Overview of recent activities of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia

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Organizational Structure

Office of the Director-General

Regional Structure
- Liaison Offices
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  - Brussels
  - Geneva
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  - Europe and Central Asia
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- Subregional Offices
  - Central Asia
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Technical Structure
- Agriculture and Consumer Protection
- Economic and Social Development
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Forestry
- Natural Resources Management and Environment
- Technical Cooperation
Decentralized FAO offices

Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU)
Budapest, Hungary (est. 2007)
[Subregional Office for Central and Eastern Europe, SEU, 1996 - 2012]

Subregional Office for Central Asia (SEC)
Ankara, Turkey (est. 2007)

Liaison Offices
Brussels, Belgium / Geneva, Switzerland

Country Representations
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkey
## Intergovernmental bodies

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### Forestry in the Region

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<td>38%</td>
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<td>6%</td>
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Data source: GFRA, 2010
Challenges & opportunities

**REU Europe**
- Ensure sustainable wood mobilization
- Maintain active management of forest

**REU Central Asia**
- Strengthen roles of forests and trees to:
  - combat desertification
  - restore and sustainably manage mountain watersheds
  - conserve riparian (tugai) forests
FAO Strategic objectives

- Eradicate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition
- Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner
- Reduce rural poverty
- Enable more inclusive and efficient food and agricultural systems at local, national and international levels
- Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises

Cross-cutting themes – Gender / Governance
Technical assistance to countries

Regular Programme

• Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)
• National and Regional Programmes for Food Security

Extra-budgetary programme

• Government Cooperative Programme (GCP)
• Unilateral Trust Fund (UTF)

Entry point: Decentralised FAO offices
Selected activities in 2012-2013

CPF (Country Programming Framework)

GCP projects
Forest Policy and Strategy in Kosovo
Woodfuel Supply and Demand Mapping in Montenegro
Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and Caucasus

TCP projects
Afforestation / Reforestation (Armenia)
Forest infrastructure planning and construction (Serbia)
National Forest Program development (Azerbaijan)
Management of Chestnut Blight (Turkey)
Selected events in 2012-2013

Subregional events
- Supporting Non-state Forestry in SEE (TFYR Macedonia, 2012)
- EFI/FAO on C&I for sustainable forest management (Croatia, 2013)
- FAO/EPPO on Phytosanitary Standards in Forestry (Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2013)
- Managing Forest Genetic Resources (Tajikistan, 2013)

Regional events
- Preparing the forest sector in Eastern Europe and Central Asia to meet global challenges (Kyrgyzstan, 2012)
- Impacts of Climate Change on Forest Management (Turkey, 2013)
Cross-sector approaches

FAO assistance through GEF 5

- Sustainable Land Management and Climate Friendly Agriculture in Konya Closed Basin, Turkey (GEF-5; 6,4 Million USD)

- Sustainable management of mountainous forest and land resources under climate change conditions in Kyrgyzstan (GEF-5, 6.1 Million USD)
Building partnerships
Further information

• Ongoing activities in REU
  

• Employment opportunities
  
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