

VOSGES MOUNTAINS

On this itinerary, 140 participants were invited to discover aspects of the local value chain in sub-mountainous environment at three different locations.



Large diameter in multifunctional environment

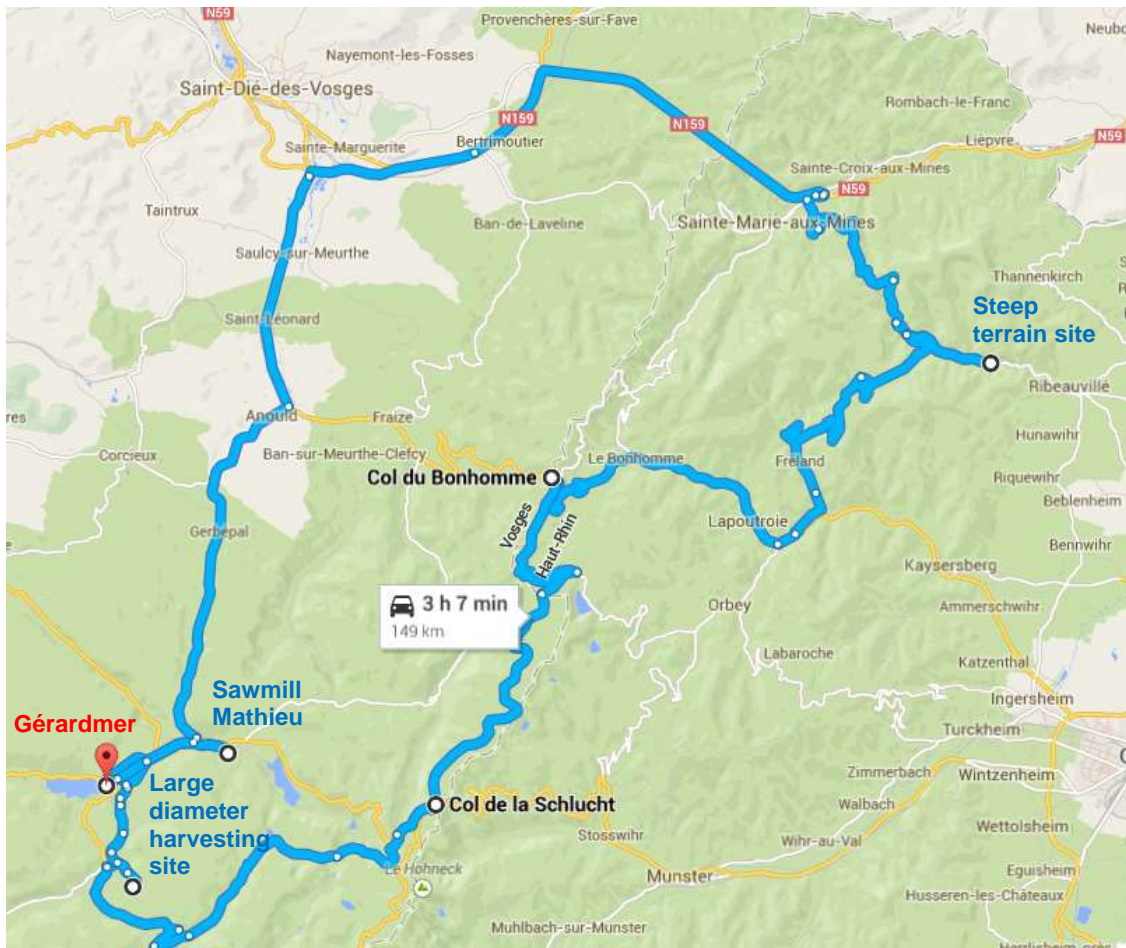


Steep terrain in Alsace



Sawmill Mathieu

Location of the three sites:



Industrial partners on the “Vosges Mountains” tour:



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Innovative material and working methods were demonstrated on this working site where Vosgian slopes are quite steep and irregular. The site was divided in sub-areas where the conditions of the stand required appropriate combinations between mechanized and motor-manual logging operations to be found for each local conditions.

At the forest road side, transport was also discussed, emphasizing modern practices for material and information flows implemented in the area.



Parts of the logging site were operated with a harvester and a forwarder both equipped with a synchronised winch from AFICOR installed on the machines as an add-on for steep terrain



The rest of the site was harvested with motor-manual equipment and logs were hauled on the roadside with a skidder

Wood products were transported by vehicles with truck and flatbed trailer equipped with a crane

People you met there:

- Hosts: Patrick Tibiletti, Didier Pischedda, Nicolas Dolidon & Arnaud Bezard (ONF) in the community-owned forests “FC de Riquewihl” and “FC de Zellenberg”
- Additional interventions: Emmanuel Cacot, Paul Magaud, Stéphane Grulois (FCBA), Jimmy Mathey-Junod and Julian Gold (AFICOR)
- Operating entrepreneurs: SARL Krieger & Fils, SARL Kern et Fils and SARL Scheidecker Jean-Martin

Large diameter in multifunctional environment

Here, participants were introduced to the many challenges for mobilizing and processing large diameter softwoods. Multi-functionality and its integration in forest management and logging practices were illustrated on site along the stream. Long and large logs produced here were to be delivered to the sawmill Mathieu in the up-coming weeks.



Large diameter Silver fir (*Abies alba*) were harvested manually on this stand with a team of two entrepreneurs

Long logs were hauled to the road side with a grapple skidder also equipped with a cable



People you met there:

- Hosts: Etienne Zahnd & Maryse Bigot (ONF) in the state-owned forest "FD de Gerardmer"
- Additional intervention: Philippe Ruch (FCBA)
- Operating entrepreneurs: Ets Martin and Ets Remy Arnaud

Sawmill Mathieu

The visit of the sawmill highlighted value creation from local large diameter softwoods at this family-owned company. Balance between traditional know-how and modern entrepreneurship was illustrated through the 3-fold cooperation implemented by the sawmill with his suppliers, fellow sawmillers and distributors.



People you met there:

- Host: Benjamin Mathieu (SAS Jean Mathieu) at the sawmill
- Additional interventions: Laurent Huguet (FCBA) and Alain Simonin (ExpoForêt).

Thank you for your attention!

