

## Result of the SWOT analyses, internal and external issues characterising biomass supply chain for wood pellets in Serbia

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### Internal strengths

- S1. Inexpensive and high quality raw materials available
- S2. Good location in relation to the resource and communication
- S3. Representation of public and private forests
- S4. Lack of competition in relation to the production of pellets and biomass
- S5. Production volume (as all the other producers in Serbia together)

### External opportunities

- O1. Utilization of forest waste after harvest as a raw material that is now not in use
- O2. Activation potential from private forest
- O3. Ability to increase production capacities and additional quantities of raw materials
- O4. The leading company in the production of pellets and biomass

### Internal weaknesses

- W1. Use of fuel wood instead wood residue as raw material for the production of pellets
- W2. No assurance for long-term supply of raw materials
- W3. Poor forest roads
- W4. Problems in the supply of raw materials in winter

### External threats

- T1. Emergence of new competition especially in central heating systems
  - T2. New investments in the production of pellets
  - T3. Limited potential of raw materials
  - T4. Lack of workforce for logging and harvesting
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