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## Country presentation/Belarus

EUROPEAN NEIGHBORHOOD AND PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT EAST COUNTRIES  
FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNANCE II PROGRAM

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# Country priority areas: from 2013 till 2016

- No change in priority areas since the launch of FLEG II Program
- Country Priorities/Activities
  - Updating the national forest policy, improving forest legislation and law enforcement
  - Optimizing the system of forest management and forest use
  - Improving the level of professional training for forestry specialists
  - Implementing a communication strategy in the forest sector, developing forest-related and environmental education



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# 1. Key results for PDO 1: reforms in forest policy, legislation or other regulations supported

- **Comprehensive sector assessment to support the development of:**
  - ✓ Strategic Forestry Development Plan (2015-2030): the roadmap for the forestry sector reforms
  - ✓ Forestry Code (2016)
  - ✓ Program **Belarus Forest** (2016-2020)
  - ✓ Unified system of forest resources assessment (State Forest Cadaster) (2016)
- Sector assessment with a **focus on services**: the development of the forestry services market is now Task 12 of the program **Belarus Forest 2016-2020**
- Supporting the revision/preparation of **technical regulatory acts** in line with the provisions of the new Forest Code (September 2015-December 2016)



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## 2. Key results for PDO 2

- 23 forest management staff participated at 3 study-tours in Finland and Germany on sustainable forest management, advanced silvicultural technologies and reforestation practices in intensively managed forests (September 2015-December 2016)
- Best national experience on the issues of multipurpose forest use and tracking of timber origin was shared with 70 participants of the ENPI FLEG II Regional events in Minsk and Joensuu
- Publication on the use of non-timber, hunting and recreational resources of forests in the Republic of Belarus was developed and the best practices were shared at the workshop with forest management authorities and business people in Altay
- 5 articles about various aspects of forest management in Belarus were published in Sustainable Forest Management Magazine and 2 more are in print (September 2015-December 2016)



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### 3. Key results for PDO 3

- It was confirmed that the state system of timber marking and registration provides an effective tracking of timber origin
- Detailed suggestions to improve the system of allocation and evaluation of felling sites in the Republic of Belarus with consideration of economic, environmental and social aspects of forest management and functions of forests were developed and accepted by the forest management authorities (September 2015-December 2016)
- Detailed suggestions to improve the legal and technical norms regulating legal relations in the area of implementation of forest management fieldwork in the sphere of forest inventory and forest planning were developed (September 2015-December 2016)



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# Success stories

- Support to the preparation of the Strategic Forestry Development Plan (2015-2030): **the roadmap for the forestry sector reforms**
- Follow-up legislative process on enforcement of the new Forest Code
- FLEG helped to introduce consultative processes and mechanisms for open dialogue
- FLEG interaction with local communities triggered development of new economic opportunities for rural population based on the use of non-timber forest resources



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# Exit strategy and sustainability of FLEG II

- FLEG-supported forest management policies and programs will continue to regulate forest management
- The international communication, knowledge and experience exchange strengthened multilateral/bilateral cooperation on forest management and prevention of illegal activity
- Information accumulated under FLEG is used by the Government, local authorities and NGOs for planning forest management activities and regional development projects



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