



**COST ACTION FP 0703**

**Echoes: Expected Climate Change  
and Options for European Silviculture**

## Country Report: Major points

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# Impacts: observations and predictions

- Temperature
  - Observations: increase evident specifically since 80<sup>th</sup>
  - Prediction: increase by +2.2 (1 to 2.7)°C by 2050
- Precipitation
  - Insignificant change in total amount
  - Prediction: distribution pattern to change  
(rain increasing during winter and spring, decreasing during summer: stronger drought conditions)

# Impacts: experiments and monitoring

- Experimental station Bílý Kříž, Beskydy Mts
  - ISBE ASCR, v.v.i., a part of European Net of Excellence
  - Involved in EU projects EuroCarbo, CarboMont and national-level projects (CzechCarbo, CzechTerra)
  - Experiments on elevated CO<sub>2</sub> and forest management (in spheres) on physiological parameters/processes incl. *Picea abies*, *Fagus silvatica*
  - Eddy covariance site – ecosystem process studies

# Adaptation

- Vulnerability of forests and forestry
  - forest species composition  
(currently spruce 53 %, natural 11 %, during last 10 years decrease by 2 %)
  - high vulnerability  
(storm Kyrill in 2007, ca. 8–10 mill. m<sup>3</sup> wood)
- General adaptation strategy
  - NEW National Forestry Program (2008 – 2013)
  - NEW National Climate Policy program (2009-2020)  
to be launched

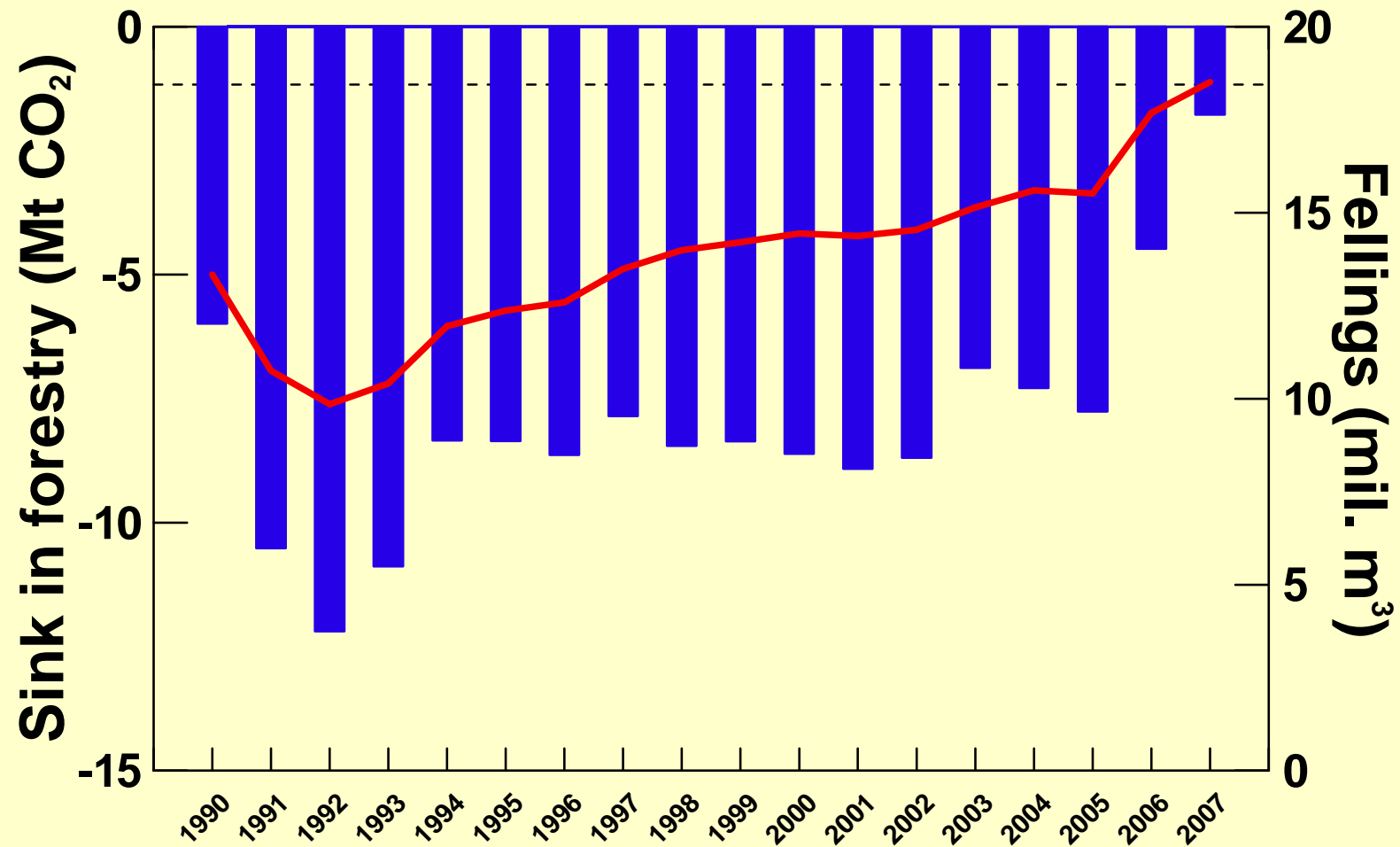
# Adaptation: key measures

- Increasing species, spatial and genetic diversity of forest ecosystems
- Utilization of fine-scale management approaches and elimination of game pressure
- Limitation of other stressors worsening climate change effects, taking care of
  - hydrological regime
  - chemical and physical properties of soils
  - limiting mechanical damage to forest

# Mitigation: carbon accounts

- Emission inventory of LULUCF sector based on
  - Cadastral information on land use
  - Activity data from stand-based inventory (management plans)
  - Statistical inventory to be utilized once repeated cycle is available
- Kyoto protocol activities
  - elected FM (Art. 3.4)
  - voluntary submission on KP activities due in 2009

# Mitigation: contribution of forestry



A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, dry, light-brown grasses that appear to be blowing in the wind. In the background, several tree trunks are visible, some in focus and others blurred. The top of the frame shows green leaves and branches of a tree. The overall lighting is soft and natural.

Thank you!