

## **SFM Trainings in Macedonia 2011**

In cooperation with National Association of Private Forest Owners under SNV – SIDA Kosovo & Regional project in 2011 REFORD delivered 9 trainings to private forest owners, members of NAPFO Macedonia.

Four different training modules were offered to PFO's:

- Extended Biological Reproduction
- Forest Cleaning Operations
- Forest Standards
- Safety measures

Majority of private forest owners were interested in possibilities to use Government subventions for improving their forests since they are not well informed on this topic. On their request all 9 trainings were conducted on Extended Biological Reproduction. They were done in 6 municipalities where NAPFO Macedonia has their branches with total number of 116 forest owners as participants on the trainings.

All trainings were delivered indoor in to two parts. First part of the training was presentation of the possibilities that forest owners have for afforestation and pre-commercial tinning by using Government subsidies, how they can apply, what services NAPFO Macedonia can offer to them and what are their and NAPFO Macedonia obligations if they apply for subsidies trough the association.



The second part was questions and discussion with the members from the association.

This training module was very interesting for NAPFO Macedonia as a part of their business plan and services that NAPFO Macedonia can offer to their members. Services like collection of data from the field, document collection, writing and submission of programs, assistance in provision of seedlings, mediation in soil

preparation and planting could be some of the many services that NAPFO delivered to their members.

Members were as well very interested in this training module because of the possibilities to benefit from the reproduction fund. With NAPFO and Government support they could afforest ate their land, improve existing forests, gain small additional income and assure better forests for the younger generations.

### Training schedule

Place	Date	Participants
Pehcevo	14-10-2011	13 forest owners
M.Kamenica	19-10-2011	12 forest owners
Kratovo	21-10-2011	6 forest owners
Delcevo	07-11-2011	15 forest owners
Novo Selo	10-11-2011	15 forest owners
Berovo, v.Budinarci	17-11-2011	20 forest owners
Berovo, v.Mitrasinci	17-11-2011	18 forest owners
Berovo, v.Rusinovo	18-11-2011	9 forest owners
Berovo, v.Vladimirovo	18-11-2011	8 forest owners

In 2010 same trainings were conducted in other municipalities, where NAPFO Macedonia has their branches, and as a result of that in 2011 40 private forest owners applied for subsidies from the Government and they covered 42\_ha of land for afforestation and 4,2\_ha of forest for pre-commercial thinning.