



7. Namely, we work on measures that will help forest owners and managers to implement sustainable forest management on the ground. Financial incentives and compensation mechanisms for providing ecosystem services, including carbon sequestration, soil protection, and water retention, are currently in main focus. Adapting forests to climate change is an integral part of this effort and key requirement.
8. We continue to implement the system of direct payments for forest owners with the aim to support the provision of non-productive functions of forests. The system, in principle, can be utilized by every forest owner who care about forests according to forest management plan, which means in line with principles of sustainable forest management. The system also motivates forest owners to practise and apply to more extent close-