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## Ukraine country presentation

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# Country priority areas: from 2013 till 2016

## Defined priorities for Ukraine:

- Supporting the dialogue over forest policy and strategy;
- Analysis and improving forest law enforcement and governance. Improving the forest law and administrative procedures;
- Development and improving practical measures, aimed at ensuring multipurpose and sustainable forest management;
- Increasing the forest sector transparency and public awareness, dissemination of knowledge and training, monitoring and supporting managerial decision making.

In spite of the fact that the country is *de-facto* at war, three changes of government and four changes of the State Forestry Agency top management for the past four years - the Program team managed to remain on the selected priorities, **convincing the program partners in government and other sectors that these priorities are important.**

**At the end of 2016, the Government and the Parliament made several steps towards reforming the forest sector based on the Program recommendations.**



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# Key results for PDO 1 (1)

**FLEG-2 Program is a well-known and recognized platform for discussion of the crucial problems in the forest sector:**

- Analysis of the status of forest policy (2013);
- Analysis of current problems in hunting sector and proposals for their solving (2014-16);
- Institutional reform of forest management in Ukraine: problems and risks (2015).

**Recommendations on development of legislative base for:**

- Development of the institution of property rights on forest lands (2013);
- classification of forests according to the intended use (2014);
- Managing State Forest Cadastre (2014);
- Property rights and users rights on shelterbelts and other protective vegetation (2016) (bill № 4355);
- Economic mechanisms and funding of forestry sector;
- proposals for regulation of biodiversity conservation in forests, based on adaptation of Ukrainian legislation to EU regulations (2014-2015);
- Proposals on amendments to legislation regulating electronic declarations of timber – 2015.

**Proposals on improvement legislation on:**

- Statutory regulation of public access to forests (2015 – bill №4746);
- Criminal, administrative and civil liability for forest violations and violations of rules of timber trade;
- Preventing illegal harvesting and shadow timber circulation, poaching, and preventing corruption violations in the Ukrainian forest sector.



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# Key results for PDO 1 (2)

## AS A RESULT OF FLEG WORK:

- 1. Awareness of the Government and society of the forest sector problems significantly increased . Practice of open discussion of forestry problems became common.**
- 2. Numerous amendments to legal acts and bills, aimed at overcoming problems with illegal logging, poaching, biodiversity protection, and corruption, were initiated.**
- 3. Analytical materials and recommendations prepared by FLEG became the basis for:**
  - Initiating efforts towards reforming of forest sector;**
  - Preparing “forest” sections of the Coalition Agreement in the Parliament and work plans of the Cabinet of Ministers;**
  - Making necessary corrections to the course of reforms and others.**

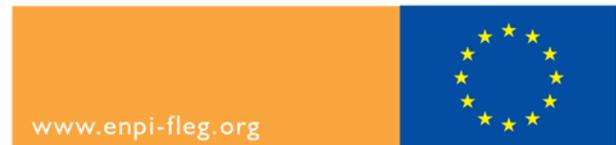


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# Key results for PDO 2 (1)

## In-depth analysis of legislation

- Corruption risks;
- Separation of functions of the state;
- Models of forest management and possibilities of creation of state forestry company (with participation of the EU experts).

## Education and training

- Three manuals on legal liability for violation of the forest law published.
- A Practical commentary on the use of anti-corruption legislation in forestry sector published. Target audiences: forest service staff, law enforcement organs. 1000 copies distributed free of charge among government and local authorities and forestry enterprises.
- At the post-diploma professional training institute «Ukrtsentrkadrylis» monthly trainings for forest service staff on law enforcement (administrative violations, illegal logging, other violations) were conducted. More than 650 people attended the course.
- Training materials including a manual and series of video lessons are developed for GIS use in forestry practice.



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# Key results for PDO 2 (2)

**Recommendations for legislative acts were developed by the FLEG program, aimed at:**

- full revision of administrative responsibility for violation of forestry legislation (including illegal logging);
- improvements of the norms of criminal legislation used in the forestry sector;
- differentiation of illegal logging: illegal private and ones committed by the forestry enterprises;
- differentiation of civil liability of permanent forest users for registering illegal logging;
- setting of basic provisions on registration of logged timber

*These recommendations were used for drafting bill # 5504*

## Dissemination of information and journalism

- News, reports, presentations, analytical papers and other FLEG materials were regularly posted on the national FLEG site [www.fleg.org.ua](http://www.fleg.org.ua), on professional sites ([www.lesovod.org.ua](http://www.lesovod.org.ua), [www.pryroda.in.ua](http://www.pryroda.in.ua)) and other internet-resources

- Information on the work of the FLEG program was presented in over 180 articles, TV/radio programs and internet-publications

- Three annual competitions for media “Year of Forests – Every Year”. Over 70 journalists and non-professional authors participated in each competition.

- A series of press-events in different regions was organized. Over 80 journalists participated.

- A terms of reference for the establishing an unified web-portal of the State Forest Resources Agency (SFRA) was developed. The initial draft version of the web-portal according to the ToR (under development by SFRA with the support of the FAO project) is available at: <http://62.80.189.30/ua/>



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## 2. Key results for PDO 2 in 2016 (3):

Trainings for State Forestry Agency specialists:

- on the current model of forest management and biodiversity protection in Poland - 17 representatives;
- on GIS for practical use in forestry:
  - 37 state forest enterprises top managers on the latest achievements in the field of GIS applications;
  - 52 professionals (engineers) from state forest enterprises.



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# Key results for PDO 3 (1)

- **Using the experience of state forestry management of the EU institutes the following proposals were developed:**
  - draft of timber trade rules;
  - draft Rules of classification and measuring of wood (including a guidance on introduction of the rules and a pilot experiment);
  - recommendations on introducing European experience of pine and oak cultivation.
- **Prepared a draft of the legislative changes for implementing the hunting reform and development model in Ukraine – 2016**
- **Proposals for legislative changes to improve the protection of biodiversity in forests: adaptation of Ukrainian legislation to EU standards. The recommendations were taken as the basis for the development of new legislation by Ministry of Ecology of Ukraine**
- **Developed a draft "Guidelines for forest ecosystems protection regimes on the territory of Nature Reservation Fund of Ukraine of different categories" – this year passed to the respective institution authorities**
- **Field data gathering and initial testing of the Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) methodology were conducted in pilot communities.**



Розробка ключових законодавчих актів щодо охорони біорізноманіття в лісах: адаптація українського законодавства до вимог ЄС

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# Key results for PDO 3 (2)

- A comprehensive research work on problems of communal forests development as well as analysis of typical conflict situations connected with the forests have been conducted:
  - Training seminars for local authorities and communities about their rights in forest management and existing mechanisms to ensure these rights have been organized in several regions of Ukraine;
  - An informational guide-book has been developed on the basis of the training seminar materials and issues raised by the participants. The guidebook has got a high appreciation by representatives of local authorities and communities.
- Field survey on the dependency of the local population on forest resources was conducted using a harmonized for all 7 countries methodology in several regions of Ukraine: Carpathians, Forest-Steppe, Polissia. The results of the study are accepted with great interest by representatives of the local communities as very valuable for using in the local and regional development plans.



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# Success stories (1)

Proposals developed by FLEG were incorporated in the Coalition agreement of Parliamentary factions “European Ukraine” (2014 r., section X.5 «Reforming forestry sector»)

As a result of the raised attention of the Parliament and society to the forestry sector problems, a “Working group for preparation of the forestry sector reform” was established by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers (October 2016). Participants and experts of the FLEG Program are members of the group

On the initiative of FLEG program, at the meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on agricultural policy, the proposals of the FLEG program on developing 4 legislative acts were considered and supported:

- On timber market
- On turnover of timber
- On development of the State Program “Forests of Ukraine- 2030”
- On the system of funding of forestry



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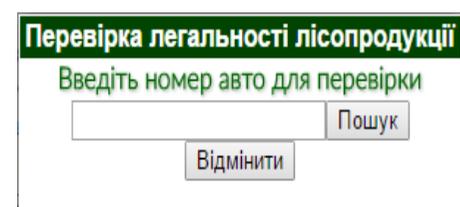
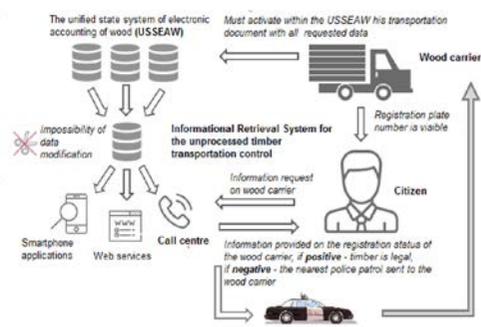
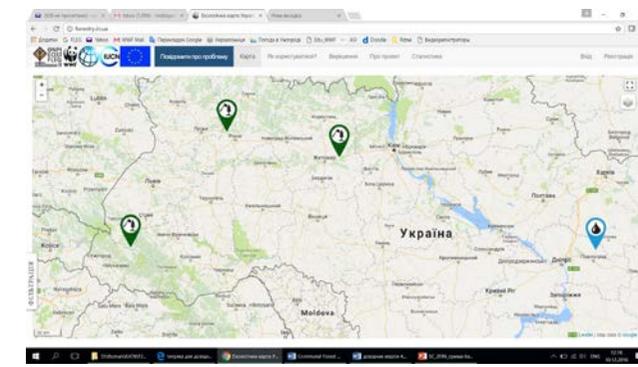
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# Success stories (2)

- Trainings for representatives of local authorities and communities about their rights in the forest management decision-making and existing mechanisms to ensure these rights, as well as information guide-book developed on their basis.
- Improving Eco-map web-site: improved test version is available at: <http://forestry.in.ua/> .
- A series of meetings with representatives of the hunting industry on the existing problems and the ways to improve them.
- Creating a concept of public control over the legality of timber transportation (by track number and other means).



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# Exit strategy and sustainability of FLEG II

- Experts and participants of the FLEG program became members of the Working group for reforming of the forestry sector.
- Experts and participants of the FLEG program became members of expert and public councils at the Parliamentary Committee on agrarian policy, at Parliamentary Committee on industrial policy, at the Accounting Chamber, at the State Forestry Agency, Ministry of Ecology.
- Manuals published by the Program are introduced in the curricula of educational institutions and are used for post-diploma training.
- Products of the Program are used by civil society organizations and associations (e.g. Chernigivderevprom” for information campaigns and lobbying their interests. Program participants established an NGO “Partnership of independent experts”.
- Methods of forest landscape restoration (FLR) has great prospects for implementation in Ukraine, confirmed by representatives of both State Forestry Agency and other stakeholders.
- Creation of an unified web portal for the State Forestry Agency continues with the support of FAO project.
- Project "Forest Watch (Lisova Varta)", aimed at combating illegal logging, has already received the support of the Finland Embassy in Ukraine.
- WWF will continue to support projects developed in the framework of FLEG Program in Ukraine (implementation of sustainable forest management principles, biodiversity conservation, improved regulation for hunting management, GIS, and others).



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# Geographical coverage of FLEG II in Ukraine and main counterparts

- Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine,
- Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine,
- Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine,
- State Forest Resources Agency of Ukraine,
- Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine,
- General Prosecutor's Office,
- Environmental Inspectorate,
- NGOs, local authorities, and local communities



Including 8 local communities in Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Ternopil, and Zytomyr oblasts



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Thank you!

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