Restoration Projects and Activities of the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU)

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Strategic Framework

BONN CHALLENGE

Help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition	Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable	Reduce rural poverty	Enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems	Increase the resilience of livelihoods to disasters

REU Regional Initiative 3: Sustainable Natural Resource Management under a changing climate

- Support in the development and implementation of sustainable food, agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture, livestock and landscape production systems;

- Support policy dialog, harmonization of legislation and incentive/taxation and the alignment and integration of climate change and environmental issues into national policy and development frameworks; and

- Capacities development

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	Forest cover	Other wooded land	Annual change (20 years)	Growing stock
FAO REU	38%	5%	+ 0.08%	111 m3/ha
REU Europe	45%	5%	+ 0.08%	111 m3/ha
REU Central Asia	6%	6%	+ 0.34%	95 m3/ha

Challenges for Forestry in the Region

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

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- Forest governance (policy, legal and institutional structures)
- Forest/tree resources assessment and monitoring
- 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

On-going Projects

Serbia: Contribution of Sustainable Forest Management to a Low Emission and Resilient Development (GEF 3,6 M)

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

On-going Projects

Integrated Natural Resources Management in Degraded Landscapes in the Forest-Steppe and Steppe Zones of Ukraine (GEF, 1.8 M)

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

On-going Projects

Azerbaijan: Forest resources assessment and monitoring to strengthen forest policy and knowledge framework

(GEF, 1.4 M)

Components

- Forest resource information management system
- Multifunctional forest management leading to carbon sequestration, improvement in forest and tree resources and contribution to local livelihoods
- Monitoring, evaluation and knowledge-sharing

On-going Projects

Kyrgyzstan: Sustainable management of mountainous forest and land resources under climate change conditions (GEF, 6 M)

Objectives

- Enabling environment for forestry & agriculture
- Productivity of sylvo-agro-pastoral ecosystems including enhancement of carbon stock

Components

- Enabling environment for sustainable forest & land management
- Enhanced carbon stock by innovative management & rehabilitation
- Climate-friendly agriculture for sustainable land & water management

On-going Projects

Turkey: Sustainable Land Management and Climate-Friendly Agriculture in Konya Basin (GEF, 6 M)

Objectives

- Sustainability of farm and land management
- Adaptation and dissemination of low carbon technologies

Components

- Rehabilitation of degraded forests and pastures
- Adoption of climate-friendly agricultural practices
- Formation of legal, political & institutional environment

On-going Projects

Turkey: Applying the Land Degradation Neutrality Concept in the Upper Sakarya Basin for Scaling up at National Level (GEF, 2.8 M)

Conservation and Sustainable Management of Turkey's Steppe Ecosystems (GEF, 2.6 M)

Objectives

- Steppe conservation through protected area management
- Mainstreaming steppe conservation into production landscapes

On-going Projects

Uzbekistan: Sustainable Management of Forests in Mountain and Valley Areas (GEF 3.5 M)

Objectives

- Introduction of sustainable forest management
- Improved status of forest and tree resources

Components

- Information system for sustainable forests management
- Multifunctional forest management at four pilots
- Upscaling sustainable forest management
- Monitoring, evaluation and knowledge-sharing

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Integrated natural resources management in drought-prone and salt-affected agricultural production landscapes in Central Asia and Turkey (CACILM 2- GEF 11 M)

Objective

Scale-up sustainable management practices that

- Minimize pressures and negative impacts on natural resources
- Reduce risks and vulnerability
- Enhance capacity of rural communities to cope with or adapt to drought and salinity

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The way forward..

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a) Green Climate Fund projects (Armenia, Kyrgyzstan and Georgia)

1. Climate resilience (re/afforestation and agroforestry investments)
2. Drivers of forest degradation (fuel wood, pastures, livestock)
3. Forest governance (management, control, protection and carbon crediting)

b) GEF projects (Azerbaijan, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey)
Multi-sectoral restoration and food security projects

c) Trust Funds (Azerbaijan, Turkey, etc)
Forest restoration, nursery development, afforestation technics etc

Thank you!

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