Forestry activities of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia

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FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) matters (item 4b)
Organizational structure of FAO

Office of the Director-General

Regional Structure

Liaison Offices
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- Brussels
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Regional Offices
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- Budapest - Europe and Central Asia
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Subregional Offices
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Technical Structure

- Agriculture and Consumer Protection
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Forestry
- Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water
- Economic and Social Development
- Technical Cooperation
Governing & Statutory Bodies

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- Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)
Strategic Objectives

Cross-cutting themes:
Gender, Governance, Nutrition
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Regional Statutory Bodies – Article VI:
- European Commission on Agriculture (ECA)
- European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC)
- European Forestry Commission (EFC)

Regional Statutory Bodies – Article XIV:
- European Commission on FMD (EuFMD)
- Central Asia & Caucasus Fisheries (CACFish)
- Mediterranean Fisheries Commission (GFCM)
31st ERC – Agenda preparation

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Regional Conference for Europe (ERC) – 2016

Priorities

1. Smallholder development;
2. Policy work and value-chain development in support of enhanced trade of agricultural products and WTO integration;
3. Natural resource management and climate change; and
4. Food security.

Overarching goal: working to increase the wellbeing and livelihoods of rural populations.
Regional Initiatives in Europe and Central Asia

- **R1 - Empowering Smallholders and Family Farms**
  - increased participation of farmers and rural communities in national development;
  - enhanced sustainable and inclusive growth of rural economies, and
  - improved sustainable management of natural resources and resilience against harsh climates.

- **R2 - Agrifood Trade and Regional Integration**
  - increase the capacity of national institutions to engage in the implementation of regional agreements that enhance participation in international agrifood trade,
  - maximise the benefit of trade policies through appropriate accompanying measures and improved public services.

- **R3 - Sustainable Natural Resource Management under a changing climate**
  - Improved policy alignment, coordination and cooperation for sustainable use of natural resources, CC and DRR
  - Effective provision/collection of data, tools and services for effective decision making on addressing natural resource management, CC and DRR
  - Capacity development for sustainable natural resource management and climate change adaptation and mitigation and disaster risk reduction
Country Programming Frameworks (CPF)

- define the agreed thematic areas and activities for cooperation between FAO and the Government.

The Country Work Plans (CWP)

- operationalize the agreed outcomes, in the medium term, as stated in the CPF and UNDAF.

The new approach to country programming requires that the CPF and CWP be adopted for all countries receiving FAO support, regardless of whether there is an FAO country representation.
Europe and Central Asia Region (REU)

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Challenges for Forestry in the region

**REU**
- Ensure sustainable wood mobilization
- Maintain active management of forest
- Land-tenure and forest ownership issues
- Climate change impacts on forests and land resources

**SEC**
- Forest governance (policy, legal and institutional structures)
- Forest/tree resources assessment and monitoring system
- Land-tenure security and forest ownership
- Deforestation and degradation of forests (fuelwood, grazing)
- Restoration and sustainable management of mountain watersheds and riparian forests (tugai)
- Climate change impact on forests and land resources
FAO technical assistance to countries

Regular Programme
• Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)

Extra- budgetary programme
• Government Cooperative Programme (GCP)
• Unilateral Trust Fund (UTF)
• Special Fund for Emergency and Rehabilitation (SFERA)

Entry point: Decentralised FAO offices
Technical assistance for using wood energy to improve sustainable economic rural development and meet the 2020 renewable energy targets for the Western Balkans (TCP/RER/3502)

- USD 475,000
- Jan 2015 – Nov 2017

Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYR Macedonia)

Outcome: Informed and evidence-based decision-making on wood energy and forestry-related issues.

**Components/outputs**

1. Technical report on current woodfuel consumption
2. Technical report on current woodfuel supply sources
3. Geographic Information System (GIS) database created, with a module for wood supply, demand and integration (WISDOM)
4. Report on the current wood energy situation (incl. recommendations for policy-makers)
Capacity building for sustainable wildlife management (TCP/GEO/3603)

- USD 485,000
- Nov 2016 – Oct 2018

Outcome: Informed and evidence-based decision-making on wildlife related issues, using a landscape approach and focusing on livelihoods

Components/outputs

1. Report on management of wildlife resources in Georgia.
2. National capacities for implementing wildlife resources assessment, management and monitoring strengthened
3. Capacity of rural population in wildlife resources monitoring and sustainable use strengthened
Capacity building for a sustainable game management system
(TCP/SRB/_643840)

- USD 300,000
- Jan 2018 – Dec 2019

Outcome: Informed and evidence-based decision-making on game related issues, using a landscape approach and focusing on livelihoods.

Components/outputs
1. Report on management of game resources in Serbia
2. National capacities for implementing a sustainable game, hunting and trade management and monitoring system strengthened
3. Improved habitat assessment system for sustainable hunting
TCPF Assistance in Green Climate Fund (TCP/ARM/645400)

- USD 29,000
- Jun 2017 – May 2018

The objective of this TCPF is to assist in development of the proposal for the Green Climate Fund in Armenia.

TCPF Assessment of the methodology for implementation of the forest inventory (TCP/MCD/646819)

- Tentative budget: USD 50,000
- Nov 2017 – May 2018

The objective of this TCPF is to develop a proposal for a national forest inventory for FYR Macedonia.
Support to Implementation of the Forest Policy and Strategy in Kosovo (GCP/KOS/005/FIN)

- EUR 4,000,000
- Phase I Mar 2011 + Phase II Jan 2015 – Dec 2017

- Complementary support to Implementation of the Forest Policy and Strategy in Kosovo (UTF/KOS/006/KOS)
  - USD 218,000
  - Apr 2016 – Dec 2017

Outcome: Increase the contribution of the forest sector through sustainable use of forest resources.

Components/outputs
1. Institutional support for the implementation of forest policy and strategy
2. Integrated forest management and practices
3. Forest sector and climate change
Contribution of Sustainable Forest Management to a Low Emission and Resilient Development (GCP/SRB/002/GFF)

- USD 3,585,750
- Jan 2018 - Dec 2021

Outcome: Contribute to the conservation of biodiversity and climate change mitigation through the promotion of multifunctional sustainable forest management in productive forest landscapes.

Components/outputs

1. Enabling environment for multifunctional sustainable forest management (IFIS, NFI, carbon monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) system)

2. Multifunctional forest management (Regional forest development plans; best management practices in different forest types)

3. Monitoring, Evaluation and dissemination of lessons learned
Integrated Natural Resources Management in Degraded Landscapes in the Forest-Steppe and Steppe Zones of Ukraine (GCP/UKR/004/GFF)

- USD 1,776,484
- Nov 2017 - Oct 2020

Outcome: Promote restoration of degraded landscapes in the forest-steppe and steppe zones of Ukraine through upscaling of integrated natural resources management practices.

Components/outputs

1. Enabling environment for Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM)
2. Restoration of productivity and resilience of production landscapes
3. Monitoring, evaluation and adaptive management
Contribution to the Technical and Policy support to the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine (MAPF) for the implementation of the Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development 2016-2020 (GCP/UKR/001/NOR)

- forestry component: USD 80,000
- Jan 2018 - Dec 2021

Objective: Support for creating an automated system for issuing certificates of origin of round- and sawn wood (COW).

**Components/outputs**

1. Elaborate technical specification of ICT solution and perform programming of ICT solution for the management of the certificates
2. Test extended timber tracking system, evaluate and discuss test results with potential users
3. Organise awareness raising events (trainings) for potential users and other stakeholders
FAO project assistance – extra-budgetary

Forest resilience of Armenia, enhancing adaptation via mitigation (development of GCF project)

- Project Size: Small (10<x<50 USD Million)
- Tentative: Jan 2019 - Dec 2027

Outcome: By 2026 Carbon sinking potential of the Country is increased by at least 10% and forest cover is increased and rehabilitated by 9% of total national forest cover.

Components/outputs
1. Climate resilience (re/afforestation and agroforestry investments)
2. Drivers of forest degradation (fuel wood, pastures, livestock)
3. Local governance (management, control, protection and carbon crediting) of forest ecosystems and associated value chains is strengthened
Transforming landscape management in Georgia (development of GCF project)

- Project Size: Small (10<x<50 USD Million)
- Tentative: Jan 2019 - Dec 2026

Outcome: By 2026 Carbon Sinking Potential is increased by at least 2 % and forest cover is increased by at least 4% in two selected Regions.

Components/outputs

1. Climate resilience (re/afforestation, pasture management and agroforestry investments)

2. Drivers of forest degradation (fuel wood, pastures, livestock)

3. Local governance (management, control, protection and carbon crediting) of forest ecosystems and associated value chains is strengthened
FAO normative work in the region

- Regional workshops / expert meetings / technical trainings
  - **Forest Invasive Species in Europe and Central Asia**
    Minsk, Belarus (6-7 September 2016)
  - **Opportunities for forest smallholders in Balkan countries for participating in timber markets**
    Tirana, Albania (16-17 May 2017)
  - **Invasive insects (training – Bark and ambrosia beetles)**
    Budapest, Hungary (17 October 2017)
  - **Inaugural network meeting of the Forest Invasive Species Network for Europe and Central Asia (REUFIS)**
    Budapest, Hungary (18-19 October 2017)
  - **Regional WISDOM event** (complementing TCP/RER/3502)
    Bosnia and Herzegovina (November 2017)
FAO normative work in the region

- **Glossary of forestry terms** (English/Russian at http://roslesinforg.ru/glossary/)
- Establishment and tending forest plantations (booklet and poster)
- Working safely with a chain saw (booklet and poster)
- Guide for planning, construction and maintenance of forest roads
- Gender, rural livelihoods and forestry – Assessment of gender issues in Kosovo’s forestry