



# Forest landscape restoration and greening infrastructure in the Caucasus and Central Asia

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# The context: climate change and ecosystem degradation in the Caucasus and Central Asia

- the region has been **severely impacted by climate change and land degradation**
- the mostly landlocked sub-region is rapidly improving its infrastructure, but is **experiencing several major environmental problems:**
  - overgrazing,
  - excessive exploitation and waste of water resources,
  - pollution from mining and other sources,
  - severe dust storms,
  - unsustainable agricultural practices and
  - unsustainable use of forest.



# Forest landscape restoration efforts in the CCA

- committed to protect forest and restore degraded landscapes during the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge (Kazakhstan, 2018)
- pledged **to restore about 3 million ha** of degraded land by 2030
- adopted Astana Resolution (2018), where declared commitment to **scale up forest landscape restoration activities** and **strengthen partnerships and regional cooperation** to this end.
- **draft Strategy for forest landscape restoration and greening infrastructure tailored to the CCA region** has been developed (in November 2020)

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**Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia**

21-22 June 2018 | Astana | Kazakhstan

ASTANA RESOLUTION

Participants in the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in the Caucasus and Central Asia (Ministerial Roundtable) organized by the Government of Kazakhstan in cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, with the support of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the Government of Germany.

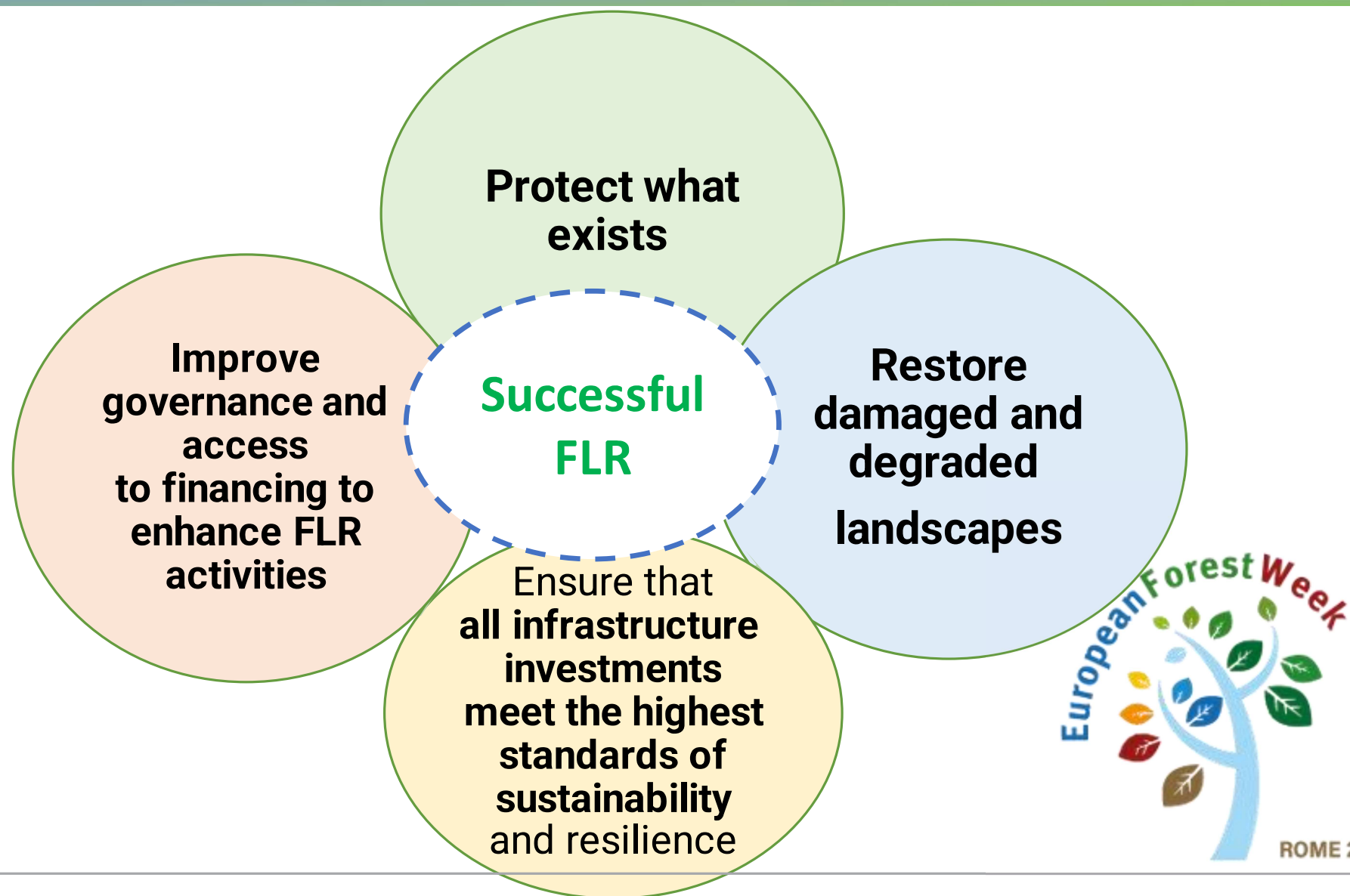


# Draft Strategy for forest landscape restoration and greening infrastructure: **why it was developed?**

→ to ensure **sustainable landscape** through the **restoration and greening of infrastructure**, **sustainable investments**, **scaling up national goals and actions in the forest sector** and **strengthening collaboration in the Caucasus and Central Asia**



# Main strategic objectives for forest landscape restoration and greening infrastructure



# Further steps needed to support FLR efforts in the region

- To ensure sustainable management of forest resources to improve landscapes in the region and the livelihoods of local population
- To reinforce landscape restoration opportunities in our countries via **national and international funding (financing opportunities)**
- **To take advantage of the developed Draft Strategy for forest landscape restoration and greening infrastructure to facilitate further steps in FLR in the region**
- To facilitate the **implementation of national legislations to strengthen FLR and sustainable development / policy development of the CCA region**





# THANK YOU

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