

Network for Forestry Alternatives, bringing together different actors in the favour of ecosystem-friendly forest management in France (FR).

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- **Scale of activity:** local, regional, EU, international
- **Actor/s:** citizens, stakeholders, inhabitants, forest owners
- **State of the activity:** started in 2008, ongoing
- **Keywords:** forestry management, ecosystem friendly methods, multi actors approach, charter



Summary

The Network for Forest Alternatives (RAF) was created in 2008 to bring together people trying to develop more intelligent and ecosystem-friendly methods of forest management as an alternative to the increasingly production-oriented short term methods (clear cuts, monocultures etc.).

Description of activities

Values. A charter sets out all our values: respect the living ecosystem, dialog and responsibility, lightweight timber harvesting techniques, forest management closer to nature, local circuits, wood processing

Aims. It supports development and promotes the emergence of new projects:

- Pooling and transmitting knowledge and experiences through collective action;
- Facilitating dialogue between professionals and other forest partners through a transparent debate taking into consideration the diversity of views and knowledge.

Activities. We organize: annual meetings about forestry alternatives/ visits to forestry alternatives/ logging operations/ trainings on nature-centric forest management principles/ evening debates on forest management and wood harvesting.

Outlook

Challenges. That forestry alternatives become more and more known and recognized. To raise awareness among civil society and professionals that forests are currently managed as an industry and a mine production rather than a living and complex ecosystem.

Next steps. To edit a book in order to help people who want to buy, manage and work in forests in the spirit of the RAF charter.

Source and contact

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