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THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES DURING THE COVID CRISIS FOR SLOVENIA FORESTRY SERVICE

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BEFORE COVID-19

Research among forestry owners and users of wooden biomass

More quality informations- financial benefits, efficient use

Counseling was offered – fairs, conferences, work safety course

Presentation of Action plan



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Action 1:

Improve the conditions for a more active role of forestry experts

Action 2:

Increase the interest of forest owners

Action 3:

Improve cooperation and coordination between decision-makers



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INCREASE THE INTEREST OF FOREST OWNERS

Rural development program (ERDF)

967 consultancies – pooling of forest owners, management of low quality forests



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IMPROVE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN DECISION MAKERS

- Climate change- unpredictable interval, big amount of low income wood

Strategy for smart use of biomass for energy purposes

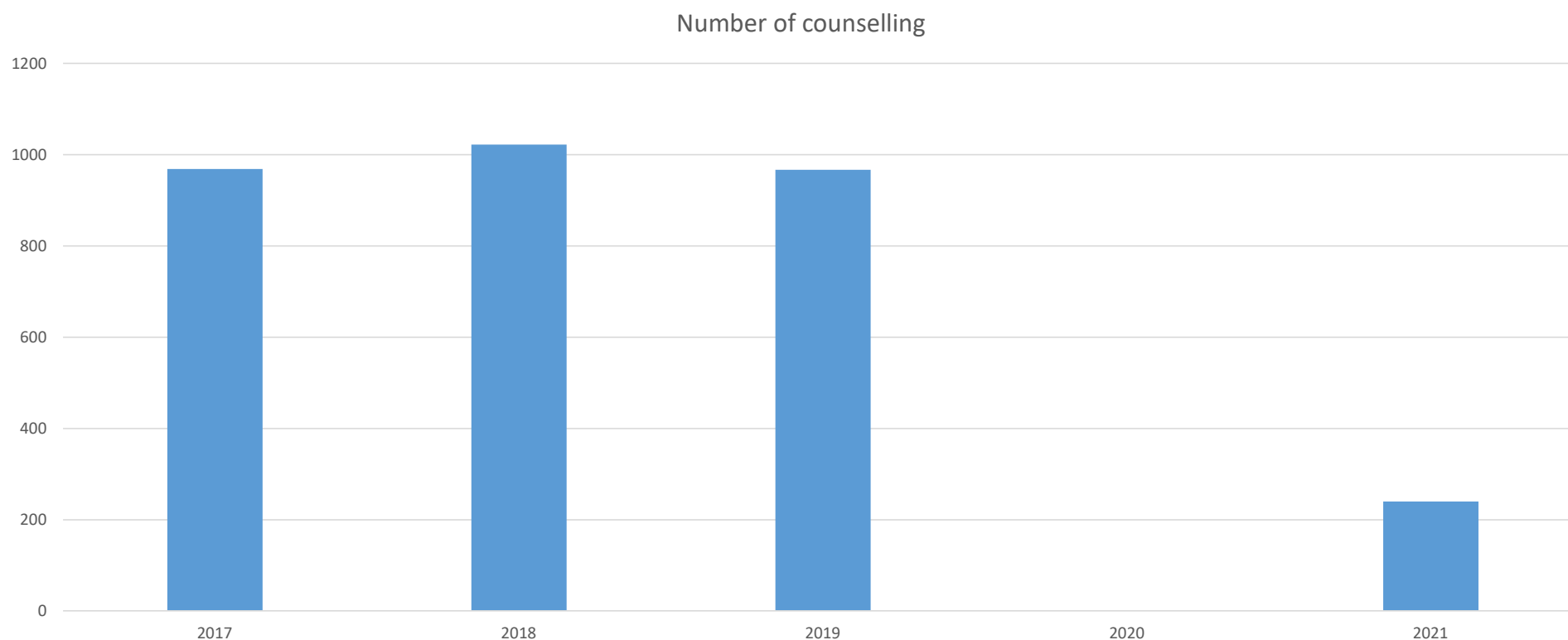
1. Interdepartamental group (Ministeries, Forest Institute and SFS)-collaboration
2. Prevent the use of quality wood for heating purposes
3. Improvment of air quality



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THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES AFTER-COVID-19

- Problems with the communication between forest owners and forestry experts
- Big fluctuations of the prices of biomass energy sources
- Qualification of the forest owners for working in the forest
- No real counselling on smart use of wooden biomass
- Questionable quality of wood used for heating purposes in households

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PRIVATE FORESTS DURING PANDEMICS

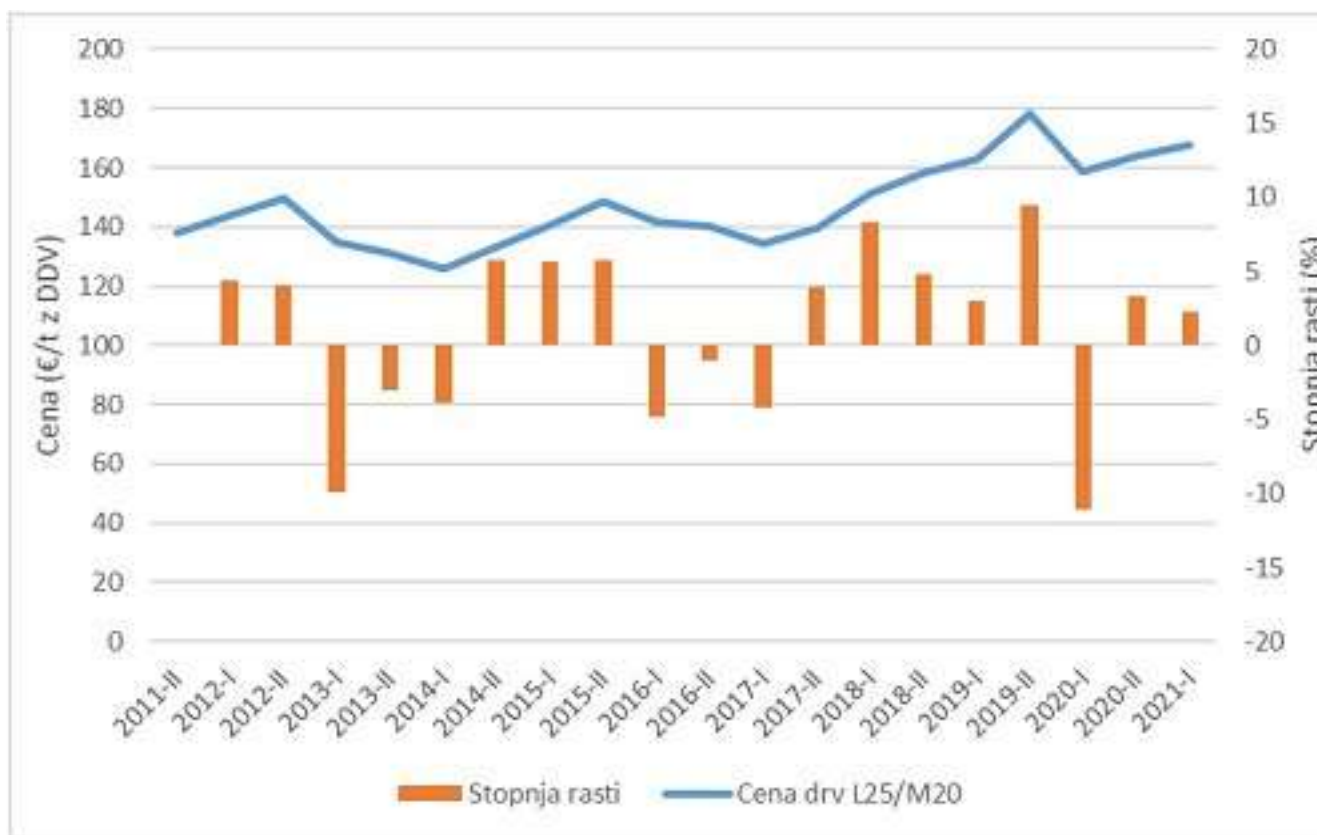
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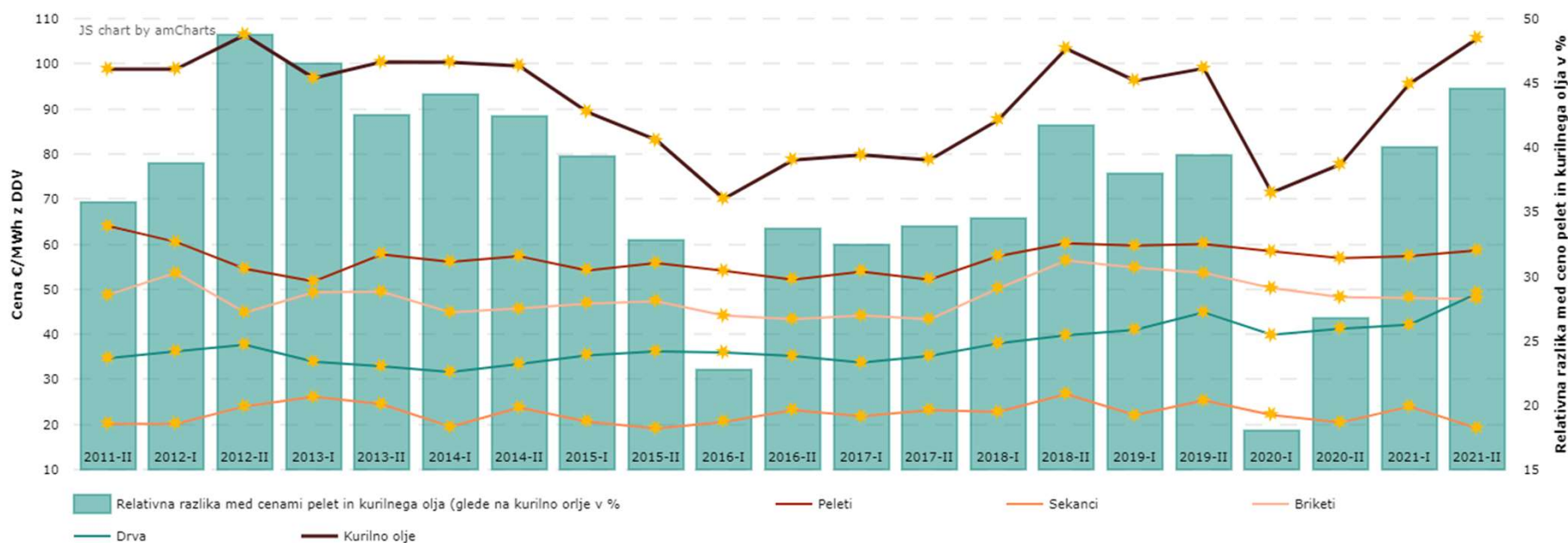
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CHANGES IN WOOD ENERGY SECTOR

- March 2020 one of the largest buyers of lower quality wood has stopped with purchase of lower quality wood
- two Slovenian wooden industries continued throughout the epidemic with the purchase of wood and production (one without interference, the other with slightly reduced operation in relation to the available capacity)
- The prices of wood got very high after 2020

PRICES OF WOOD FUELS ON THE SLOVENIAN MARKET (IN €/MWH) IN COMPARISON WITH THE PRICE OF FUEL OIL



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THE SOLUTIONS

- Development of tools that will help us with counselling (on-line, easy to use,...)
- Through projects for the digitalisation of forestry- preparation of interactive silviculture plan (Slovenian financial scheme EIP, e-GOZD and DIGIGOZD project)



- Collaboration with other institutions that will help us develop such tools (SFI, ARCTUR,...)
- Organisation of workshops and Local stakeholders meetings within BIO4ECO Project