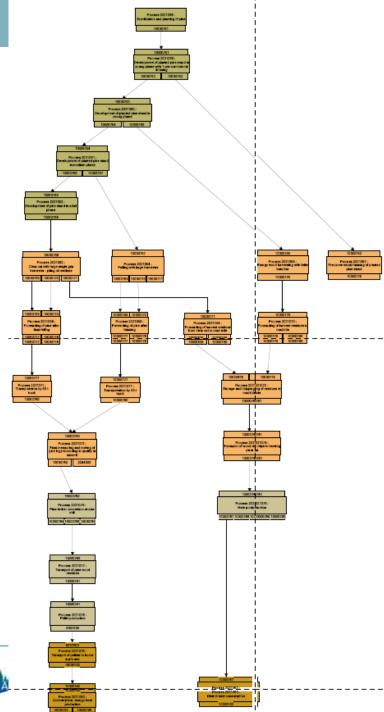








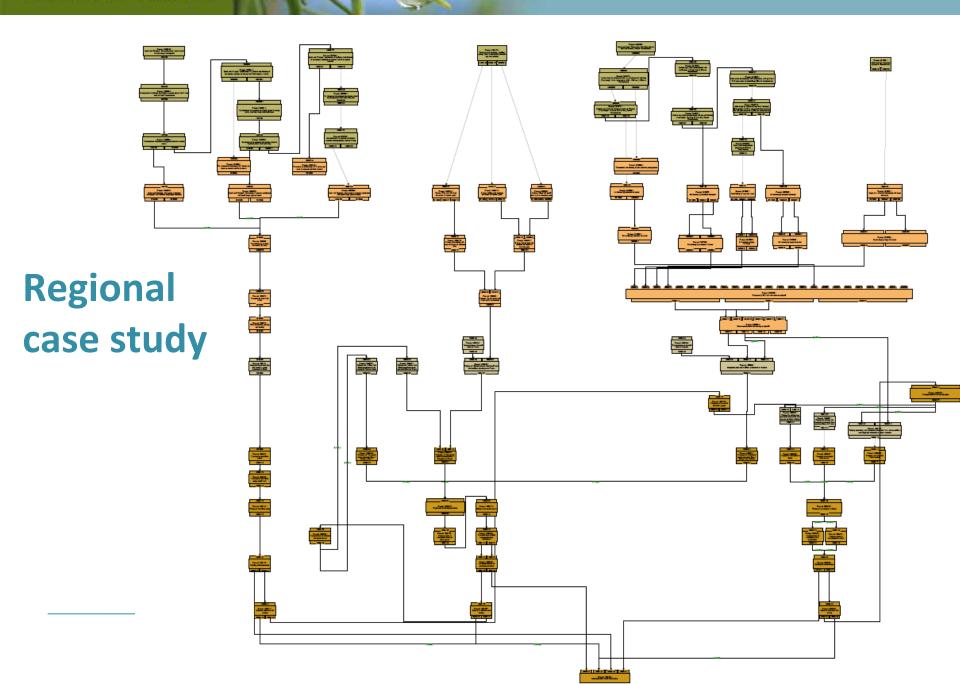
# Simple Forest Wood Chain Example

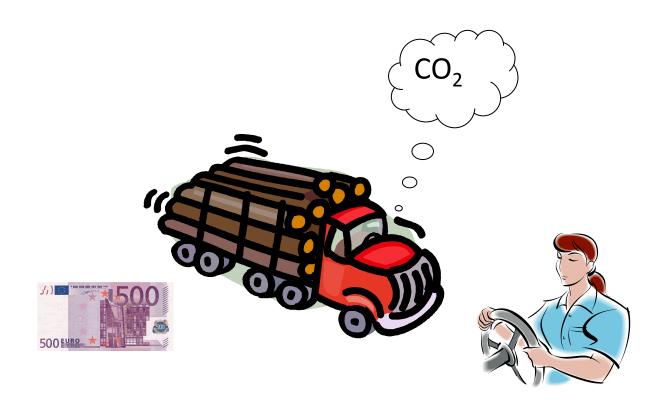












## **Every FWC process affects sustainability**







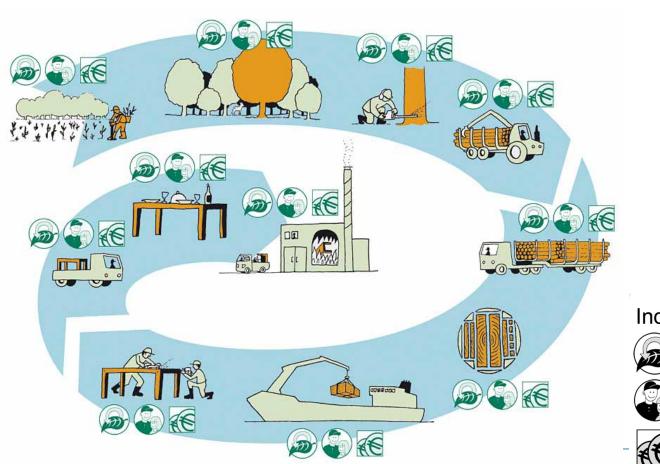








## **ToSIA links sustainability indicators to FWC processes**



**Indicators** 



Environmental



Social



**Economic** 











## **Sustainability Indicators**



**Economic** 



**Environmental** 



Social

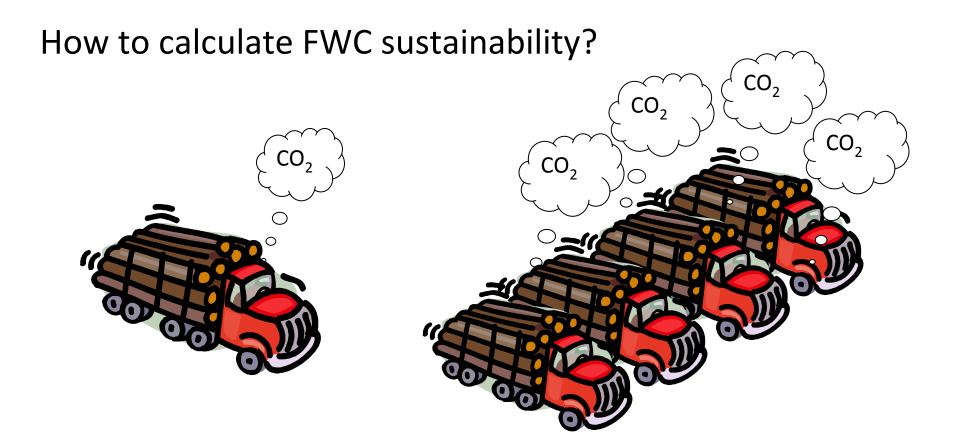
Gross value added
Production costs
Resource use
Total production
Labour productivity
Investment,Research &
Development
Trade Balance

Enterprise structure

Energy generation and use
GHG emissions & carbon stocks
Transport distance and freight
Forest biodiversity
Forest resources
Water and Air Pollution
Generation of waste
Forest Damage
Soil condition
Transport

Water use

Employment
Wages and salaries
Occupational safety and health
Education and Training
Innovation
Consumer behaviour & attitude
Corporate social responsibility
Provision of public forest services
Wages and salaries
Quality of employment



Overall sustainability is quantified by multiplying relative sustainability impacts







**ToSIA** is a tool to answer **WHAT IF? - questions**.

#### What if:

❖ Bioenergy use triples?

❖ Natura 2000 policy strengthens?

❖ Paper industry shifts production

away from Europe?





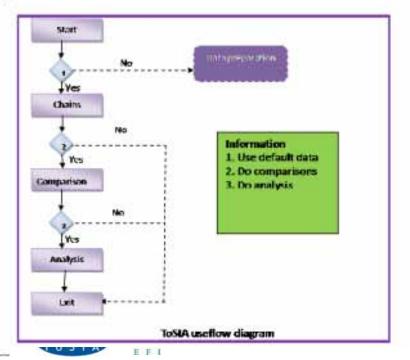
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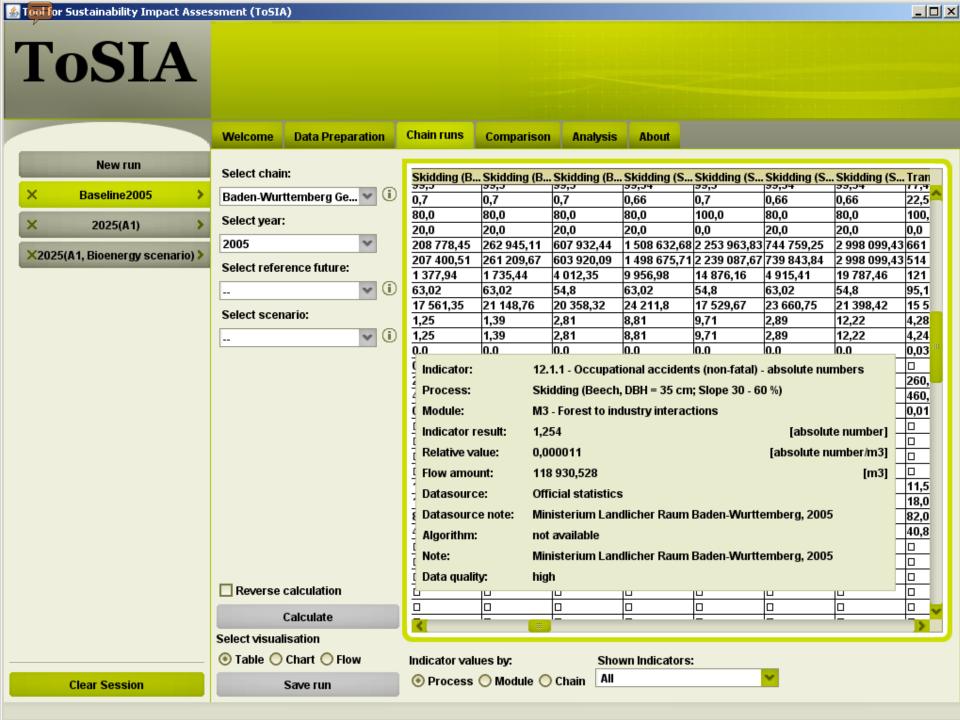
Welcome Data-Preparation Chain runs Comparison Analysis About

#### Welcome



This is ToSIA (Tool for Sustainability Impact Assessment), the decision support tool for forestry sector. With this tool forest-based industry, national and international policy makers and researchers can analyse the sustainability effects of changes due to deliberate actions (e.g. in policies or business activities) or due to external forces (e.g. climate change, global markets). ToSIA analyses environmental, economic, and social impacts of changes in forestry-wood production chains, using a consistent and harmonised framework from the forest to the end-of-life of final products. It allows user to analyse different kind of sustainability effects in a balanced way. The first versions of ToSIA are the products of the EFORWOOD project financed by the 6th Framework Program of the European Commission.



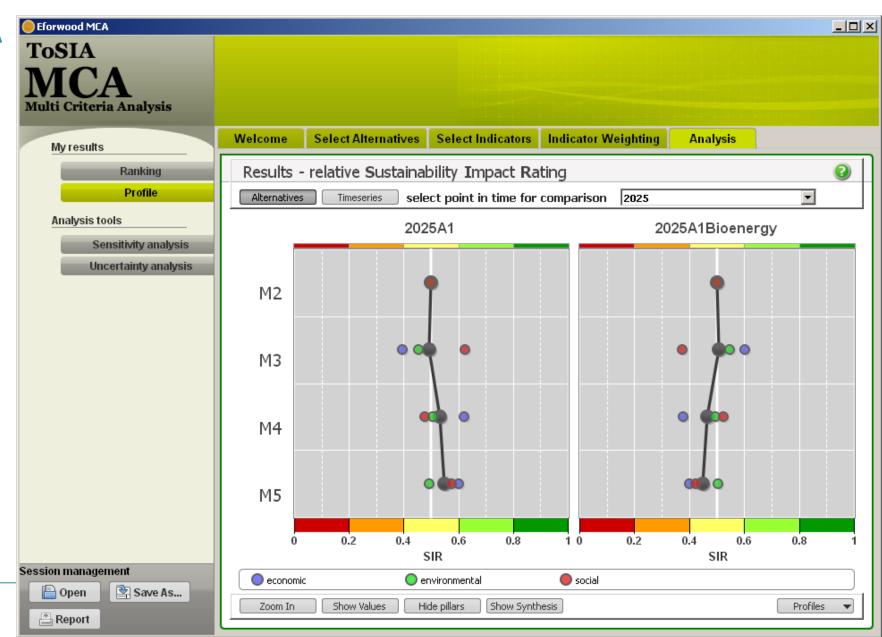




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# From EFORWOOD to Northern ToSIA

Method Rea

Real World Applications

Improved Usability



Regional planning

Company applications



Development









