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**FAO's mandate** is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural populations and contribute to the growth of the world economy



# Intergovernmental FAO bodies

	<b>FAO general</b>	<b>Forestry</b>	<b>Agriculture</b>
<b>Global</b>	<b>FAO Conference and Council</b>	<b>FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO)</b>	<b>FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG)</b>
<b>Africa</b>			
<b>Asia</b>			
<b>Europe</b>	<b>FAO Regional Conference for Europe (ERC)</b>	<b>European Forestry Commission (EFC)</b>	
<b>Latin-America</b>			
<b>Near-East</b>	<b>FAO Regional Conference for the Near East (NERC)</b>	<b>Near East Forestry and Range Commission (NEFRC)</b>	
<b>North-America</b>			



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## *Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU)*

### **FAO Strategic objectives:**

- Eradicate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition
- Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner
- Reduce rural poverty
- Enable more inclusive and efficient food and agricultural systems at local, national and international levels
- Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises

Cross-cutting themes – Gender / Governance

# Organizational structure of FAO

Office of the Director-General

## Regional Structure

## Technical Structure

### Liaison Offices

- .....
- .....
- Brussels
- Geneva
- .....
- .....

### Regional Offices

- .....
- .....
- Europe and Central Asia
- .....
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### Subregional Offices

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- Central Asia
- .....
- .....

- Agriculture and Consumer Protection
- Economic and Social Development
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Forestry
- Natural Resources Management and Environment
- Technical Cooperation



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## **Decentralized FAO Offices in the Region**

**Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU)**

*Budapest, Hungary*

**Subregional Office for Central Asia (SEC)**

*Ankara, Turkey*

**Liaison Offices**

*Brussels, Belgium / Geneva, Switzerland*



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## *Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU)*



### **FAO Member Countries** in Europe and Central Asia:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, TFYR of Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan.

**Member Organization:** European Union.



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## *Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU)*

### **FAO Regional objectives (REU):**

- Strengthening food security and nutrition
- Policy advice to governments in support of sustainable intensification for small farms
- Natural resource management, including climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Control of animal, plant and foodborne pests and diseases
- Policy and institutional support for entry of Member States into regional and global trade and standard-setting bodies and organizations of regional economic cooperation
- Supporting and building global and regional public goods through applied research in the areas of food, agriculture, fisheries and forestry





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### **REU Activity Areas**

- Agribusiness and Enterprise Development
- Agricultural Economy / Policy / Research and Biotechnology
- Animal Health and Production
- Plant Production and Protection
- Fishery
- Forestry
- Food Safety and Consumer Protection
- Gender
- Information and Knowledge Management
- Land Tenure and Rural Development
- Prevention and disposal of obsolete pesticides
- Statistics





## FAO technical assistance to countries

### **Regular Programme**

- Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)
- Special Programme of Food Security

### **Extra- budgetary programme**

- Government Cooperative Programme (GCP)
- Unilateral Trust Fund (UTF)

Entry point:            Decentralised FAO offices



## Forestry - Europe and Central Asia Region

	<b>Forest cover</b>	<b>Other wooded land</b>	<b>Annual change (20 years)</b>	<b>Growing stock</b>
<b>FAO REU</b>	38%	5%	+ 0.08%	111 m <sup>3</sup> /ha
<b>REU Europe</b>	45%	5%	+ 0.08%	111 m <sup>3</sup> /ha
<b>REU Central Asia</b>	6%	6%	+ 0.34%	95 m <sup>3</sup> /ha

Data source: GFRA, 2010



# Challenges & opportunities for Forestry

## REU Europe

- Ensure sustainable wood mobilization
- Maintain active management of forest

## REU Central Asia

- Strengthen roles of forests and trees to:
  - combat desertification
  - restore and sustainably manage mountain watersheds
  - conserve riparian (tugai) forests



## FAO REU assistance to Western Balkans (2013)

- **2011-2014:** Support to Implementation of the Forest Policy and Strategy in Kosovo (GCP/KOS/005/FIN)
- **2013-2013:** Woodfuel Integrated Supply and Demand Overview Mapping (WISDOM) for Montenegro (GCP/MNE/001/LUX)
- **2013-2015:** Assistance for the development of forest infrastructure planning and construction in Serbia (TCP/SRB/3401)



## FAO REU assistance to Western Balkans (2013)

- ***(2013-2015)***  
Using wood energy to improve sustainable economic rural development and meet the 2020 renewable energy targets for the Western Balkans (TCP/RER/617220 )
- ***(2013-2015)***  
Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change in forests and forestry of Southeast Europe (TCP/RER/617254)



## FAO REU support to Western Balkans (2013)

- **26-27 March:** Implementing C&I for sustainable forest management  
- Regional workshop (EFI, Forest Europe, FAO), Zagreb, Croatia
- **15-18 April:** Implementation of Phytosanitary Standards in Forestry  
- Regional capacity development workshop for SEE countries (FAO, EPPO), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**2<sup>nd</sup> half 2013:** Organisational development of public forestry administrations in the region in response to changing demands on forests and their governance - Ukraine

**2<sup>nd</sup> half 2013:** Integrating climate change issues into national forest programmes for SFM - Uzbekistan or Kazakhstan

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# Building partnerships in the region



**TRAFFIC**  
the wildlife trade monitoring network

**giz** Deutsche Gesellschaft  
für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH







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## Further information

- FAO Strategy for Forests and Forestry  
<http://www.fao.org/docrep/012/a1043e/a1043e00.pdf>
- Ongoing activities in REU  
<http://www.fao.org/europe/en/>
- Employment opportunities  
<http://www.fao.org/employment/en/>