

Report of local dialogue

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Sustainable forest management

The way to mitigate the course of climate change



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Date and time of the event	3 May 2023, 9:00-17:00
Event type	onsite
Location(s) of event	Volary, Czech Republic
Total number of participants	12
Type of participants	Forest specialists from municipal forests and national parks, local politicians
Theme(s) covered during the event	Climate change and the environment A stronger economy, social justice and jobs
Other ideas	Green energy transition is practical and natively implemented if done step by step and if citizens can see positive results on their own
Recommendations / conclusions from the debate	1) Forest management made by extensive way – It is smarter to avoid cutting down big areas of trees, and to rather select single trees to cut. It brings benefits not only from the environmental point of view (the way of climate combating), but also economically. Management used especially at national parks, protected landscapes can be successfully implemented at municipal and / or private forests. 2) Use local solutions: products from wood supports local employment. Try to retain working forces by offering of career growth and competitive salaries with towns and industrial areas.

	3) Green transition made step by step must give positive advantages to people/employees. For example decrease costs where it is possible by smart use of solar panels, battery storages, own consumption at company.
Other relevant messages expressed by citizens or speakers during the event	It is a good way to make things smart and with a long-term perspective – in this case people can better understand and support the fight against climate change.
Hyperlinks to web / press / social media coverage	https://prachaticky.denik.cz/zpravy_region/gruzinci-videli-jak-hospodari-volary-a-prachatice-v-lesich-20230511.html

