Integrative Prevention Concepts for Safety and Health in Forest Operations

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Launching a joint transdisciplinary research, development and transfer process
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proSILWA - Joint research and development for safety and health

Objectives:

- improve safety and health in forestry work;
- raise the attractiveness of forestry work as a professional career;
- ensure the future availability of a competent and motivated forestry workforce.
“Safety and Health in Forestry are Feasible!” (FAO/ECE/ILO, 1996)

It is a permanent challenge to prevent accidents and work related illnesses.

- There are still far too many accidents!
- Work related illnesses are pervasive among forest workers and machine operators.

In many enterprises available and proven prevention measures are not effectively implemented.

Safety and health in forestry are feasible but not a sector-wide reality!
A well equipped tool box for effective prevention

A wealth of knowledge and proven measures are available

- Safe work processes (FORMEC 😊)
- Guidelines (ILO Code of Practice)
- Rules and Regulations Education and training (EDUFOREST Network)
- Ergonomic design of tools and machines (ref. ERGOWOOD project)
- Work organisation („Strong Team“)
- Health and Safety Management Systems
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The Goal: A Guide to Good Practice for Prevention in Forest Operations!
From research to a ”prevention alliance” for forestry

Towards durable and effective prevention **proSILWA** integrates all relevant actors in a ”prevention alliance“ of

- Entrepreneurs
- Interdisciplinary Team of Researchers
- Accident insurers and labor authorities
- Consultancies
- Forest Owners
- Education and training providers

in the process of testing and evaluating prevention concepts, and in the future implementation of project results to make safety and health in forestry feasible!
On our way into a challenging research process:
We welcome you to contribute with your knowledge and expertise to a comprehensive Guide to Good Practice!

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