Supporting the recovery and sustainable management of Ukrainian forests and its forest sector

9th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management
FOREST EUROPE (FE) signatories and observers showed their solidarity with the Ukrainian people during the High-Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) 2022

Ministerial Decision "Supporting the recovery and sustainable management of Ukrainian forests and its forest sector" was endorsed
Main achievements:

- Seted up a network of experts
- Created a list of ongoing and planned projects to support Ukraine
- Developed a "Status quo report" describing situation in Ukrainian forest sector
- Received a priority list from the Ukrainian authorities in building back better the forest sector during and after the war
- Conducted meetings with International Organizations, donor countries, NGOs to facilitate the support for Ukrainian forestry
- Developed communication campaign
- Conducted training for Ukrainian foresters on fire prevention on contaminated areas – March 2023
- Organised two meetings of the network of designated experts
- Planned - discuss and finalize the report with recommendations how to build back better the forest sector
• **2.9 million hectares of forest** (around 20%) are affected by military activities.

• Occupied areas and areas under front line are in a total more than **1 million ha** designated to sustainable forest management.

• **690 thou ha of forests require demining.** Demining of forest is a difficult and timely and currently not a priority for the Government.
Implications of war related damages (2)

- Drastic **damage and/or destruction** of real estate and equipment
- The number of enterprises which **suspended their activities**
- **Loss of biodiversity**, some of them are significant and cannot be restored
- **Prices** for raw wood have **decreased** significantly compared to 2021 (by more than 30%)
- About 40-50% of Ukrainian processors have **closed their production**
Major needs in recovery – short term priorities

Restoration Ukrainian Forest Management Planning Association

- Identification of forest areas that pose a threat to human life and biodiversity
- Digitalization of Forest Management

Support forest protection against wild fires

Restore forest growing planting centres and restore forest damaged by the war

- Assessment of lost planting capacity
- Reconstruct seed growing complex in Lyman
- Restored forest landscapes destroyed by the war

Reconstruction and development of forest infrastructure

- Conduct an inventory of damaged and destroyed forest transport infrastructure
- Develop and approve legislative proposal to construct and maintain forest roads

Restore destroyed capacity of state forest enterprises in forest related equipment and machinery
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si0  first point: can Reconstruction be an alternative? I do not see how we can restore a facility, for me restoration belongs to nature
  silvia.abruscato; 2023-03-15T13:24:51.800

si0 0  same for point 3
  silvia.abruscato; 2023-03-15T13:25:17.380

si0 1  does the last point (n 5) overlap with n 1 and 3? place all the restoation/reconstruction of facilities togehter, more order and better to understand (put one after the oder point 1,3,5) (personal opinion)
  silvia.abruscato; 2023-03-15T13:26:50.402

Ipol 2 Silvia, you started to comment letter of Ukrainian Ministry. I'll not about this. It was presented last time. I left it here just to remind about the request for 5 second
  ipolyakova; 2023-03-15T14:28:42.111
### Major needs in recovery – medium term priorities

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| **Development of a comprehensive monitoring system** |
| **Implementation of modern methods of assessment and establishing conformity for FRM** |
| **Facilitate the transition to a mechanized timber harvesting methods** |
| **Develop recommendations to plan and construct forest roads** |
| **Develop hunting management** |
point 2: you mean forest monitoring system?
In 2023 there are 13 international projects

4 projects are focusing on nature protection or supporting nature protection administration in Ukraine

4 education-related and scientific projects

EC is funding five projects in Ukraine through different funding schemes
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None of the defined priority needs are receiving full support

Most of the priority needs require sufficient investments

Providing sufficient support to Ukrainian forestry sector and its forests is subject to coordination between different state authorities.

In 2023 the number of in-kind contributions is steadily increased.
Questions

Do you plan help activities for the Ukrainian forest sector in 2023 or 2024 or beyond?

Would it be required an online meeting, connecting you with support of LUBo with the responsible Ukrainian Authorities and other parties aiming to facilitate the above-mentioned support?
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