Prospects and Challenges for Forest Harvesting technologies in Europe

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Horizon 2020: Societal challenges



1. Health, demographic change and wellbeing

2. Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research, and the Bioeconomy

3. Secure, clean and efficient energy



4. Smart, green and integrated transport

7. Secure societies protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens

> 6. Europe in a changing world inclusive, innovative and reflective societies

5. Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials

It is not going to happen

Å without profitable and efficient value chains Forest engineering plays a crucial role!

Terrain transport: Incremental improvements





- Power
- Size

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- Soil impact
- Ergonomics
- Machine uptime
- Basic concepts remain









Felling/processing: Incremental improvements + system change





Feller-bunchers

- Steep slope capacity
- Boom reach
- Navigation assistance
- Harvesters/processors
 - Single-grip all over
 - Multi-stem processing
 - Wood value recovery



Most improvements inside

Directive 97/68/EC



NOx + HC (NMHC) (g/kWh)









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Productivity, general	Supply chain managementTechnology and systemsOrganization



Planning tools for minimized soil impact



- Pioneered by J.D Irving and University of New Brunswick
- Implementation ongoing
- To be combined with soft footprint technology
- Best practice is performing well



Operator B environment

- ″ HMI
 - John Deerecs IBC is implemented
 others to be expected
 - Head up display
- Active suspension
 - Comfort
 - Speed
 - Ground pressure





Increasing wood value



Diameter

- Detailed spec from saw millIndividual pieces
 - Narrow distributions
- Dimension measurement
- Information management
- ["]B2B systems







Who is going to do it?



- Common responsibility
- Different roles
- Most happens outside forestry
- Common awareness of driving forces that apply

Who

implements?

It can happen!

Profitable forestry Ë suppliers to several industries Ë active in R&D **Strong R&D** Ë cross disciplines **Thriving OEMs** Ë providing forestry with leading technology

Thank you!

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