

STUDY ON GOOD PRACTICE IN VET AND LLL IN SFM IN AUSTRIA, CROATIA AND SLOVENIA

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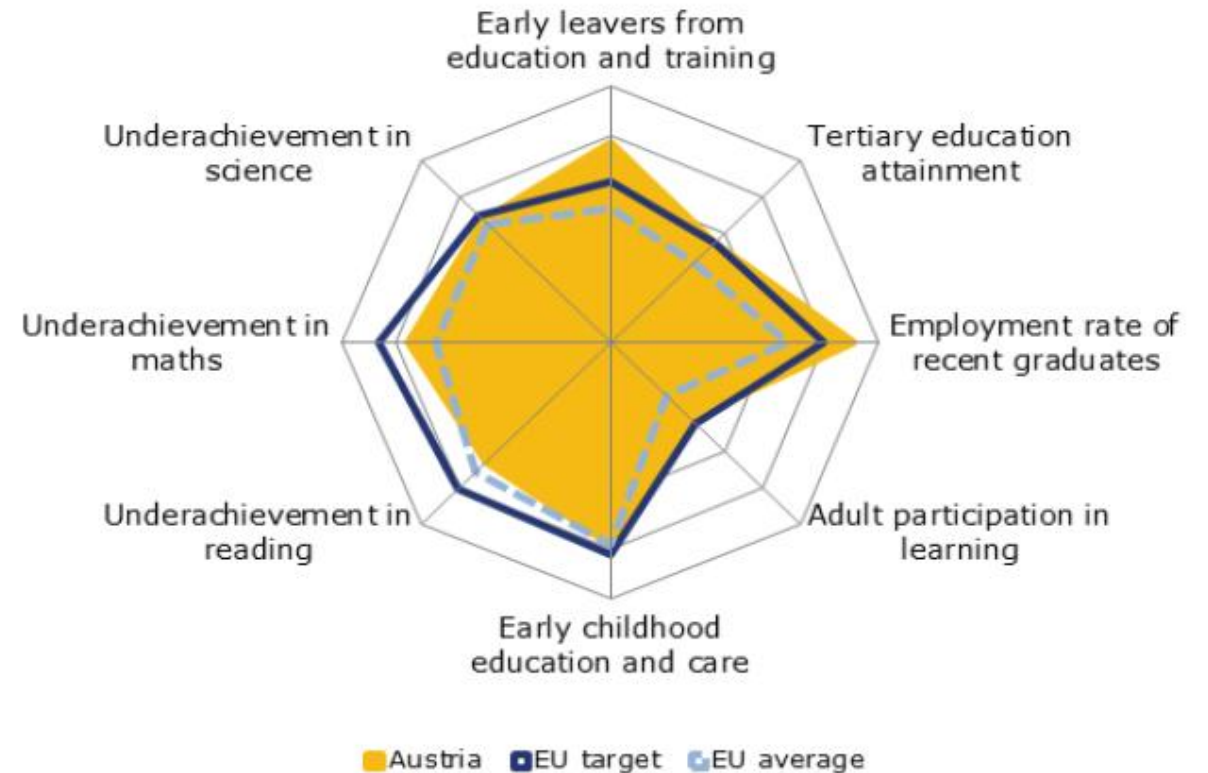


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State of VET and LLL

- well developed and well adapted to the labour market
 - Among the lowest youth unemployment rates in the EU
- 70.2 % of upper secondary students following VET in 2013
- adult participation in LLL around 13 – 14 %



Survey on SFM education and training

- Completed by national contact points
- VET and LLL programmes conducted in the last 10 years
- Survey content
 - Program theme and service provider
 - Name and duration of the programme
 - Year
 - Target groups
 - Topic and short content
 - Specific learning outcomes
 - Used methods
 - Evaluation of the program (yes/no, how?)
 - Promotion (marketing) of program (how?)
 - Assessment of the progress of participants (using the knowledge and obtained skills)
 - Number of training courses



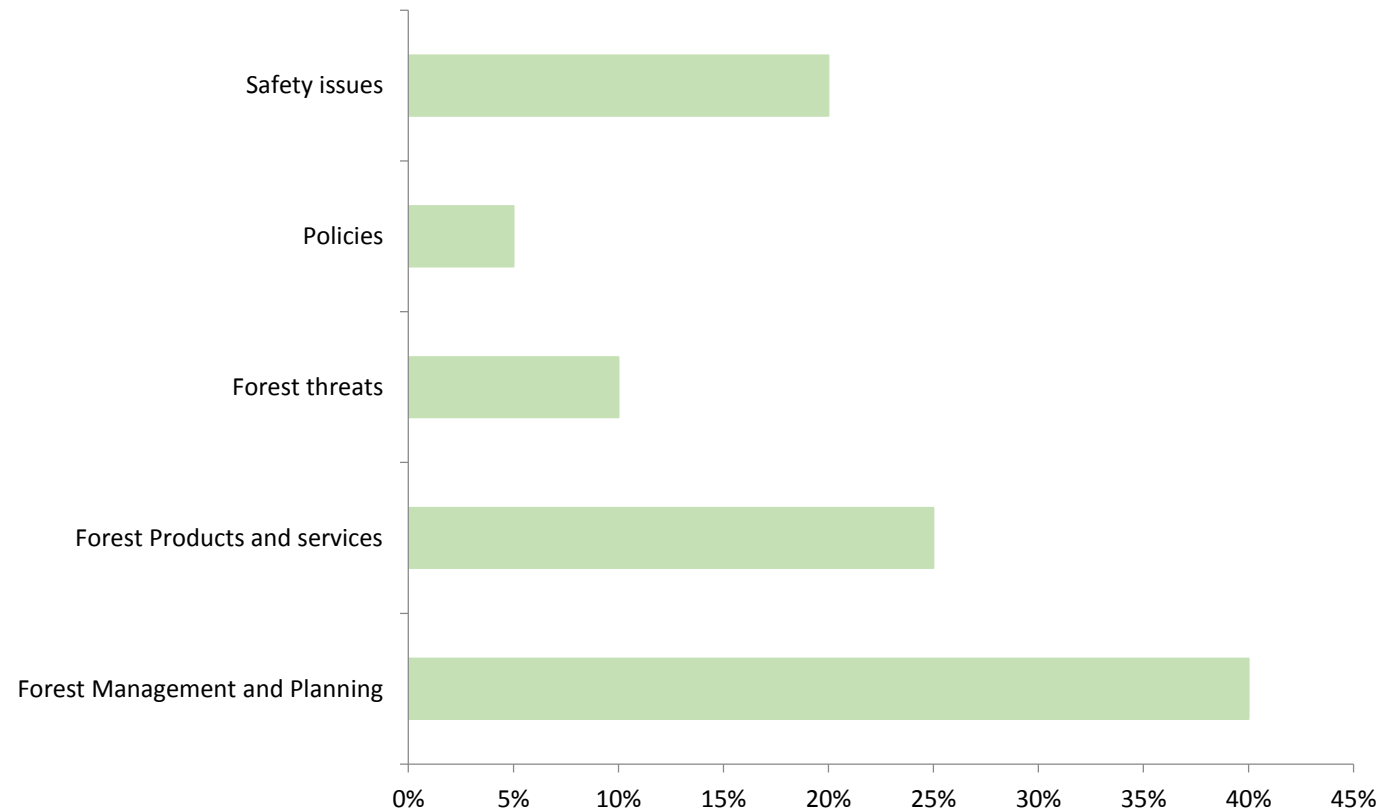
Results - Overview

- ~ 80 SFM courses conducted every year
- Several organisations offer SFM trainings
- Austrian Forest Research Center + 3 Forest Training Centers are key institutions
- Good balance of topics addressed
- Broad portfolio of methods applied



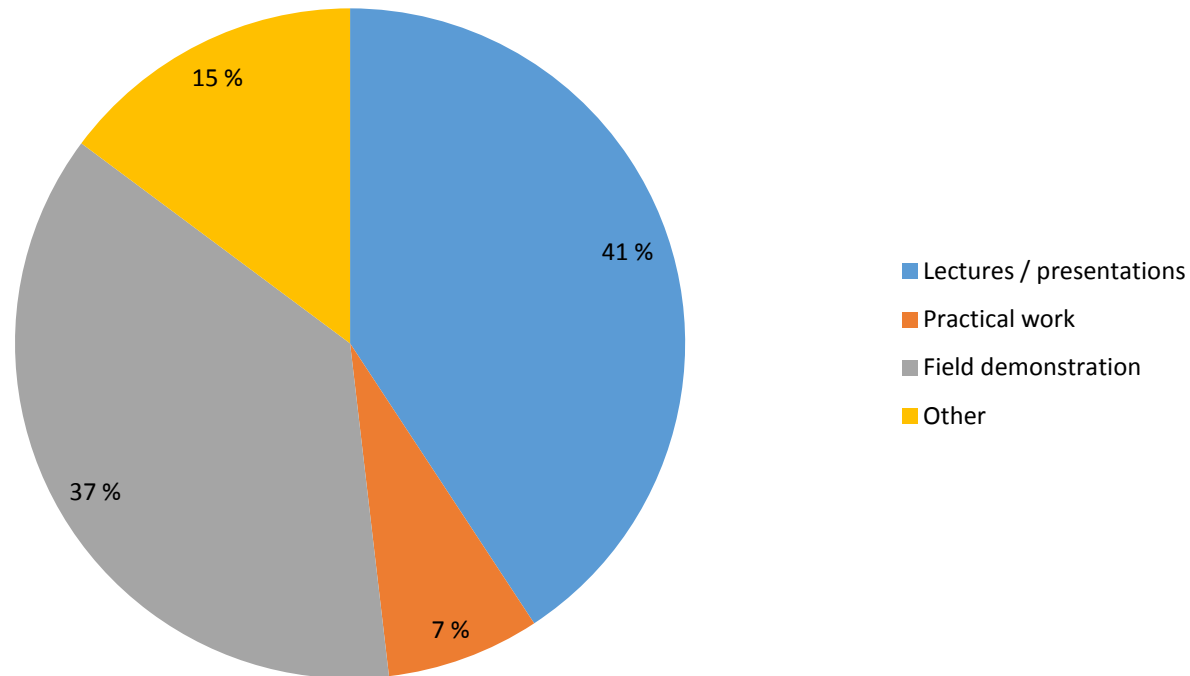
Results – Topics

Share of topics covered in SFM trainings



Results – Methods & Indicators

Share of methods applied



Indicator	Share (in %)
Specified learning outcomes	87
Programme Evaluation	27
Assessment of participants' progress	27

Identification of good practice examples

Criterion	Rationale
Target groups	A multi-stakeholder approach, addressing several target groups at the same time, is valued high
Topic's covered	Addressing cutting-edge SFM related content (e.g. emerging issues, hot topics) is preferable
Specified learning outcomes	Mandatory (i.a. learning outcomes must be specified)
Method's applied	A multi-method approach is preferable, particularly relevant are practical applications (e.g. training in the field)
Programme evaluation	Mandatory (although of minor relevance)
Programme marketing	Multiple marketing channels are preferable
Assessment of participants progress	Mandatory (although of minor relevance)

Good practice example - Austria

Programme theme	Forest Management Course	Forest Management Course
Service provider	Forest Training Centers Ort & Ossiach	
Duration of the programme	4 days	2 days
Target groups	forest owners, forest workers [requirement for national forest worker exam]	forest owners and general public
Topic and short content	basic information on close-to-nature forestry	basic information on close-to-nature forestry
Specific learning outcomes	site classification, needs of different tree species, natural regeneration and afforestation, forest protection	site classification, needs of different tree species, natural regeneration and afforestation, forest protection
Used methods	lecture, demonstrations in the field	lecture, demonstrations in the field
Evaluation of the programme	yes; exam taken by participants; certification	no
Promotion	printed lecture programme of the Training Centers	printed lecture programme of the Training Centers
Assessment of participant's progress	yes; exam taken by participants; certification	no

Lessons learnt

- Strong interest to foster education in the forest-based sector
- Numerous SFM related training courses in VET and LLL annually
- Broad portfolio of topics covered
- Nice mix of methods applied
- Blended Learning / E-Learning approaches to be developed further (in SFM training)



The way forward ? Innovative approaches

- Marketing
- Quality insurance
- E-learning (other methods)
- Evaluation



Thank you

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