Group 1

What are the **current governance structures** that aim to involve stakeholders from forest-dominant areas?



There are some structures but lack of coordination/consensu s among them - LV

> Strong connections and networking structures at regional, national and EU level - DE

FECOF - organisation on forest related issues with members from different MS

EU financial support is essential for forest owners in Slovakia These governance structures should also communicate to stakeholders networks not focused on Forest - IT

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What **needs** and issues facing forestdominant rural areas and municipalities are **not being addressed** through these existing processes?

How could **networking** help address the gaps and **strengthen the existing** situation?

Social issues such as depopulation, lack of training on digital skills and mechanisation - LV

Change the perception of forest management - ES

Coordination between governance bodies - LV

Raise the voices of forest-dominant rural areas stakeholders -SE

Challenges related to EU strategies - not all of them point at the same direction (fragmentation) - IT

Engage foresters in politics - LV

Reduce lack of tendencies of infrastructure issues

Motivate small forest owners to take ownership to manage forests & avoid risks - IT

Active forest owners - SK

Research the needs of forest managers - IT

Financial support to forest owners from the EU - SK

Promote the correlation between EU policies

Include Forestry proofing in Rural proofing

Reduce bureaucracy - IT & SK