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## Introducing the work of FAO in the Region

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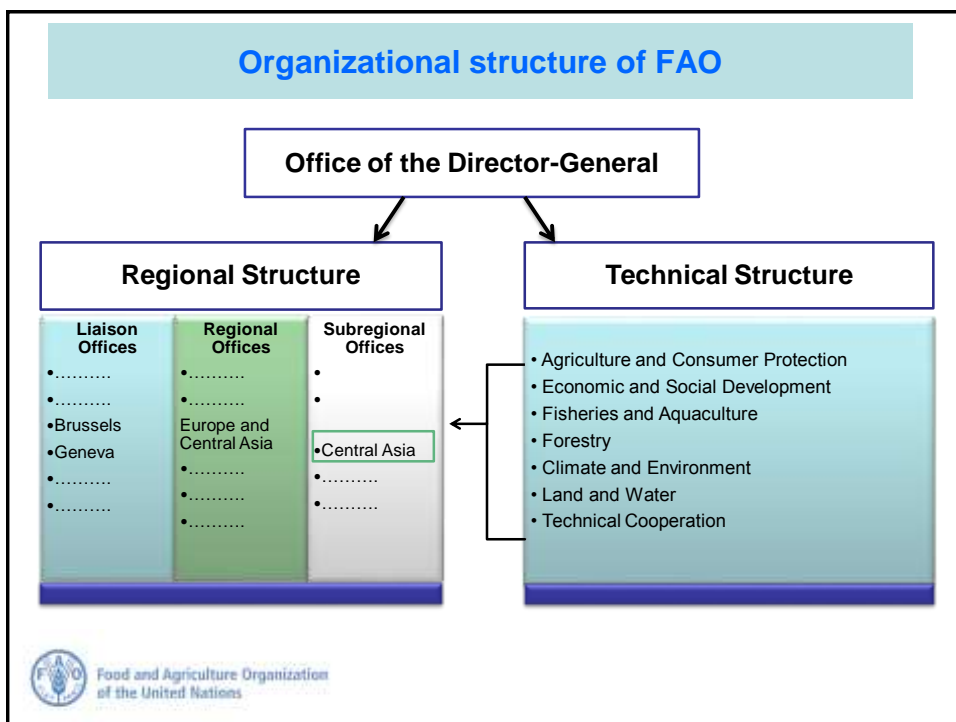
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## Decentralized FAO Offices in the Region

**Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU)**  
*Budapest, Hungary*

**Sub-regional Office for Central Asia (SEC)**  
*Ankara, Turkey*

**Liaison Offices**  
*Brussels, Belgium / Geneva, Switzerland*



## Strategic Objectives



### Cross-cutting themes:

## Gender, Governance, Nutrition, Climate Change



## Intergovernmental FAO bodies

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



## Europe and Central Asia Region (REU)

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

Data source: GFRA, 2010



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## Challenges & opportunities for Forestry

### REU Europe

- Ensure sustainable [wood mobilization](#)
- Maintain [active management](#) of forest
- Mitigate [climate change impacts](#) on forests (forest pests and diseases)

### REU Central Asia

- Strengthen [forest governance](#) (incl. policy, legal and institutional structures)
- Establish forest/tree resources [assessment and monitoring](#) system
- Foster [land-tenure security](#) and [forest ownership](#)
- Combat [deforestation and degradation](#) of forests (fuelwood, grazing)
- Restore and sustainably manage [mountain watersheds](#) and conserve [riparian forests](#) (tugai)
- Mitigate [climate change impacts](#) on forests and land resources



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## FAO REU support to countries

- **6-7 September 2016:** Forest Invasive Species in Europe and Central Asia region - Expert meeting (FAO), Minsk, Belarus
- 1<sup>st</sup> half 2017:** Using wood energy to improve sustainable economic rural development - Regional conference (FAO), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (tbc)
- 1<sup>st</sup> half 2017:** Experiences with SFM standards and forest certification in Western Balkan countries - Sub-regional seminar (FAO, REDFORD)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2017:** Publication of study results on “Non-wood forest products in the Western Balkans and their contribution to rural development”



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## FAO REU technical assistance to countries

- TCP/RER/3502** “Technical assistance for using wood energy to improve sustainable economic rural development and meet the 2020 renewable energy targets for the Western Balkans”
- GCP/KOS/005/FIN** and **UTF /KOS/006/KOS** “Support to Implementation of the Forest Policy and Strategy in Kosovo”
- GCP/UKR/001/NOR** “Contribution to the Technical and Policy support to the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food (MAPF)”
- GCP/SRB/002/GFF** “Contribution of sustainable forest management to a low emission and resilient development in Serbia (FSP)”
- TCP/639992** “Capacity building for sustainable wildlife management” (Georgia)



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Entry point: Decentralised FAO offices

## FAO SEC technical assistance to countries

- Country projects run in 6 out of 7 SEC countries
  - Single country → 9 projects
  - Multi-country → 1 project
- Various stages
  - Concept
  - Preparation
  - Implementation



## FAO SEC technical assistance to countries

- Donors
  - Global Environmental Facility - GEF 5 & 6
  - Technical Cooperation Program (TCP)
  - Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-University Greifswald (Internationale Klima Initiative - IKI)
- Total volume USD 27,941,000



## FAO SEC technical assistance to countries

- Forest resource assessment & monitoring  
→ Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan
- Sustainable management of forest and  
land resources → Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Uzbekistan  
& Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan
- Pest control → Turkey
- Conservation of biodiversity → Turkey 2x
- Land degradation neutrality → Turkey



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