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Abstract ELAV (<i>Enhancing Local Activity and Values from forest land through community-led strategic planning</i>) is an international project, in which opportunities provided by forests are identified as well as ways to utilize these in order to increase the vitality of the rural communities. In March 2006, Metla organised a seminar on forest planning in the five ELAV countries (Finland, Iceland, Norway, Scotland and Sweden). In the seminar, representatives from European Forest Institute (EFI) and national institutes of ELAV countries gave an overview of forest resources, forest policy guiding the use of private forests as well as inventory and planning systems. In addition, methods and challenges related to interactive and collaborative forest planning were introduced during the seminar. Finally, ELAV partners presented the ideas and practical experiences related to their case study. This Working Paper contains presentations of the seminar.			
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Foreword

ELAV (*Enhancing Local Activity and Values from forest land through community-led strategic planning*) is an international project, in which opportunities provided by forests are identified as well as ways to utilize these in order to increase the vitality of the rural communities. The main goal of the project is to develop interactive methods and procedures for forest planning that support the development of local livelihoods based on forest resources. The project is partly funded by Interreg III B Northern Periphery –programme. Sixteen partners from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland and Scotland are involved in the project. Finnish partners are Finnish Forest Research Institute (Metla), Regional Forestry Center Northern Karelia and Forest Management Association Northern Karelia. Metla receives additional funding for the project from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Each country participating in the project has selected its own case study area. The experiences gained from the case study areas are shared through seminars, meetings and international exchanges. The ELAV project began in the year 2005 and will continue until the end of the year 2007.

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Alkusanat

ELAV (*Enhancing Local Activity and Values from forest land through community-led strategic planning*) on kansainvälinen hanke, jossa selvitetään metsien tarjoamia mahdollisuuksia syrjäisten maaseutualueiden elinvoimaisuuden parantamiseksi. Hankkeen yleisenä tavoitteena on kehittää vuorovaikuttaisia suunnittelumenetelmiä metsän eri käyttömuotojen yhteensovittamiseksi paikallistasolla. Hanke on saanut rahoitusta Interreg III B Pohjoinen Periferia -ohjelmasta. Hankkeessa on mukana 16 osapuolta Suomesta, Ruotsista, Norjasta, Islannista ja Skotlannista. Suomesta hankkeessa ovat mukana Metsäntutkimuslaitos (Metla), Metsäkeskus Pohjois-Karjala ja Metsänhoitoyhdistys Pohjois-Karjala. Suomen osioon on saatu rahoitusta myös Maa- ja metsätalousministeriöstä. Jokaisessa osallistujamaassa on omat kohdealueensa, joilta saatuja kokemuksia vaihdetaan seminaareissa, kokouksissa ja henkilövaihtojen yhteydessä. ELAV-hanke alkoi vuonna 2005 ja se kestää vuoden 2007 loppuun asti.

Maaliskuussa 2006 Metla järjesti metsäsuunnitteluseminaarin, jossa Euroopan metsäinstituutin (EFI) ja eri osallistujamaiden edustajat esittelivät metsävaroja, yksityismetsien käyttöä ohjaavaa metsäpolitiikkaa sekä yksityismetsien inventointi- ja suunnittelujärjestelmiä ELAV-maissa. Lisäksi seminaarissa kuultiin uutta tutkimustietoa vuorovaikutteisen ja yhteistoiminnallisen metsäsuunnittelun menetelmistä ja haasteista. Lopuksi ELAV-hankkeen osapuolet esittelivät ideoita ja kokemuksia liittyen tapaustutkimuksiinsa. Seminaariesitelmät on koottu tähän työraporttiin.

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