

How then are they going to do their rebuilding, construction of new housing and public amenities? It won't be with the help of management or material aid from above. But as they say, every cloud has a silver lining. It is precisely this kind of behaviour on the part of the administration that is pushing the collectives of the enterprises to make the transition to progressive forms of management. Now and then, it necessitates overcoming the resistance of their "patrons".

This is exactly what happened to the collective of the "Zakarpates" (Carpathian) Association, after deciding to cease being subordinate to the Ukrainian Ministry of the Timber Industry and establish an association of lessees based on its own 23 enterprises. To quote the Chief Engineer of the Association, the Ministry was the stumbling block. In point of fact, their equipment for processing beech dates from the pre-war era. They signed an agreement with the Yugoslavian firm "Bratsvo" to supply new equipment in exchange for 5,000 cubic metres of wood particle board. But the Ministry vetoed it. They wanted to assemble an automated mill for the processing of building timber (the Austrians had agreed to help), but again the Ministry "nixed" it. The question is still unresolved and the subject of heated debates in the sector headquarters for the Republic. However, the Law on State Enterprises is on the side of the Carpathians, even though the Minister considers their decision illegal.

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