Country support by UNECE/FAO

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FAO Regional Office for Europe

FAO Sub-regional Office for Central Asia*

FAO Headquarter

*Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
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Regular Programme

Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)

Funding: max. USD 500 000
no co-funding requirement but in-kind contribution

Duration: 2 years (no-cost extension possible)

Entry point: Decentralised FAO offices
Countries to decide on priorities – after internal consultation (agriculture, fisheries, forestry, nutrition, etc.)

UNECE/FAO support for forestry and timber related matters

Limited resources for country projects (only 1-2 FAO funded technical cooperation projects per biennium)

National and regional projects coordinated by regional/sub-regional offices
➤ Trust fund financed projects – either unilateral trust fund (UTF) or third party financed project (GCP)

➤ Government request with no funding/time limitation

➤ FAO / ECE to manage funds
- FAO is an implementing agency for the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

- Countries to decide on priorities.

- GEF focal point located within/under the Ministry of Environment (namely issues related to Climate Change, Soil Erosion)

- Bigger scale projects (> 1 M $US)
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Example of regional project on “Using wood energy to improve sustainable economic rural development and meet the 2020 renewable energy targets for the Western Balkan”:

- **Official government request** (from responsible Ministries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
- **Minimum information sheet** (filled by national authorities and submitted with together with official government request)
- **FAO checking eligibility:**
  - TCP – criteria
  - Country priorities (Country Programming Framework CPF)
Concept Note (prepared by FAO together with country) proposed strategy and activities to tackle the identified objective.

Project formulation (FAO assisted by consultant in collaboration with country counterpart)

- **Outcome** (Impact beyond project lifetime)
  - Review of legal framework based on project outputs
- **Outputs** (Results within the project lifetime)
  - Database providing integrating sound information on supply and demand - including module for mobilisation scenarios

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Activities (means to achieve the results)
- Sound information on wood energy demand through household survey and commercial user assessment

Preliminary budget
- No NPC-costs, no office costs (e.g. rent, equipment, electricity, etc.)
- No other equipment (car, computer, etc.)

ToR’s (For all experts (including FAO staff).
- 3 FAO (LTO, LTU, LEG)
- 2 International consultants (GIS and Bioenergy)
- 5 + National consultants (household survey, forest industries survey, inventory specialist, statistical expert,...)
Internal and external approval
  - Peer review with FAO
  - Endorsement by participating country

Nomination of national project coordinator

Implementation / Results
  - Project revisions to be approved by FAO
  - Financial management by FAO
  - Documents, reports and results
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Basic facts:
Duration 3 years (2008 – 2011)
$US 300 000
Using recent inventory data
Household surveys (sample: 37 000)
Assessment of different wood energy using industries (charcoal producer, butchers, restaurants, sawmills, etc.)
SERBIA

Wood energy for sustainable rural development
(01 Dec 2008 - 30 Nov 2011)
To enhance the capabilities of the Directorate of Forests (DF), Ministry of Agricultural, Forestry and Water Management, for the formulation, evaluation and development of sound bioenergy strategies, programmes and projects compatible with the sustainable management of the forestry, energy and agricultural sectors.

Forest infrastructure planning and construction
(01 Jan 2013 - 31 Dec 2014)
Competence of forest professionals in the field of forest access planning and road construction by providing them with country specific best management practices to assure the construction of forest roads which meet the technical needs and, in addition, are ecologically sound, economically feasible and socially acceptable, significantly improved.
Integrated supply-demand

LEGEND

bal_mp
kg/ha

- less than -1,000
- -999 - -500
- -499 - 0
- 0 - 499
- 500 - 999
- more than 1,000

State border
Administrative regions (okruzi)

Rok Pasek B.Sc.
FAO, October 2011
Wood energy is 5 times higher than reported in energy/forestry statistics

Wood energy substitutes imports of fossil fuels worth 1.3 billion € (light heating oil) or 650 million € (natural gas)

About 6000 jobs mainly in rural areas (production and distribution)

90.6% of wood fuel come from direct sources
- 58.2% forests
- 32.4% outside forests

9.4% from wood processing co-products.
Using wood energy to improve sustainable economic rural development and meet the 2020 renewable energy targets for the Western Balkans (upcoming)

The main objective of the project is FAO support to the Government institutions in the selected countries for overcoming the existing gaps referring to the lack of relevant data and information on potentials, consumption and contribution of woody biomass to reaching national targets for the participation of renewable energy sources in total final consumption by 2020. To that effect, the project will assist in strengthening professional capacities of the staff in the Ministries of Agriculture and Forestry in the selected countries as well as their counterparts in other Ministries (primarily for energy) and counterparts from national statistic.

change mitigation.
Support to Implementation of the Forest Policy and Strategy in Kosovo (ongoing)

The overall objective of the intervention is to increase the contribution of the forest sector to the national economy through sustainable use of forest resources, taking into account the multipurpose forestry including the economic, social and environmental benefits as well as its contribution to climate change mitigation.
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