



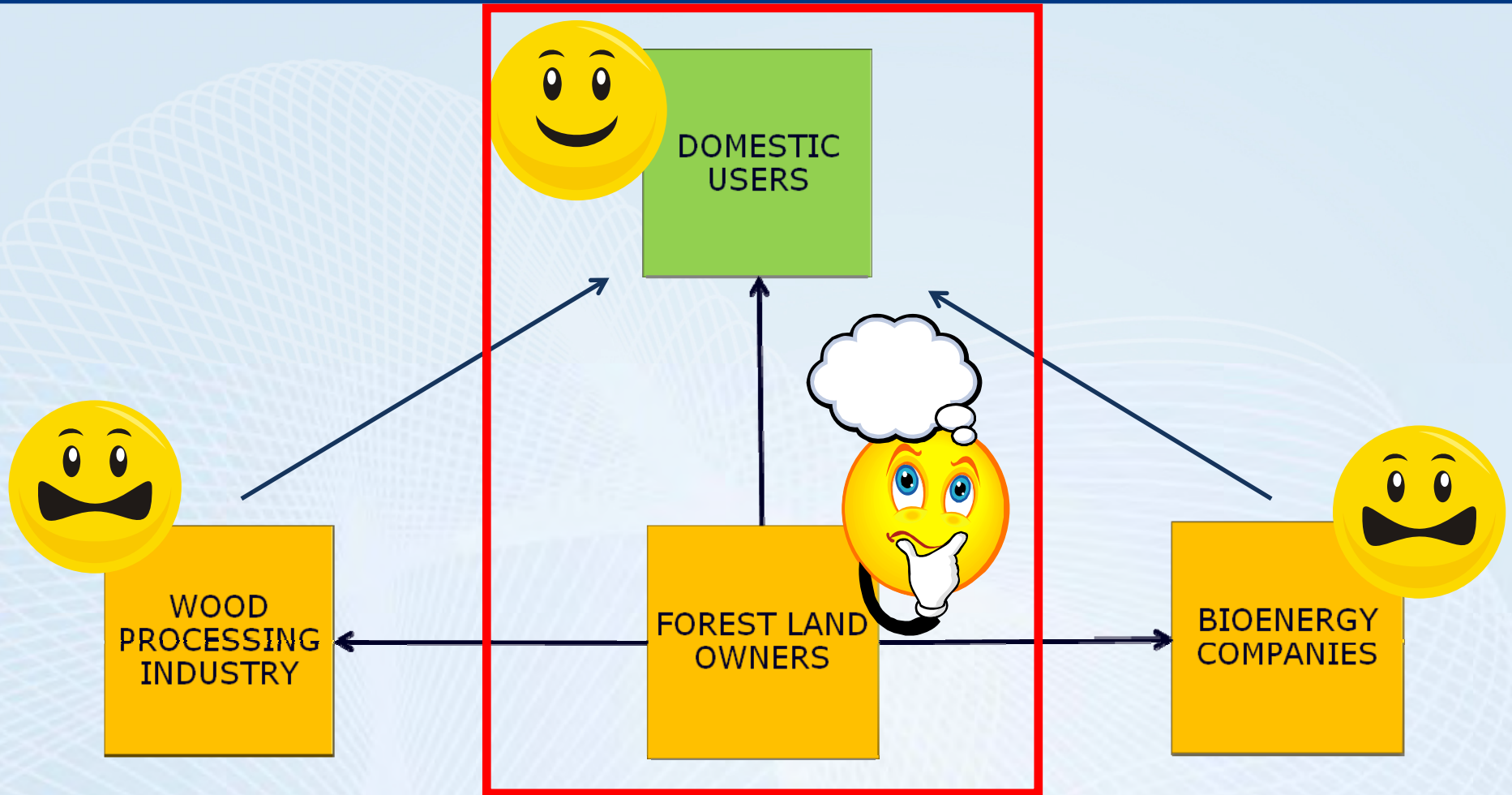
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Availability of forest fuels: regional energy concepts and consumer acceptance

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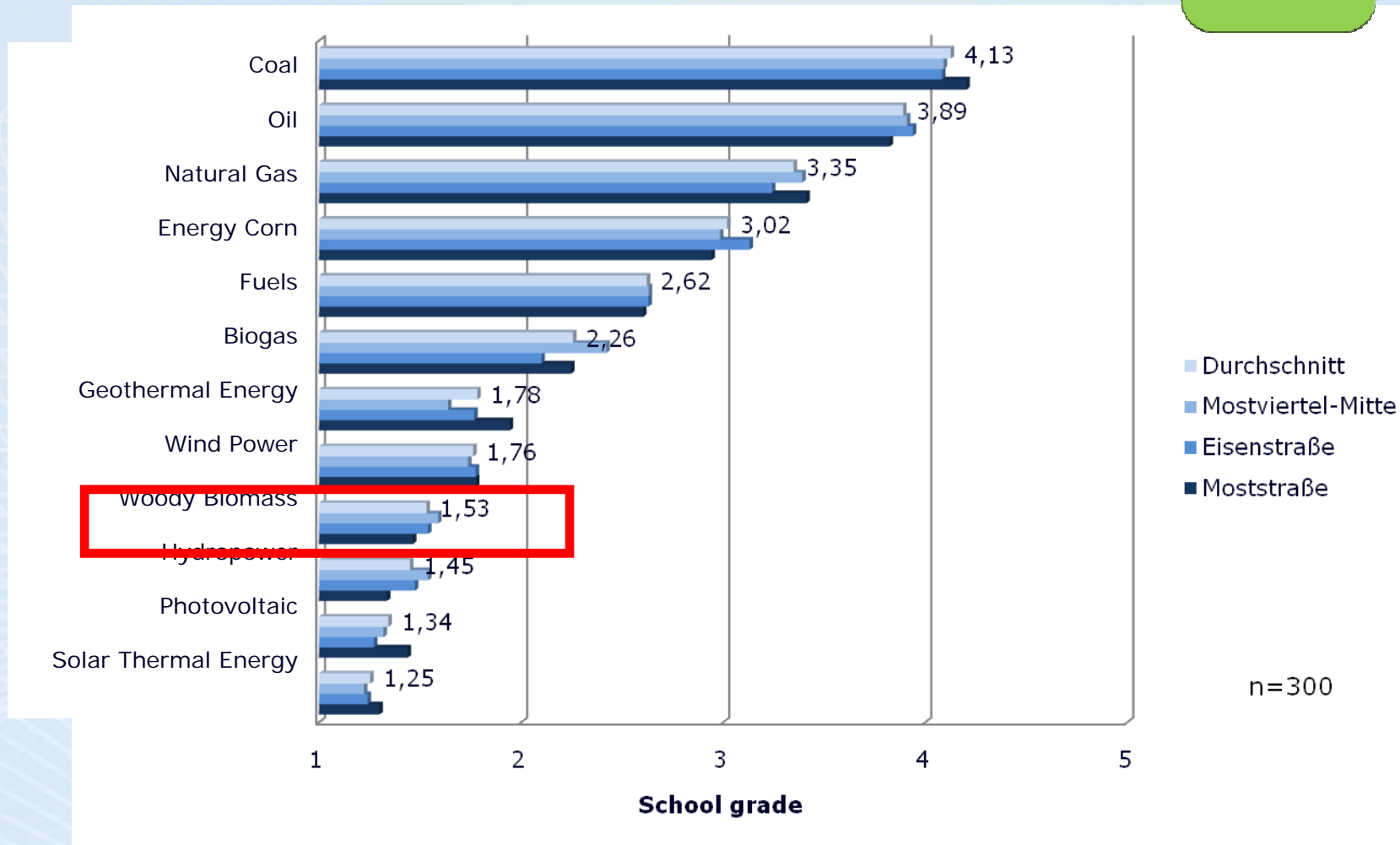
Perceived forest fuel availability



Opinion on energy sources in the "Mostviertel" region (Part of lower Austria)



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Source: [2] Basis: 300 Households, Mostviertel, 2010

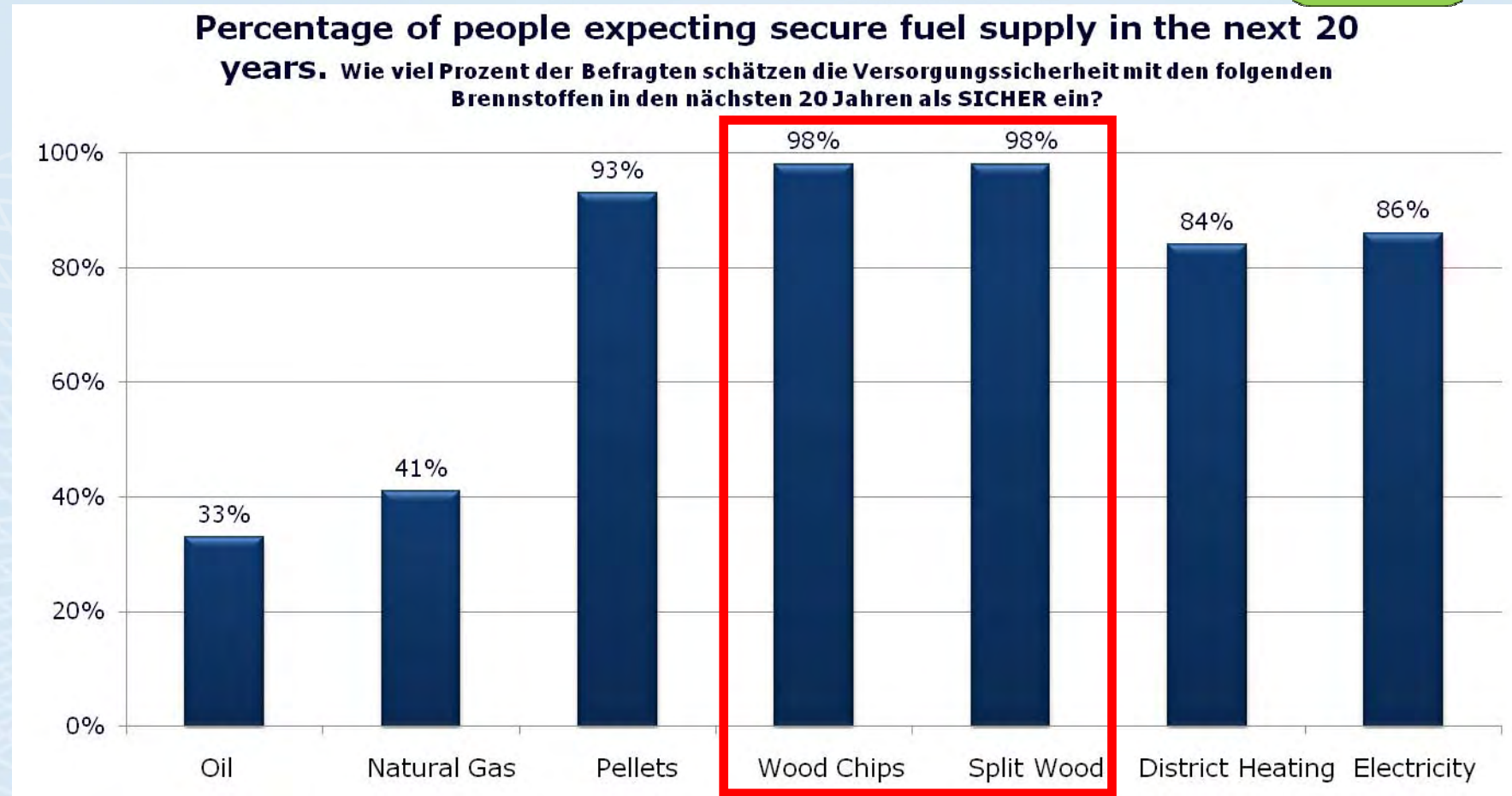
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...the buying public does not expect a shortage in supply of forest fuels any time soon! (Scope: Austria)

„Wood is growing, hence there will always be enough available.“



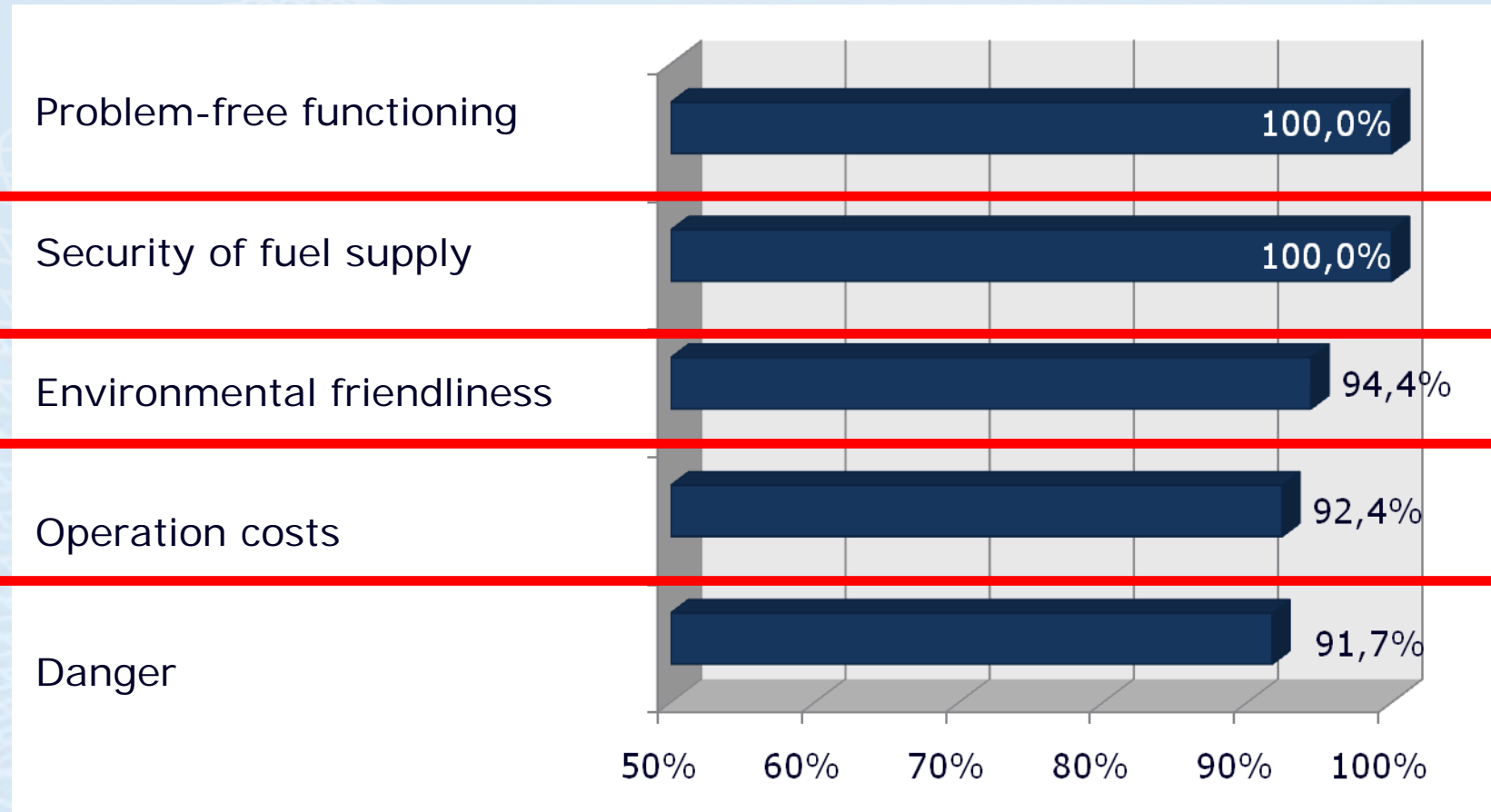
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Critical and very critical decision factors for buying a boiler (Scope: Austria)



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Basis: Personen, die auf ein Heizsystem mit erneuerbaren Energien umgestiegen sind und die das jeweilige Motiv als „sehr wichtig/wichtig“ beurteilen.
Angaben in Prozent

Source: [1]

Forest land owners perspective: Availability of forest fuels – a question of price?

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LAND
OWNERS

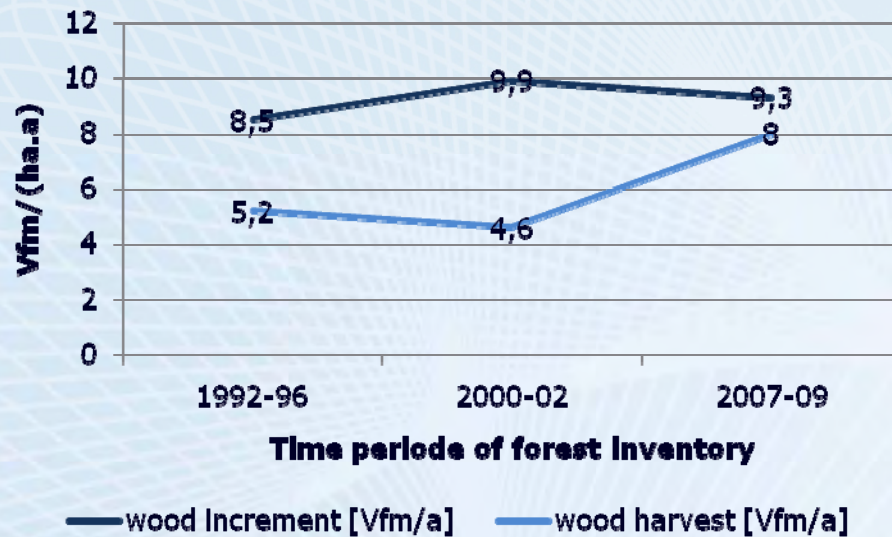


Wood increment and wood harvest in Lower Austria, private forest owners

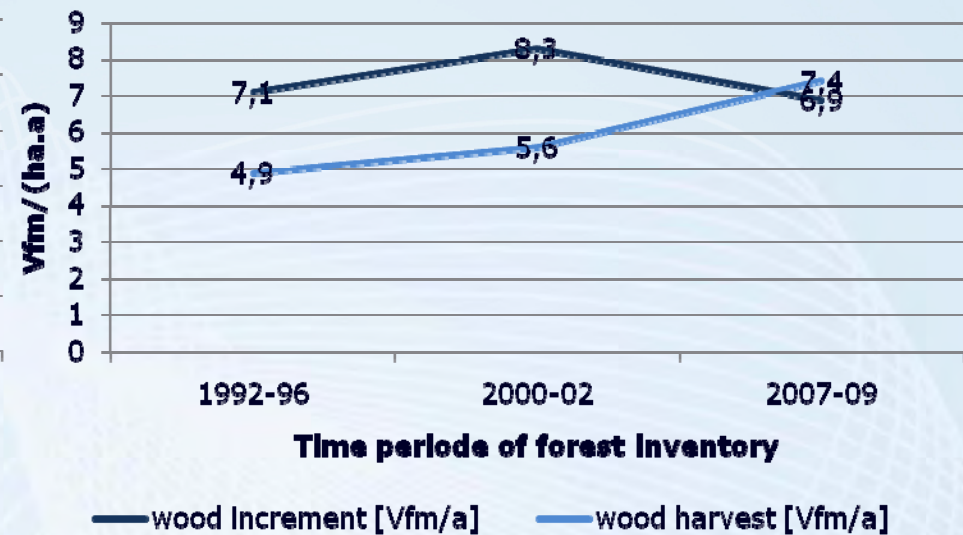


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< 200 ha, timber forest



200 - 1000 ha, timber forest



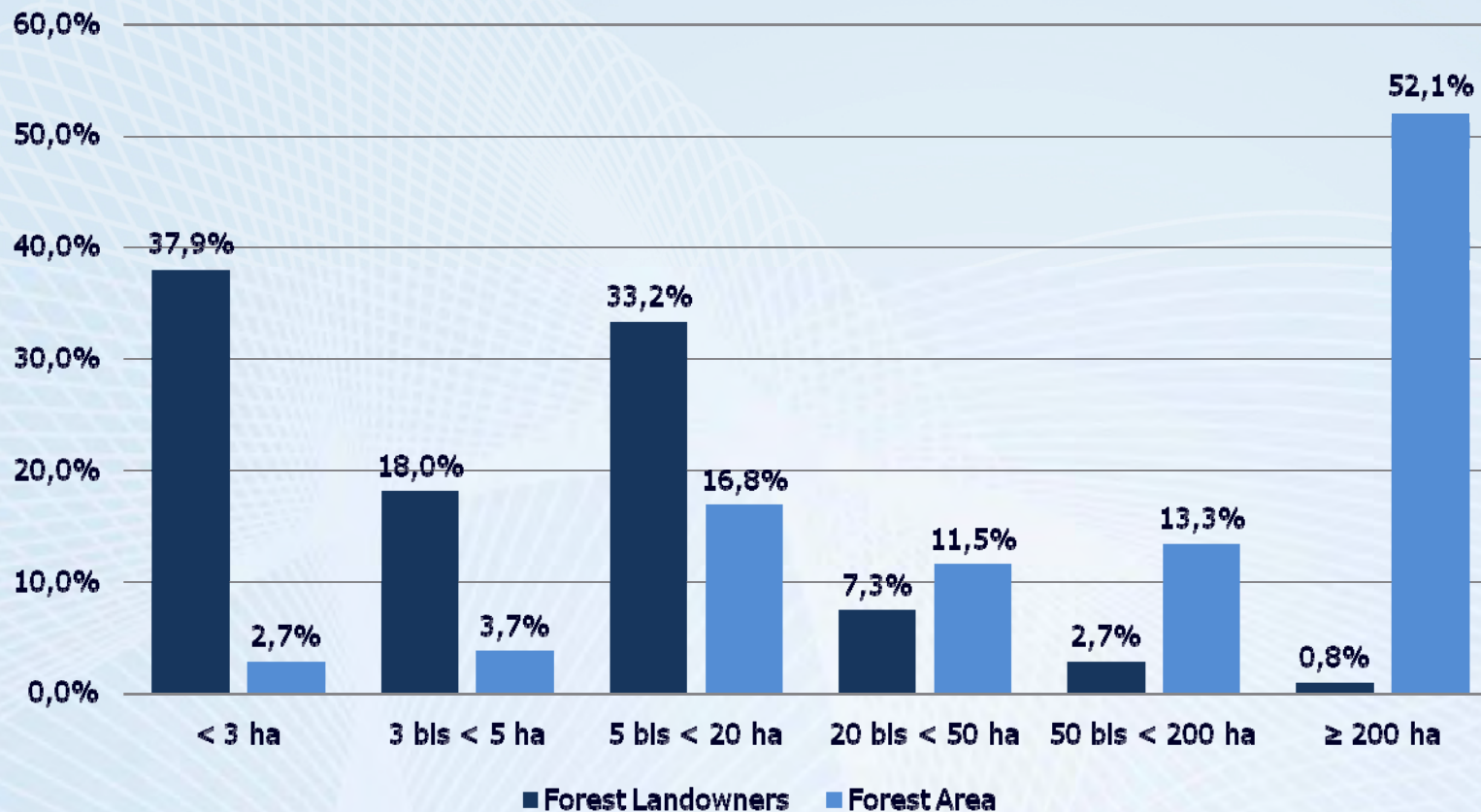
Source: [7]

Forest ownership structure



FOREST
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OWNERS

Relative distribution of forest area in Austria



Reference: Agrarstrukturerhebung 1999

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Sustainable forest management value chain priorities

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1. High grade timber (ecology, outdoor leisure, investment ...)
2. (Hunt)
3. Pulpwood
4. Biomass

Professional forest management increases the share of high grade timber account of pulpwood and biomass!



Picture: Forstbetriebsgemeinschaft Rothenburg

Contribution of regional energy concepts to forest fuel availability


- ▶ Providing independent information on a regional level on forest biomass consumption, supply and the sustainable wood potential to ensure:
 - ▶ sustainable forest management
 - ▶ price stability
 - ▶ customer acceptance of woody bioenergy use
 - ▶ ...

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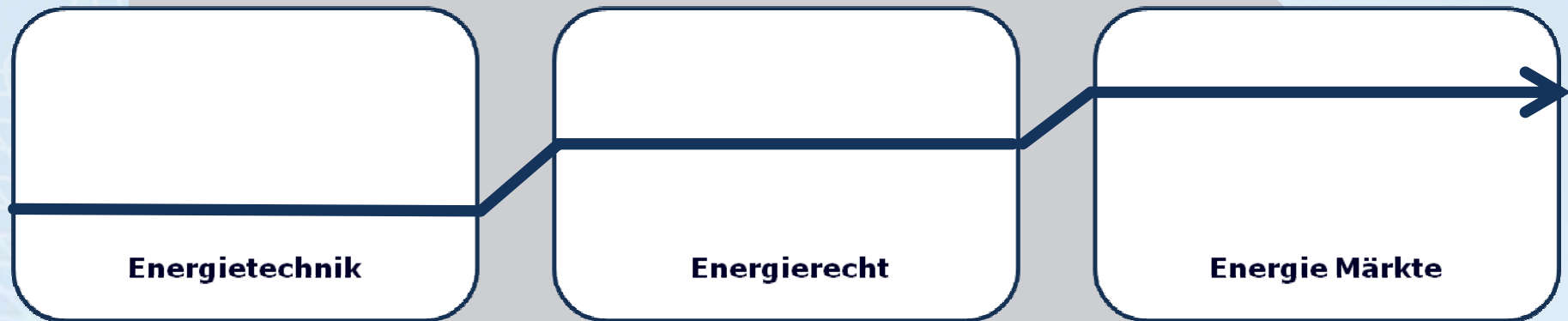


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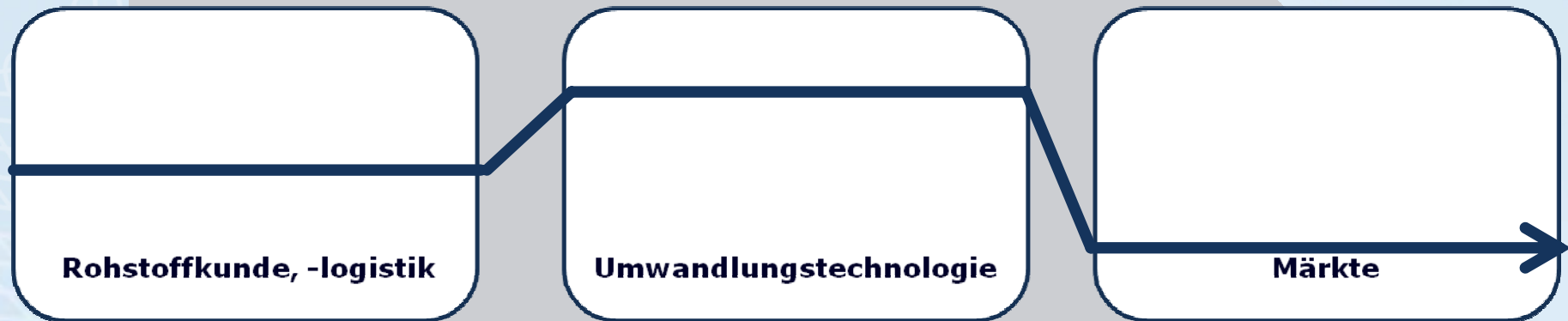
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