

**Buy legal and sustainable biomass
to heat your home!**

Biomass originates from a **LEGAL** source if it has been legally harvested, in accordance with the national legislation

Biomass originates from a **SUSTAINABLE** source if it complies with the sustainability criteria

Buy certified biomass only

- **Coming from PEFC and FSC certified forests** (visit <http://info.fsc.org/> or <http://www.pefc.org> to find a certified retailer nearest to you)
- **Verified independently by EU recognized certification schemes** (visit <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/topics/renewable-energy/biofuels/voluntary-schemes>)



Sustainable biomass supply

HOW TO SECURE LEGAL AND SUSTAINABLE BIOMASS SUPPLY FOR HEATING IN THE WESTERN BALKANS?



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58%

of biomass consumed in the Western Balkans came from an unregistered source

Even though biomass is renewable – there are limits to the amount of biomass that can be produced without harming areas under forests or food supply

Major component of unregistered consumption is unregistered (illegal) logging by local communities near forest areas and by private forest owners

**PROTECT FORESTS
AND SAVE THEM
FOR YOUR KIDS!**

Illegal logging is a term that describes forestry practices that do not conform to the laws. Illegal processing and export, the harvesting, logging without permission as well as logging in excess of quota are just some of the many examples of illegalities.

To protect forest against illegal logging, restoring degraded forest areas through natural regeneration must be **undertaken**.

The effects of illegal logging are wide ranging: loss of habitat and biodiversity to erosion and land degradation, desertification and climate change to social disruption and economic impacts. Illegal logging also resolves in erosion and degradation of river basins and water quality.

