



# The UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section

Who we are and what we do



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# Economic Commission for Europe

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- ... was established in 1947
- ... is one of five UN regional commissions
- ... facilitates **greater economic integration and cooperation** among its **56 member States**



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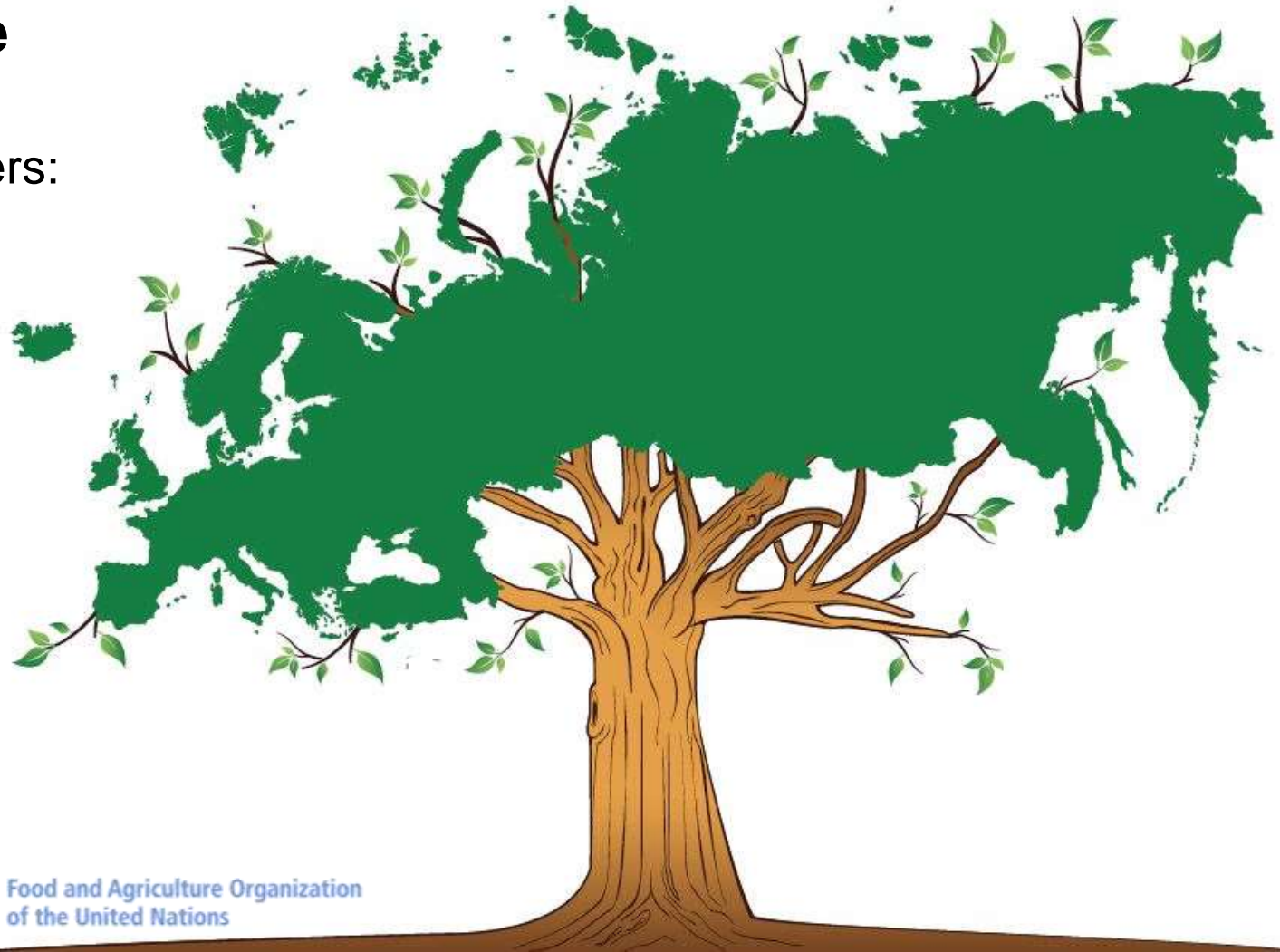
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## Regional Scope

The forest in the UNECE region covers:

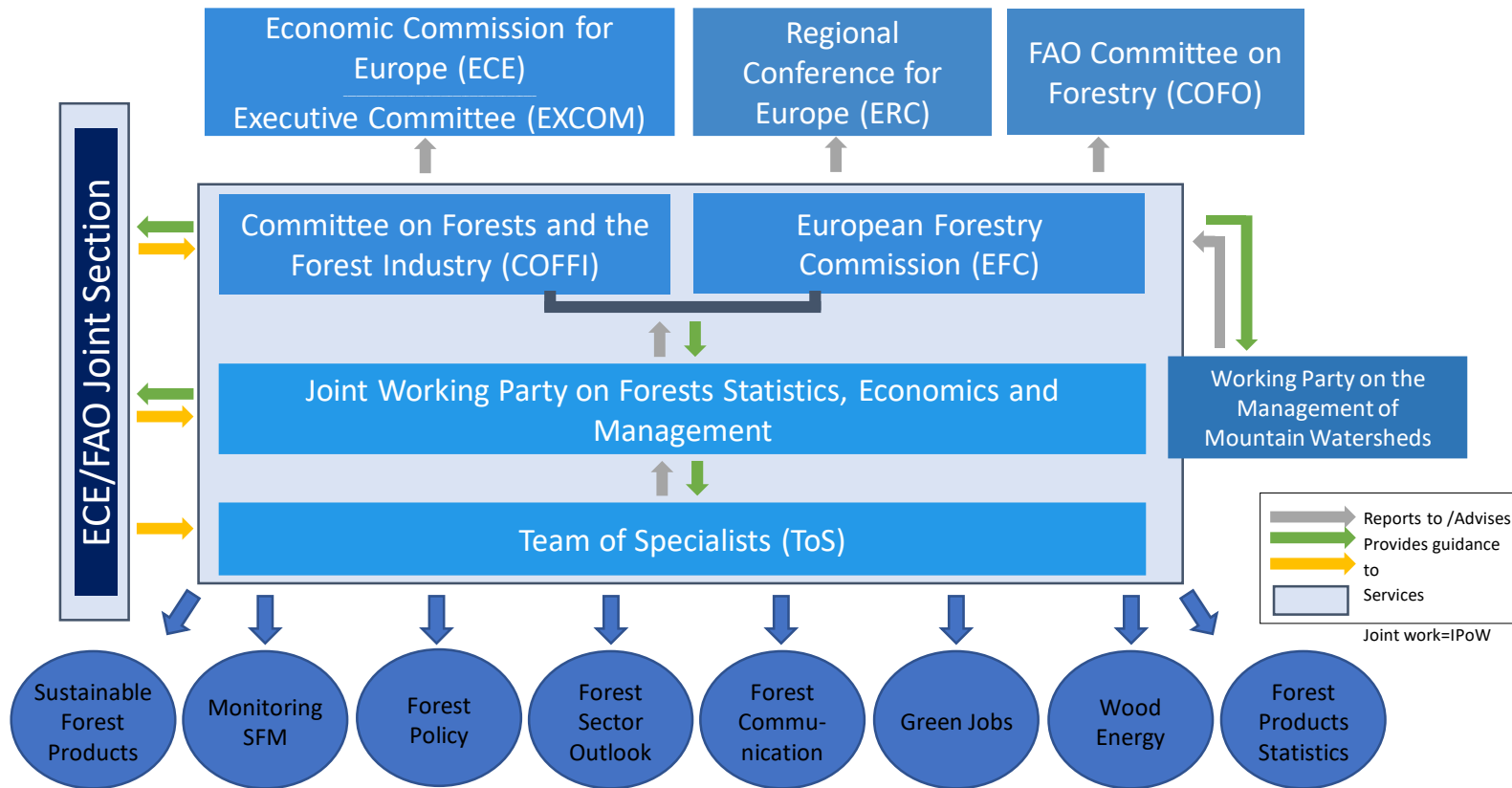
- 41 % of the global total
- 85% certified area
- 60% industrial roundwood





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## Governance structure for the Integrated Programme of Work



# Context

## **SDG 15: Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss**

**15.1:** By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements

**15.2:** By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally

**15.4:** By 2030, ensure the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity, in order to enhance their capacity to provide benefits that are essential for sustainable development

### **Other relevant SDGs**

SDG 6: Water SDG

SDG 9: Sustainable Industrialization

SDG 7: Sustainable Energy

SDG 12: Sustainable consumption and production

### **UN Strategic Plan for Forests (2017-2030)**

**Mission:** To promote sustainable forest management and the contribution of forests and trees outside forests to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including by strengthening cooperation, coordination, coherence, synergies and political commitment and actions at all levels.

# Work Areas

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**WA1**

- data, monitoring and assessment

**WA2**

- policy dialogue and advice

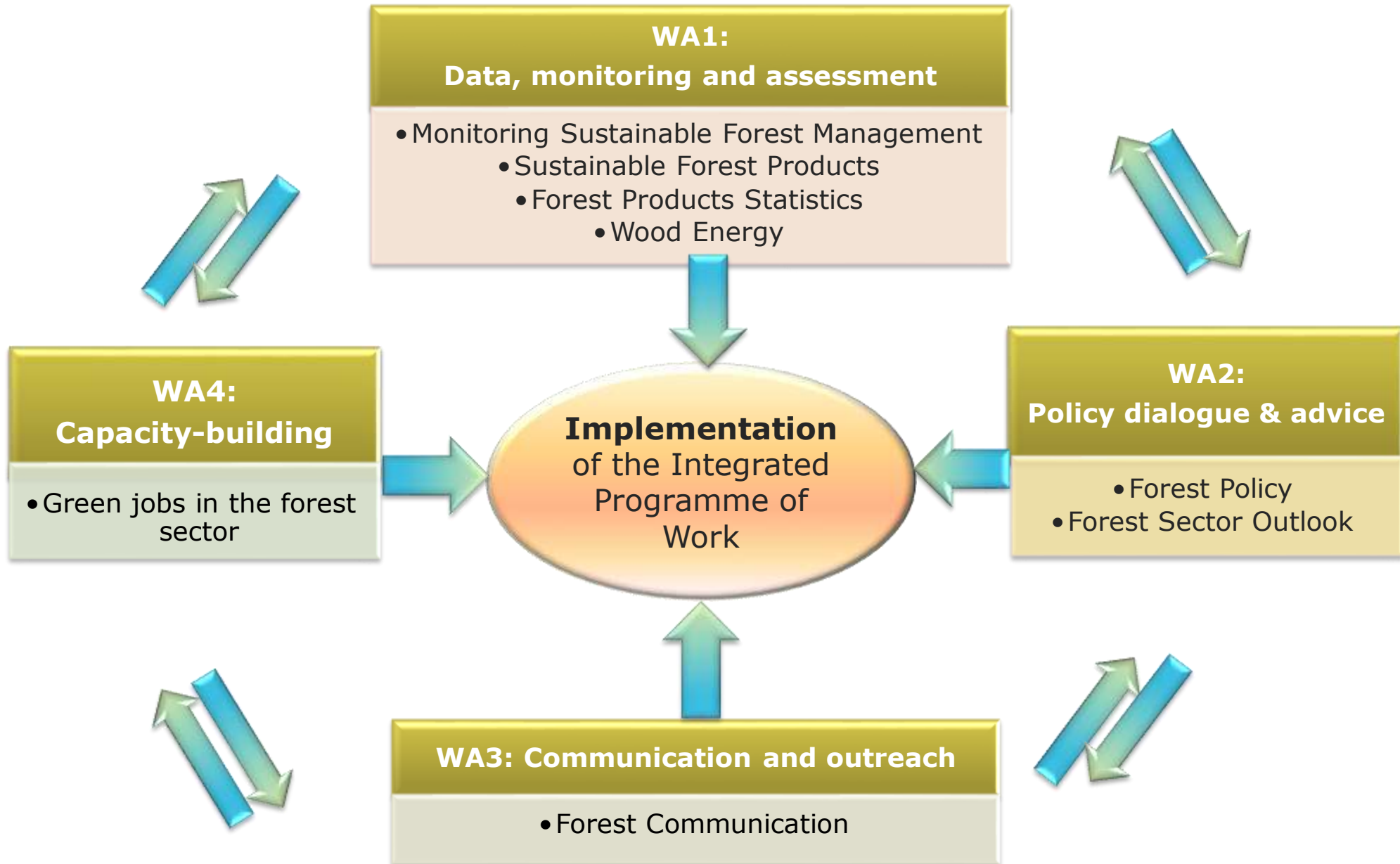
**WA3**

- communication and outreach

**WA4**

- capacity building

# Teams of Specialists





# Examples of recent achievements

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### ■ WA1: Data, monitoring and assessment

Outputs

- Studies: *Forest Products Annual Market Review 2017-2018*; *Wood Energy in the ECE region: Data, trends and outlook in Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and North America*
- Interactive database on *Forest Ownership in the UNECE Region*
- Global and regional reporting incl. training for national correspondents from Europe and CCA

Impact

- Unique set of data for forests in the region to support policymaking
- About 2,000 experts mobilized in the region





# Examples of recent achievements

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More heat with less wood translation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhBm5QXWC6U&app=desktop>



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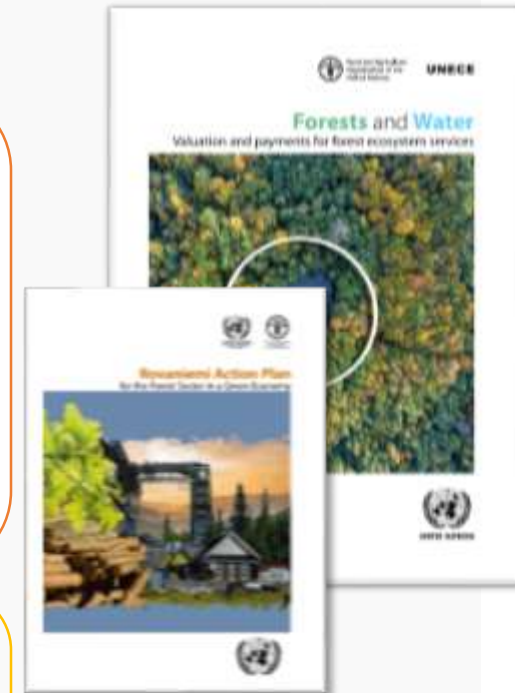
### WA2: Policy advice and dialogue

#### Outputs

- **Ministerial Roundtable** on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in the Caucasus and Central Asia
- **Mid-term Review** of Rovaniemi Action Plan → priority actions developed
- **National Forest Policy Dialogues** in Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Kazakhstan
- Studies: **Forests and Water – Valuation and payments for ecosystem services** – including the most comprehensive database of case studies on water-related payments for forest ecosystem services schemes in the UNECE region; **Green Jobs in the Forest Sector**

#### Impact

- **3 million ha of landscape** committed for restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Astana Resolution: committing the region to go beyond 2.5 million ha and strengthen partnerships and regional cooperation
- Countries are using guidance on key policy issues



**Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration in the Caucasus and Central Asia**

21-22 June 2018 | Astana | Kazakhstan

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### WA3: Communication and outreach

#### Outputs

- **International Day of Forests 2018 & 2019:** *Forests and Sustainable Cities* and *Forests and Education* events
- ***Made in Forests* movie production** - more than 4,000 views and presented to world leaders by UNDP Goodwill Ambassador Michelle Yeoh
- **Forests for Fashion Initiative** – exhibition at the High-Level Political Forum and UNEA-4 in Nairobi
- **Cartoon *The Three Little Pigs and Climate Change*** presented at COP24
- ***Vancouver Invitation on Forest Products for a Better Future***

#### Impact

- Increased visibility outside the forest sector
- Strengthened public support for value of wood-based products (through exhibitions, movie, celebrity endorsement, Vancouver Invitation)



# Examples of recent achievements

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### ■ WA4: Capacity-building

Outputs

- Implementation of UNDA project: **Accountability systems for SFM in the Caucasus and Central Asia (2016-2019)** through national workshops and guidelines for the development of national criteria and indicator sets for SFM
- Regional Summit 28-31 May 2019 in Issyk Kul, Kyrgyzstan
- Wood balances workshop to harmonize data

Impact

- National criteria and indicator sets in 5 Central Asian and Caucasian countries
- Streamlined forest reporting



# Major activities planned for the future

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### ■ WA1: Data, monitoring and assessment

State of Europe's Forests

Pan-European Reporting on Forests

Study on Forest Ownership in the UNECE Region

Joint Wood Energy Enquiry and wood energy study

- Improve knowledge about the relevance of wood energy in the region
- Provide member States with the best-available sources of information on the role that wood energy can play in various sectors to support environmental, energy, and socio-economic strategies towards a greener economy

**IMPACT/  
OUTPUT**

**Open-source,  
transparent,  
reliable forest  
sector data for the  
ECE region**



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### ■ WA2: Policy advice and dialogue

#### Forest Sector Outlook study

- Provide capacity building to member States to adapt and use the results for their respective national needs

#### Guidelines on Green Jobs in the Forest Sector

#### Monitoring of implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan

#### Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in Eastern Europe and the Balkans

- Planned to take place in Ukraine in 2019
- Expected to result in substantial reforestation commitments by countries in the region

## IMPACT/ OUTPUT

- **Open-source forest sector outlook models**
- **New green jobs in the forest sector identified**
  - **Country commitments to forest landscape restoration under the Bonn Challenge**
- **National Forest Strategies developed**



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### ■ WA3: Communication and outreach

#### Forests and Biodiversity

- International Day of Forests 2020 with a focus on biodiversity

#### 5th European Forest Week

- Set to take place during joint session of COFFI and EFC 2019 with special focus on the circular economy

#### Forests for Fashion initiative and activities with the UN Alliance for Sustainable Fashion

#### Promotion of Videos *Made in Forests* and of *The Three Little Pigs and Climate Change*

### IMPACT/ OUTPUT

- **Positive communication on the forest sector reaches people**
- **Improved public image of forest products**



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### ■ WA4: Capacity-building

**UNDA project on “Accountability Systems for Sustainable Forest Management in the Caucasus and Central Asia” (2016-2019)**

- Finalization of the project

#### **Technical Cooperation activities**

- Increase commitment towards forest landscape restoration
- Improve forest-data quality and accessibility across the region
- Provide a platform for forest policy dialogues

### **IMPACT/ OUTPUT**

- **National criteria and indicator sets in 5 Central Asian and Caucasian countries**
- **Streamlined forest reporting**

# Cooperation

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IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



**UN  
DP**

Empowered lives.  
Resilient nations.



European  
Commission



**UNITED NATIONS  
ESCAP**

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific



**UN  
environment**



**COFFI 2018**



**International  
Energy Agency**  
Secure  
Sustainable  
Together



Deutsche Gesellschaft  
für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



**UN ALLIANCE  
FOR SUSTAINABLE  
FASHION**



**Forest  
Europe** growing life  
Ministerial Conference on the  
Protection of Forests in Europe

European Environment Agency



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# Thank you!



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