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

FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) matters - item 5(b)
Organizational structure of FAO

Office of the Director-General

Regional Structure

- Liaison Offices
- Brussels
- Geneva
- ...

- Regional Offices
- ...
- Budapest - Europe and Central Asia
- ...

- Subregional Offices
- Ankara - Central Asia
- ...

Technical Structure

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

**Conference**

**Council**

**Committee on World Food Security (CFS)**

**Regional Conference for Europe (ERC)**

**Council Committees:**
- Programme Committee (PC)
- Finance Committee (FC)
- Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM)

**Technical Committees:**
- Committee on Agriculture (COAG)
- Committee on Fisheries (COFI)
- Committee on Forestry (COFO)
- Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)

**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)
Strategic Objectives

Cross-cutting themes:
Gender, Governance, Nutrition

FAO’s Strategic Framework and Medium-Term Plan 2018-2021 in line with the 2030 Agenda
Sustainable Development Goals
and FAO Strategic Programmes

FAO’s five Strategic Programmes
- contribute to 40 SDG targets measured by 52 SDG indicators
Regional Conference for Europe (ERC) – 2018

Priorities
1. Formulating effective policies for sustainable and inclusive growth for farmers and the rural population;
2. Enhancing the reach towards new markets through alignment of trade, food safety and sanitary and phytosanitary policies;
3. Promoting sustainable natural resource management, combating land degradation and desertification and
4. Addressing food insecurity and reduction of all forms of malnutrition.

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 adaption 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)  
Forest cover and other wooded land

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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
Capacity building for sustainable wildlife management (TCP/GEO/3603)

- USD 485,000
- Nov 2016 – Dec 2019

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/3603)

- USD 317,000
- Jan 2018 – Dec 2020

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 Preparation and operationalization of Development Programme for Hunting Area of Special Importance Blinaja (TCP/KOS/3701)*

- Tentative budget: USD 88,000
- Jul 2018 – Dec 2019

The objective of this TCPF is to prevent loss of biodiversity of the area while creating opportunities for commercial hunting.

*) References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

TCPF Emergency action plan for combating dieback of pine forests (TCP/RER/3701)

- Tentative budget: USD 38,000
- Apr 2018 – Dec 2018

The objective of this TCPF is to identify primary causes of dieback of pine forests in Belarus and Ukraine and main pest species involved; as well as to develop an emergency action plan for combating dieback.
TCPF Assistance in Green Climate Fund (TCP/ARM/3602)
- USD 99,000
- Jun 2017 – Mar 2019

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

TCPF Technical Assistance on Preparation of the full funding proposal on GCF (TCP/ARM/3703)
- USD 40,000
- Jul 2019 – Feb 2020

The objective of this TCPF is to support the Government to develop and officially submit the full funding proposal to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Secretariat and to the GCF board.
TCPF Assessment of the methodology for implementation of the forest inventory (TCP/MCD/3604)

- Tentative budget: USD 64,000
- Jan 2018 – May 2019

The objective of this TCPF is to conduct a Preliminary Land Cover Assessment of land use situation in North Macedonia and develop the methodology for a National Forest Inventory.

TCPF Assessment of the methodology for implementation of national forest inventory (TCP/BYE/3701)

- Tentative budget: USD 60,000
- Oct 2018 – Sep 2019

The objective of this TCPF is to conduct a Preliminary Land Cover Assessment of land use situation in Belarus and develop the methodology for a National Forest Inventory.
TCPF Developing the institutional capacity of the National Forestry Agency in the preparation of NFI (TCP/MOL/3702)

- Tentative budget: USD 60,000
- May 2019 – May 2020

The objective of this TCPF is to strengthen national capacities to design, plan and conduct a forest inventory at the national level.
Enabling environment for forest, plant and animal health improved in Georgia under ENPARD III (GEO/18/001//01/99)

- USD 1 044 000
- Sept 2018 – Apr 2021

Outcome: Assistance to increase the resilience of Georgian forests and crops to pests and diseases

Components/outputs
1. To strengthen wide coordination platform on agriculture and rural development
2. To enhance competitiveness of agriculture and improve rural economic diversification
3. To improve environment and sustainable management of natural resources

OUTPUT 3. Enabling environment for forest and plant health and animal health improved in Georgia
   Activity 3.1: Forest and plant health programme developed and implemented
Complementary support to Implementation of the Forest Policy and Strategy in Kosovo (UTF/KOS/006/KOS)*

- USD 210,000
- Sep 2016 – Jun 2020

Support to strengthening sustainable and multipurpose forest management to improve rural livelihoods and address climate change in Kosovo (GCP/KOS/007/SWE)*

- USD 2,500,000 (additional funding is being negotiated with the EU)
- Sep 2019 – 2023 Aug

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Outcome: Forests are managed more efficiently with multi-purpose approach

Components/outputs

1. Improve timber legality, trade and law enforcement in the forest sector
2. Enhance transparency and strengthen the institutional capacity
3. Introduce multi-purpose forest management and inclusive forest value chains for poverty alleviation
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
Forest resilience of Armenia, enhancing adaptation via mitigation
(development of GCF project)
- Project Size - Small (10<x<50 USD Million): USD 19,168,240 (GCF grant 10 millions)
- Tentative: Jul 2020 - Jun 2021

Project Objective: By Y8, CO2 removals from the forests subsector are increased by at least 7% via sustainable climate adaptive forestry investments and fuelwood energy efficiency with effective involvement of communities.

Components/outputs
1. Climate Change mitigation via climate adaptive silviculture (re/afforestation and agroforestry investments)
2. Promoting forest sustainability reducing forest degradation drivers (fuel wood)
3. Strengthening community participation in forest governance (management, control, protection)
Support for improvement of enabling environment for the forestry sector in Ukraine (GCP/UKR/00x/EC)

- forestry component – as part of FAO EC programme
- Tentative: Jan 2021

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

**Components/outputs**

1. Support the national forestry strategy development
2. Support the further improvement of the existing timber tracking system
3. Support the development and revision of forest legislation
FAO normative work in the region

- Regional workshops / expert meetings / technical trainings

  - Regional Workshop on combating bark beetle outbreaks and dieback of pine forests
    Gomel, Belarus (25-26 April 2018)

  - Understanding the Contribution of Agroforestry to Landscape Resilience in Europe
    Workshop organized in cooperation with Forest Europe and Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture, Budapest, Hungary (9-10 October 2018)

  - Training – European Forest Pathogens
    Minsk, Belarus (16 October 2018)

  - Forest Invasive Species in Europe and Central Asia - network meeting
    Minsk, Belarus (17-18 October 2018)

  - Training – Invasive species on nut trees and their management
    Bursa, Turkey (19 November 2019)

  - Forest Invasive Species in Europe and Central Asia - network meeting
    Bursa, Turkey (20 November 2019)
Further information – www.fao.org/europe
Thank you!

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