

Press release

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The education of adults through children and forest continuity – principles that are implemented through dialogue and cooperation initiated by National Park Calimani and Holzindustrie Schweighofer

„We celebrate the month of forest together with the interested parties in the administration of National Park Calimani: OS Vatra Dornei, Holzindustrie Schweighofer, Inspectorate for Emergencies Situations, County Inspectorate of Police and Vatra Dornei Youth Association”, these were the first words uttered very warmly by Eng. Basarab Bârlădeanu - director of National Park Calimani. With this started the reforestation of a forestry plot from the administration of Șarul Dornei.

Holzindustrie Schweighofer has actively participated in reforestation actions organized during the spring. Thus, at the beginning of the month, forest engineers from the saw mill Radauti joined the specialists from National Park Calimani and those from OS Vatra Dornei for a praiseworthy reforestation activity.

„Through this activity the company proves, once again, that is putting efforts in order to protect and develop natural habitats, it is close to those who are managing the protected areas, being fully aware of the importance of biodiversity’s conservation. Moreover, Holzindustrie Schweighofer is the only company from Romania that voluntarily committed not to purchase wood harvested from national parks, even though this is legal” – declared Eng. Vasile Varvaroi, purchase manager at Holzindustrie Schweighofer.

In addition to this event, the representatives of company have recently taken part in other reforestation actions carried out in the counties where the company is represented by its other production facilities, such as Bacau, Alba and Covasna, but also in Harghita County.

The basis of Holzindustrie Schweighofer is a sustainable business model and this is why its implication in promoting the sustainable forest management in Romania comes as a natural and normal thing.

Another principle under which this action of reforestation was carried out was very nicely and sentimentally expressed by Eng. Bârlădeanu: *„This action aims to educate the adults through children. Through young people who will plant into the souls of their families everything what means the silence and the beauty of forest”.* Thus, the volunteers of Vatra Dornei Youth Association were actively involved into planting the future forest.

Surprised by the dedication with which these youngsters participated into reforestation, Eng. Vasile Varvaroi stated: *“I am happy that I had the privilege of drawing together with these wonderful adolescents the future of forest from the Basin of Dorna. I remember in my mind those smiling faces and the satisfaction of a great accomplished thing – the continuity of forests. And even greater was the*

feeling from the end of the activity when the youth volunteers delighter us with their anthem: “Since 3 years with valiance, with diligence we help, because we are good and soulful, yours Vatra Dornei Youths.”

Also, recently, the company announced that will take measures in order to protect the primary and old growth forests from Romania. This, the 14.666 ha of forest owned in Romania by Schweighofer Group will be re-evaluated with the help of renowned specialists. These forests shall be re-evaluated and all identified natural treasures shall be placed under long-term natural protection.

The reforestation activity is in line with the action plan implemented by Holzindustrie Schweighofer for a sustainable forest management in Romania.