

# Activity in Forestry

*Activity in Forestry is a countrywide programme for sustainable forest management (SFM) offering continuing education and advising of adults in forestry related subjects. It is aimed at forest owners and forest workers, using mechanical as well as manual methods, and is the leading programme in Norwegian forestry for education at the place of work or near the participants' home.*



## Co-operation

Activity in Forestry is managed in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture, the Norwegian Forest Owners' Federation and the Forestry Extension Institute. The Institute takes care of the management and coordination of all the activities connected to the courses. The professional staffs at the Institute prepares all new courses including instructors manuals, curricula, time schedules, audiovisual aids, booklets, authorize the instructors etc.



## Countrywide

The courses are offered all over the country. The agricultural authorities at county and community level, and the Forest Owners' Federation with their district representatives, co-operate about organization the local courses. Since the establishment in 1977 more than 140 000 persons have participated.



### Important advantages of the programme:

- Tailormade courses
- Decentralized courses
- To reach many people of the target groups
- Equal standard all over the country
- Local adaptation
- Short targeted courses with different duration (4 – 7,5 – 10 – 15 – 52 hours)
- Flexible
- Guidance in a practical way
- Small groups (5 – 8 participants)
- Authorized instructors
- Books for the participants



Each course consists of limited subjects put together and adjusted to the time available. Approximately 75 % of the forest in Norway is private or family owned. Subjects and digital tools for forestry management are requested.

The instructors/educators are important. In addition to their vocational skills, the Forest Extension Institute heighten their forestry knowledge and pedagogical skills.

## The courses

Basic knowledge about forestry

- An introduction to forestry

Management and economy

- Management of forestry resources on the holdings
- How to use the forest management plan

Reforestation and silviculture

- Reforestation
- Pre-commercial thinning
- Thinning
- Pruning
- Use of pesticides in the forest

Harvesting, forwarding and road maintenance

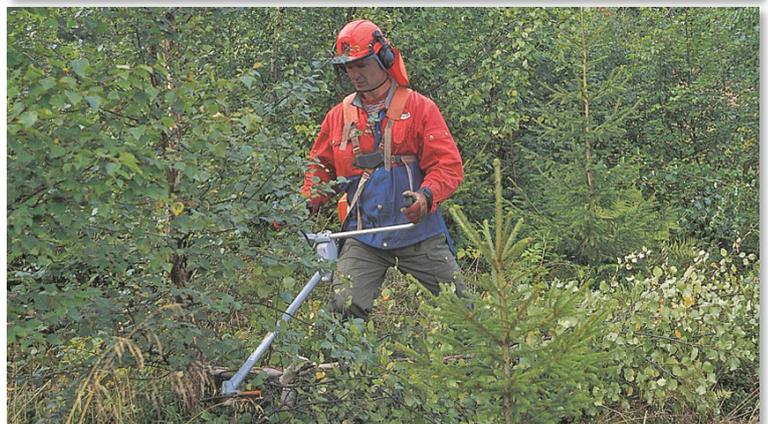
- Safety equipment
- Chainsaw maintenance
- Working and felling technique with chainsaw
- Mechanical logging operations
- Trunk utilization (correct marking and cutting)
- Forest road maintenance

Environment

- Sustainability and multiple use in the forest treatment
- Cultural heritage monuments in the forestry

Others

- Firewood production
- Christmas tree production



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