



Agenda Item 4 (c) : Report on the projects of the Economic Commission For Europe

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Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting (1)

Projects (donors) – expiration date

- Accountability systems for sustainable forest management in the Caucasus and Central Asia ([UN Development Account](#)) – **December 2020**

Impact

- Five countries (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan) developed national sets of Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for sustainable forest management
- Increased knowledge and national capacity in developing forest management tools and communication participatory methods
 - Guidelines for the Development of a C&I Set for SFM
 - Five policy briefs on application of C&I in SFM
- Revitalized subregional (CCA) international forest-related cooperation and exchange
 - Forest Congress for the Caucasus and Central Asia (2018)

Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting (2)

Projects (donors) – expiration date

- E-368 - Improve capacities of the UNECE member States on assessing forest damage/disturbance in the UNECE region ([Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, United States of America](#)) – **December 2022**
- E-374 - Strengthening cooperation and national capacities in selected UNECE countries for sustainable forest management (module A) ([Russian Federation](#)) – **December 2023**

Impact

- Improved information and understanding on forest damage and disturbance in the UNECE region
- Improved knowledge and capacity of countries and international organizations to report on forest damage/disturbance
- Improved national capacity to apply Forest Policy and Management Support Information Systems in forest governance and management.

Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting (3)

Projects (donors) – expiration date

- E-351 – Long-term European Timber Trends and Prospects – used to fund the Forest Products Annual Market Review ([Sweden](#)) – **June 2021**
- Studies on COVID-19 impacts on the forest sector in countries in Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans, the Caucasus and Central Asia ([RPTC](#)) – **December 2020**

Impact

- Improved information and understanding on key forest product commodities
- Improved knowledge and capacity of countries to assess the development of their domestic forest products markets in the global context
- Improved information and understanding of how COVID-19 affected production and consumption of wood products in the UNECE region in 2020.

Boreal Forests

Projects (donors) – expiration date

- E-346 - Enhancing circumboreal cooperation in support of SDG 15 (Russian Federation) – **December 2021**
- E-374 - Strengthening cooperation and national capacities in selected UNECE countries for sustainable forest management (module B) (Russian Federation) – **December 2023**

Impact

- Improved awareness about the importance of boreal forests for climate action and sustainable development (more than 10,000 people engaged on social media)
- Improved collaboration with boreal-related research organizations (e.g. participation and engagement in the IBFRA Insight process)
- Strengthened science-policy cooperation – more than 30 science and policy experts gathered to discuss boreal-related challenges and opportunities for collaboration.

Sustainable Urban and Peri-Urban Forestry

Projects (donors) – expiration date

- E-353 - Supporting UNECE member States in building capacity on urban forestry ([Switzerland](#)) – **September 2021**
- E-373 - Supporting UNECE m/s to integrate the maintenance, protection and restoration of urban and peri-urban trees and forests in their post COVID-19 recovery plans ([Switzerland](#)) – **December 2022**

Impact

- Improved knowledge on the contribution of sustainable urban and peri-urban forestry to SDGs, climate action and disaster risk reduction to build awareness and support
- Increased commitment - cities from 25 countries have committed to plant over 10 million trees in cities
- Creation of a community of practice on sustainable urban forestry through an informal network of experts.

Forest Landscape Restoration

Projects (donors) – expiration date

- E-354 - Enhance awareness & political commitment of the Caucasus, Central Asian Eastern & South-Eastern Europe on forest landscape restoration under "ECCA30" and the Bonn Challenge (Germany) – **November 2021**
- E-372 - Strengthening policy framework on forest landscape restoration in selected UNECE countries to achieve SDG 15 (Germany) – **March 2022**

Impact

- Commitments to restore over 4 million Ha. in East and South-Eastern Europe
- Increased awareness of the Bonn Challenge, "ECCA30" and the financing of the forest landscape restoration in ECE region countries.

Policy Support and Green Economy

Projects (donors) – expiration date

- E-278 - European Forest Sector Outlook Study ([Switzerland, Netherlands](#)) – **December 2021**
- E-301 - Improving the capacity of the UNECE member States to create green jobs in the forest sector ([Switzerland](#)) – **June 2021**
- Support to forest governance development in Kazakhstan ([RPTC](#)) – **December 2020**

Impact

- Improved understanding among member States of how climate change and global megatrends may influence their domestic forests and wood products markets in the future
- Improved capacity of the UNECE member States to identify and promote green jobs in the forest sector
- Improved capacity of the Republic of Kazakhstan in forest governance and management through support to communication (NFP Dialogue), policy tools (Master Plan) and information (assessment of forest-based industries).

Communication

Projects (donors) – expiration date

- E-283 - Strengthening capacity of CIS for monitoring of sustainable forest management and forest products markets ([Russian Federation](#)) – **June 2021**
- E-332 - Improve dissemination of available forestry information - INForest ([Switzerland](#)) – **June 2021**
- E-335 - Strengthening communication on the role of Sustainable Forest Management in the UNECE member States in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([Russian Federation](#)) – **September 2021**
- Knowledge Exchange Platform on Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia ([RPTC](#)) – **December 2021**

Impact

- Raised awareness on SFM, forests, and forest monitoring through communication within and outside the forest sector
- Improved visibility and accessibility of the national data of the UNECE member States
- Increased usability of data on forests, forest management, forest products and services for general and cross-sectoral purposes.

Projects in 2022

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THANK YOU

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