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Moldova in FLEG / Молдова в процессе ФЛЕГ
Moldova’s priority areas: from 2013 till 2016

Priority areas have been selected jointly with stakeholders (by representatives of the Government, NGO, forestry units + FLEG experts), and grouped as below:

1) Promoting good forest governance in community-owned forestlands to ensure sustainable use of forest and game resources

2) Building capacity of a forest nursery to strengthen partnerships for energy forestry (state, private)

3) Conducting an analytical study on evaluation of forest ecosystem services (FES)

4) Promoting FLEG through mass media by producing informative materials for preventing and reducing illegal activities in forests

5) Developing educational programs for a selected eco-forestry college

6) Developing a monitoring system of wood flow and supporting law enforcement agencies to ensure the elimination of illegal activities
1. Key results for PDO 1

FLEG helped elaborate reform incentive:

• “Forest Institutional Reform Strategy of Moldova” (FIRSM) document developed in 2012; some changes already produced (Moldsilva under subordination of MoE since 2015); more control activities undertaken by MoE; mixed working group for improving legal framework.

FLEG data used in formulating forest / biodiversity policy:

• National Program for Expansion of Forest Vegetation 2014-2018 (circa 13000 ha of new area to be afforested)

• Forest Policy Note (WB product 2014 based on FLEG information)


FLEG facilitates accurate monitoring of wood and forest products flow:

• Since 2015 Moldsilva tests/uses an electronic system for wood traceability in a pilot-entity and is being expanded across the country
2. Key results for PDO 2

Capacity building provided:

- *National Forest Consultancy Office* established in 2015
- Assistance offered to *260 entities/institutions/privates* (from *26 districts*)
- *5030 ha* of community forestland covered with FM planning (+2562 ha phase I)

Forest users trained:

- Forest & cadaster officers of *20 localities* (*10 districts*) involved in FM / FMP

Understanding/implementation of FLEG principles:

- Both *forest and pastoral resources* promoted at local public administration (LPA) level (specifics of Moldova’s landscape)

Enhancing educational and institutional capacities

- Teachers and students from Ecology College in Chisinau improved their knowledge on sustainable forest management and good forest governance (including the impact of related EU regulations)
2. Key results for PDO 2 (continuation)

**FLEG issues covered in media:**
- TV stations (Moldova 1, Publika TV, Agro TV Moldova, Europe Liberty)
- Radio (Moldova National, Vocea Basarabiei etc.)
- Newspaper (Natura, etc.)
- E-press (Agrobusiness portal)

**Eco-journalists trained in FLEG issues:**
- 15 selected journalists trained (office and practical workshops)
- 100 materials produced by selected journalists under guidance of forest institutions + FLEG experts

**Working with forest experts from Romania (EU member state):**
- Memorandum of cooperation between Romsilva and Moldsilva
- Cooperation with Transylvanian University of Brasov (Romania)
- Cooperation between forestry colleges from Romania and Moldova
3. Key results for PDO 3

**FLEG promotes energy forestry at local level:**

- 1 forest nursery strengthened (4 SRF clones/hybrids, 30 forest species)
- 2 demonstrational plantations created
- 2 partnerships established between state and private entities

**Supporting communication activities:**

- Moldsilva’s Department of Information and Public Participation
- Moldsilva’s website ([www.moldsilva.gov.md](http://www.moldsilva.gov.md)) visits increased by 3 times, growing from 385300 (period 2009-2011) to 1305448 (period 2012-2014)
- 3 Forest Knowledge and Communication Plans implemented
- Moldsilva Communication Strategy 2014-2018

**Increasing public awareness and participation:**

- “Discovery your forest” workshops in 3 orphanages (150 children involved, 3 districts)
- “Beech Festival” a premiere of local administrations (300 people/event, 3 years)
- Art Fine Schools contest & exhibition (200 children & 400 materials / year, 3 years)
- International Day of Forests (March 21)
Success stories

Working with local communities through Local Public Authorities (APL) and synergies with other projects

• National Park Orhei – a model of shifting towards sustainable use of forest and pastoral resources, adaptation to changes in environments (climatic) and conservation of local biodiversity

  ➢ EU-funded ENPI FLEG and GEF/UNDP Protected Area System
  ➢ EU-funded: ENPI FLEG and ENPI Clima East
  ➢ EU-funded ENPI FLEG and GEF/UNDP Mainstreaming biodiversity into land-use planning
Moldsilva devoted for development at national level of a monitoring system of wood flow

Start up: improving wood traceability through developing and testing a wood evidence system (software application) from the standing timber to the end user

- supporting law enforcement agencies to ensure the reduction of illegal activities
- following EU Timber Regulation 995/2010 principals toward reducing the illegal logging
Exit strategy and sustainability of FLEG II

- NPAC will be joined with the Technical-Scientific Council (TSC) within Agency Moldsilva

- WB’s Climate Change and Forestry Investment Project is extensively based on FLEG results

- IUCN’s incentive for Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) as landscape approach towards natural resources use
Thank you