

# FOREST EUROPE

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



9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Carpathian Convention  
Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management

# Ministerial Decision Ukraine



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



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# Ministerial Decision Ukraine



## Main achievements:

- Set 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



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# Implications of war related damages (1)



- **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



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# 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 together, 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
- lp0 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  
lpolyakova; 2023-03-15T14:28:42.111

# Major needs in recovery – medium term priorities



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## Strengthening the capacity of forestry in protection against fires, pests and diseases

- Capacities in forest protection against fires
- Establish the production of biological preparation for the protection of forests from pests
- Equip the labs with modern devices for genetic resources

## 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





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si0 point 2: you mean forest monitoring system?  
silvia.abruscato; 2023-03-15T13:28:45.098

# Existing support - projects



In 2023 there are 13 international projects

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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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**si0** i do not think the code of projects are useful here - no interest from the audience  
silvia.abruscato; 2023-05-05T06:48:06.569

# In kind contributions and planned activities



Trainings  
(Austria, Portugal, GFMC)

Increased financial  
support of existing  
projects (e.g. Germany,  
EU)

Special equipment  
(Lithuania, Poland, Italy)

Exerience exchange  
(Lithuania, Bern  
University, Portugal,  
Finland)

Road map developed to  
support Ukraine recovery  
by the Carpathian  
Convention

Development of a forest  
strategy to support the  
recovery process in  
Ukraine by FAO Ukraine  
regional office

Strengthened scientific  
cooperation (e.g. by Bern  
University, EFI, IAASA,  
IUFRO)

Membership (EUSTAFOR,  
EUFORGEN) and  
organizing international  
events

Designing new project  
proposals

# Major needs in recovery – conclusion



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None of the defined priority needs are receiving full support

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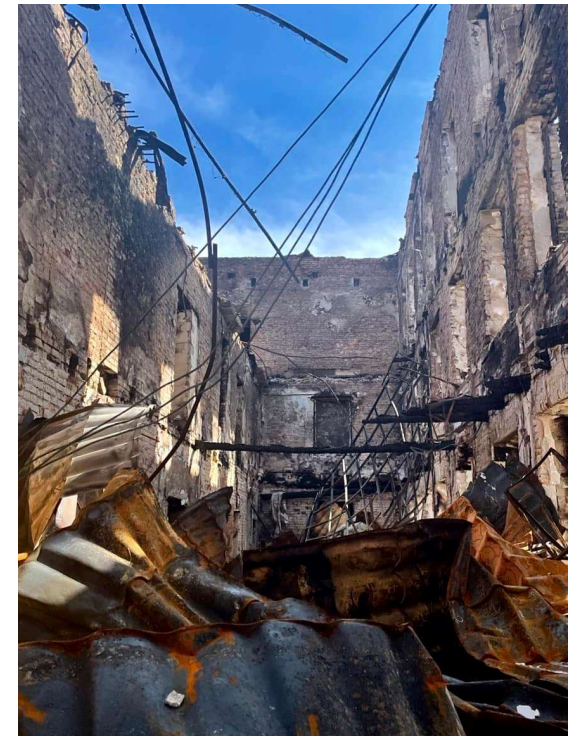
Most of the priority needs require sufficient investments

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

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



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# 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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