

Result of the SWOT analyses, internal and external issues characterising biomass supply chain for wood logs in Slovenia

Internal strengths

- S1. Known technologies, easy to use, affordable
- S2. Cost efficient
- S3. Self-supply / home consumption
- S4. Easy to store
- S5. Available potentials of wood from different resources
- S6. Regional – local market
- S7. Transport
- S8. Source of income for forest owners

External opportunities

- O1. System of subsidies for modern boilers
- O2. Wood logs as secondary fuel (in stoves, fireplaces)
- O3. Strong foreign market (Italy)

Internal weaknesses

- W1. “Old fashion” systems for heating (low efficiency and high emissions)
- W2. Emission of dust particles
- W3. Hard – labour intense work
- W4. Only for individual heating systems

External threats

- T1. High number of small producers
- T2. More stringent legislation about emissions
- T3. More strict legislation about marketing farm products (wood logs are one of them)