

Networking in the political arena

NET RISK WORK-Workshop
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- **Basic assumptions**
- **Background**
- **Situation in Germany**
- **Examples**
- **Take home messages**



- **Forest owner association should be member of the project (at least of the network)**
- **Forest owners/forestry related associations should have the possibility to join the political debate**
- **There are other forestry friendly associations (wood industry, chemical industry, other industry)**



- **Kyoto Protocol**
- **Paris Agreement**
- **Climate protection efforts of the German government**
- **Proposal of the EC to include LULUCF into the 2030 climate and energy framework of the EU**

Picture from:

<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/~tiern201/classweb/climatechange/kyoto.html>



- **Associations have to be consulted in many legislative procedures**
- **Action Alliance Climate Protection 2020**
- **In the coalition agreement it is stated to adopt a Climate Protection Plan 2050**
- **The government decided to support it by a dialogue process (with associations and citizens)**



- **Basis: Action Plan Climate Protection 2020 of the government**
- **~ 60 associations**
- **Meetings 2 times per year**
- **Reviews yearly Climate Protection Report**
- **Shall support the government in it's efforts**
- **Will be continued after 2020**



- All german speaking MEPs were invited
- Only a fraction (already forestry friendly) showed up
- Very productive evening
- Three presentations (CEPF, EUSTAFOR)
- Very lively discussion (1 h longer!)
- Feedback: „Thank‘s for facts!“
- Politicians now know about scientific state of the art and our interests



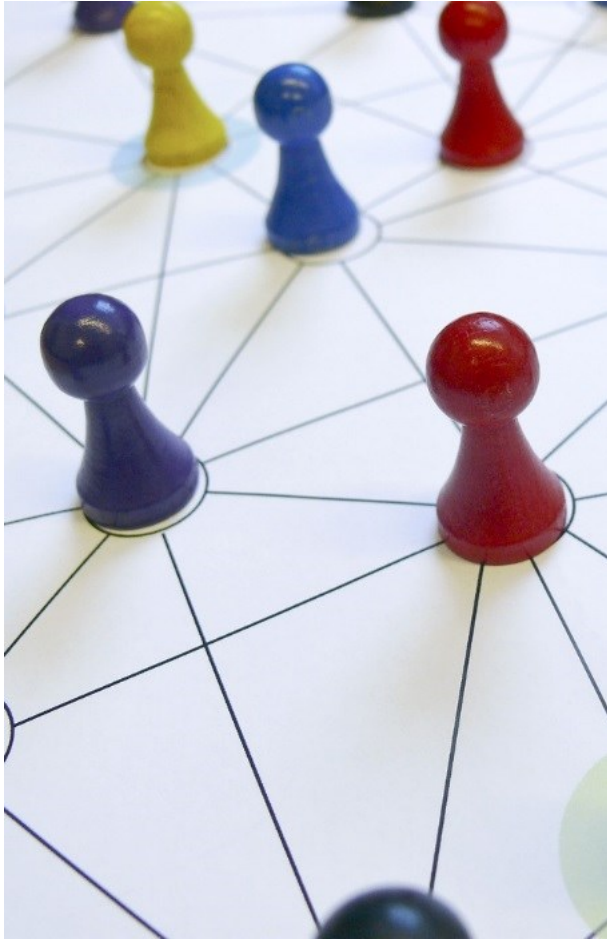
- **Focus Group on Forest practices & climate change**
- **Full name: *Focus Group (FG) on New forest practices and tools for adaptation and mitigation of climate change***
- **one year**
- **20 members**
- **2 meetings**
- **Collaborative work in-between**



8 main tasks, i. a.:

- Identify the main challenges and opportunities
- Identify the needs of forest managers
- Identify new practices and tools
- Analyse possible synergies and trade-offs between mitigation and adaptation
- Propose potential innovative actions

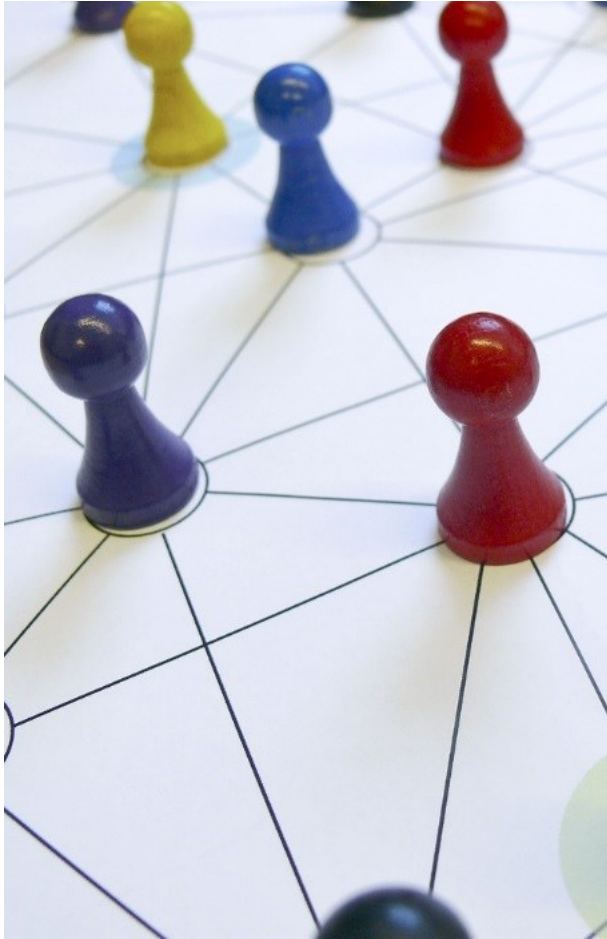
Take-home messages – Part I



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- **Build up competence (dedicated employees!) in your field of interest**
- **Attend each and every conference/workshop etc. in your field of interest**
- **Forge alliances (e. g. with other land user associations, associations of the rural area or of the industry)**

Take-home messages – Part II



- **Sometimes it is better to call (esp. staff from ministries or secretariats of politicians)**
- **Stay in contact (national, international, cross-sectoral) – also in person!**

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