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COMPLEMENTARY MEASURES FOR  
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# ENPI FLEG II in Georgia - Successes and Lessons Learned How to Move Forward?

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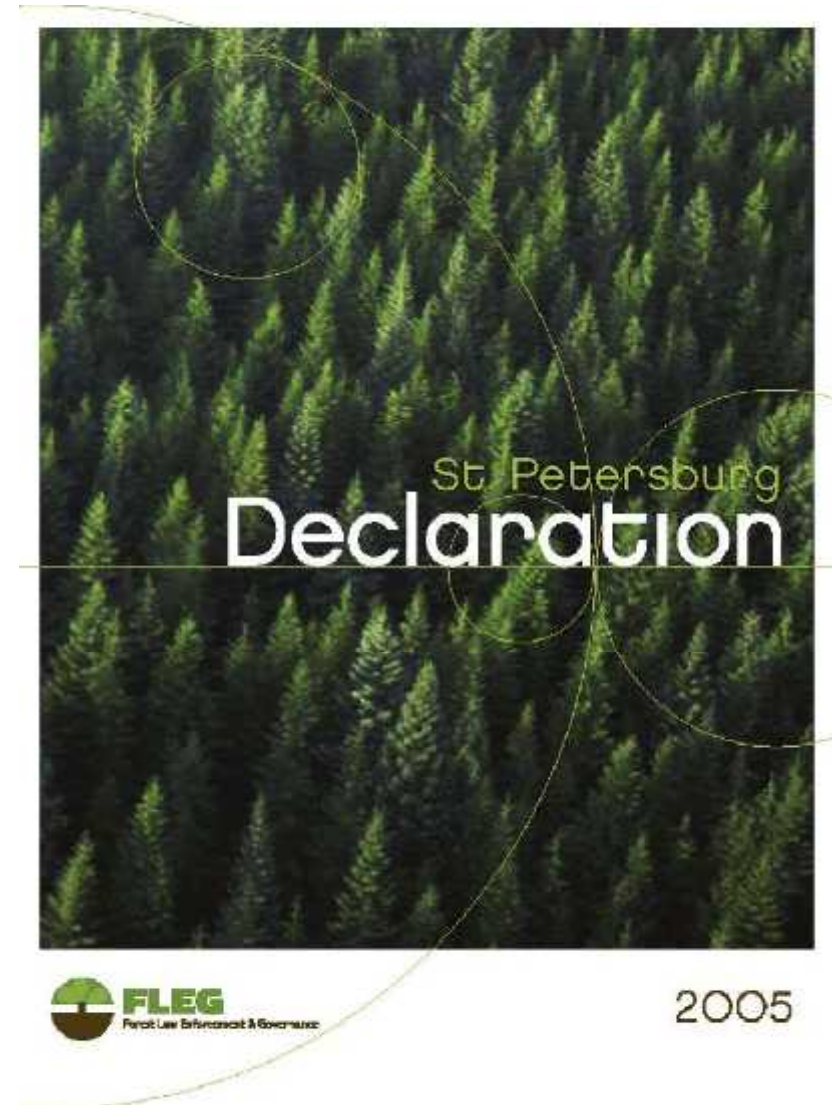
# Presentation Structure

- **About FLEG program**
- Key Successes
- Lessons learned
- Our future plans



# About FLEG Program - A bit of History

- 2005 - St. Petersburg Ministerial conference;
- Representatives of 44 governments (ENA);
- The St. Petersburg Declaration signed: committing governments to address illegal logging and improve forest governance







# The Two ENPI FLEG Programs

## **ENPI FLEG I:**

- In 2008, the EC, the World Bank, WWF and IUCN teamed up to implement the first ENPI FLEG Program
- Timeframe: 2008-2012;
- Budget: 6 million EUR.

## **ENPI FLEG II:**

- The ENPI Forest Law Enforcement and Governance II (FLEG II) Program supports good forest governance, sustainable forest management and forest protection in the ENPI East region;
- Timeframe: 2012-2016;
- Budget: 9 million EUR.



## ENPI East FLEG II Explained

- European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) East Countries Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) II Program
- Promotes sustainable forest governance, management, and protection, ensuring the contribution of the region's forests to climate change adaptation and mitigation, to ecosystems and biodiversity protection, and to sustainable livelihoods and income sources for local populations and national economies
- FLEG II is funded by the EU and ADC/ADA (in Georgia and Armenia) and implemented by the WB, WWF and IUCN



# Program Priorities

- Improving Forest Law and Policy
- Improving sustainable forest management
- Improving sustainable use of forest resources
- Human resource capacity building
- Increasing communication/visibility and raising awareness

## **Program Partners:**

- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia: National Forestry Agency, Forest Policy Service, Agency of Protected Areas, Environmental Information and Education Center;
- Target municipalities;
- NGO sector/Civil Society;
- Other key parties.



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## ➤ About FLEG program

## ➤ Key Successes of the Program:

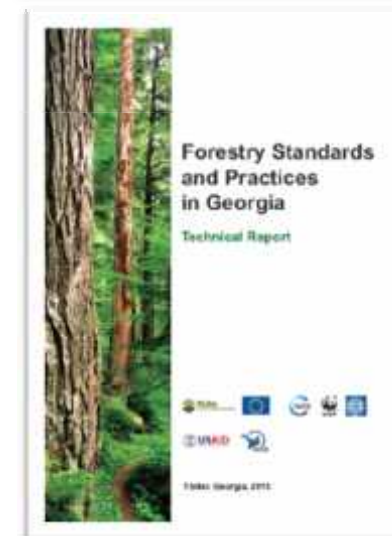
- Reports and analysis – establishing base for sustainable forest management;
- Human resource capacity building – work with media and state forestry authorities;
- Increasing communication/visibility and raising awareness.

## ➤ Lessons learned

## ➤ Our future plans

# Reports & Analysis – FLEG I

- Media Monitoring Report (2)
- FAO Model Code of Forest Harvesting
- Forestry Standards and Practices in Georgia
- Impacts of Illegal Logging on Rural Population of Georgia





# Reports & Analysis – FLEG II

Support local forest governance in Georgia (on the case of Tusheti Protected Landscape):

- Baseline study for forest management in the area has been conducted;
- Methodology for forest management planning has been developed;



# Reports & Analysis – FLEG II

## Assessment of forest pests and diseases in Georgia:



### Assessment of Forest Pests and Diseases in Protected Areas of Georgia Final report

Dr. Iryna Metsiakh  
Forestry Department, Ukrainian National Forestry  
University (Lviv)  
Tbilisi 2014



Project funded by the European Union under the ENPI East FLEG II program. The project was implemented by the Forestry Department of the Ukrainian National Forestry University (Lviv) in cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Forestry of Georgia.



### Assessment of Forest Pests and Diseases in Native Boxwood Forests of Georgia Final report

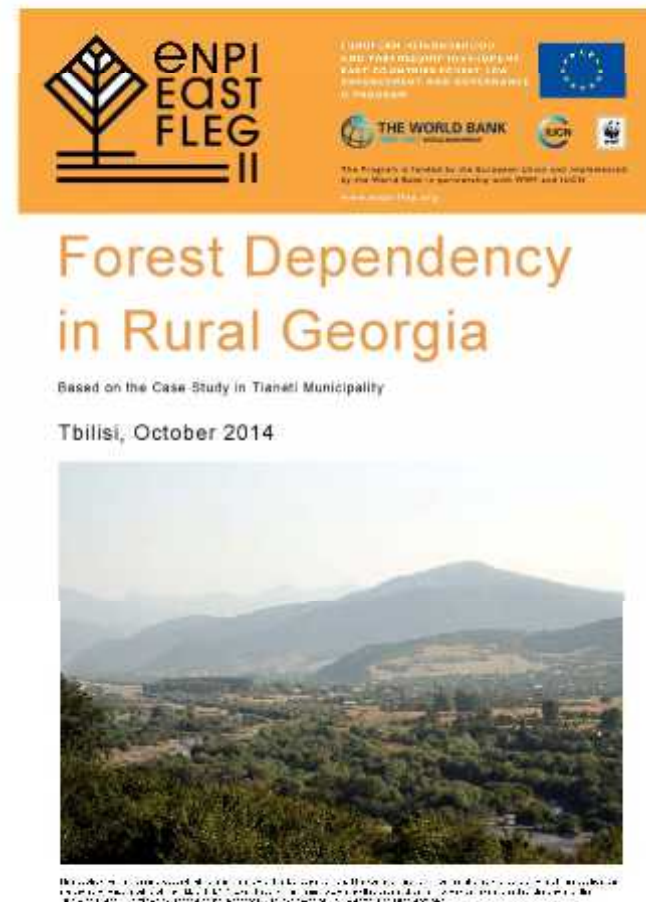
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# Reports & Analysis – FLEG II

## Study on Forest Dependency of local population Georgia:

- Tianeti
- Akhaltsikhe
- Akalkalaki
- Chokhatauri





# Reports & Analysis – FLEG II

## Assessment of Firewood Consumption and Firewood Production Potential in Georgia:

- Firewood is the main source of heating;
- Its share as a fuel source ranges from 75-96% by region.



## Executive Summary

Assessment of Firewood Consumption and Firewood Production Potential in Georgia

CENN – Caucasus Environmental NGO Network  
March 2016







# Human resource capacity building

## **FLEG I:**

Trainings for journalists

Media tours

Media seminars

Collection of photo/ video materials

Preparation of movie clips, articles, blogs

etc.

## **FLEG II:**

First ever cooperation between  
Judiciary and Protected Area  
authorities:

Training for the protected area

Rangers/Law enforcement

# FLEG I, national media training: Presentation of IUCN activities during journalists training in Abastumani





FLEG I, national media training :  
Journalists are collecting photos of illegal  
logging activities during training





FLEG I, national media training:  
Journalists working on media  
materials





# Best Blogger nomination/ Sheraton Metechi Palace



FLEG I, Regional media training: Leading national TV channels covering the training: interviewing journalists





FLEG I: Telavi regional training in civil  
environmental journalism – journalists  
and 900-year old tree







**FLEG II:**  
First ever cooperation  
between Judiciary and  
Protected Area authorities

Capacity of state officials in  
forest law enforcement  
enhanced through hands-on  
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## **FLEG II:**

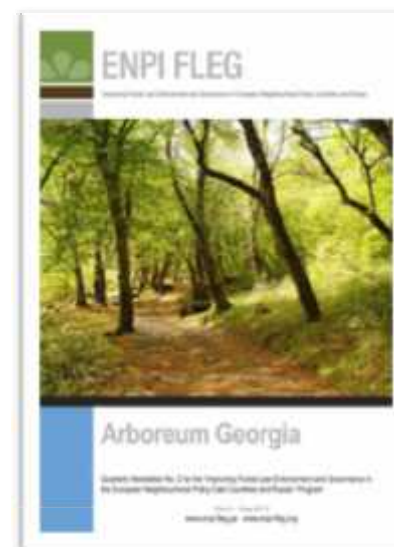
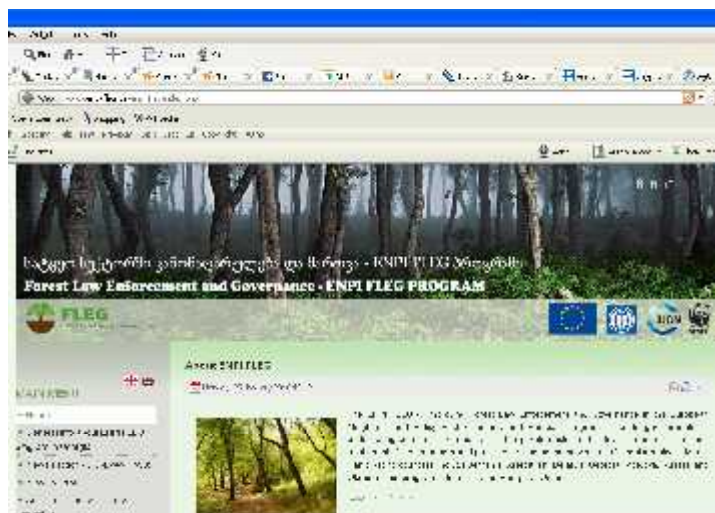
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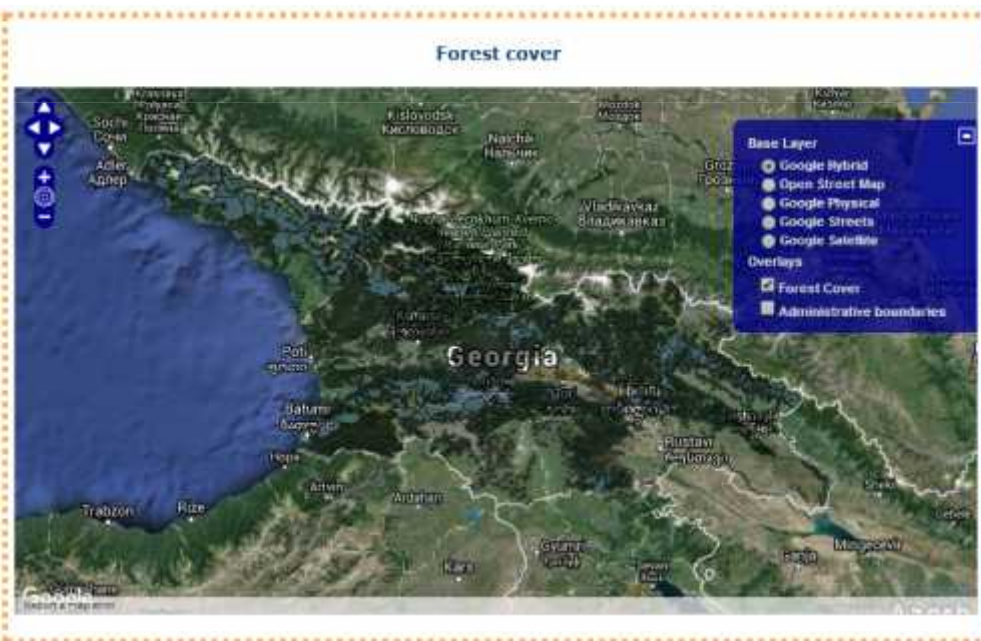
# Increasing communication/visibility and raising awareness

**FLEG I:** Georgian web site of ENPI FLEG, Quarterly newsletters, mailing list, Facebook etc.

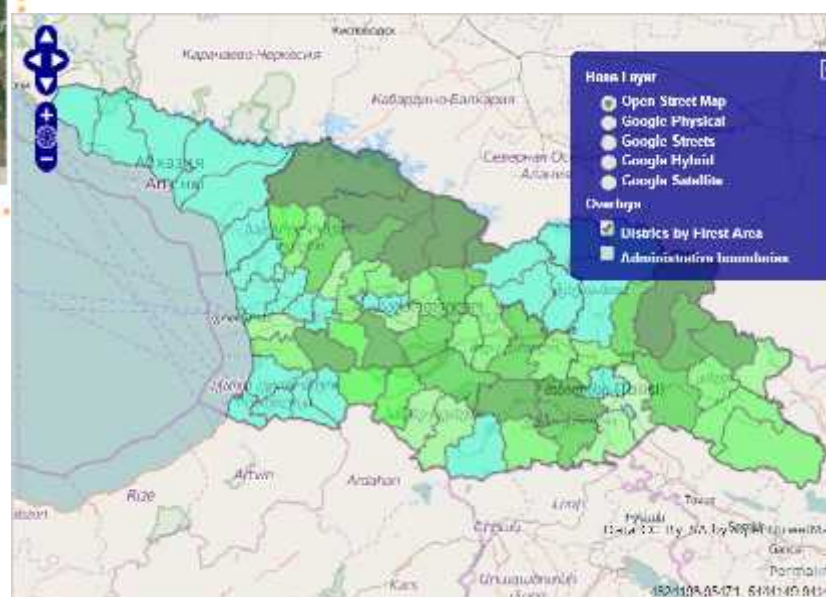




# Increasing communication/visibility and raising awareness



**FLEG II: GeoForestPortal** <http://enpi-fleg.ge/geoforestportal/index.php/en/>





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  - Human resource capacity building – work with media and state forestry authorities;
  - Increasing communication/visibility and raising awareness.
- **Lessons learned/Our future plans**





# The most valuable lessons learned

- Production of analytical reports, provision of expert advice and facilitation of knowledge transfer through FLEG Program proved capable of making change towards better forest governance in the country
- FLEG Program has been instrumental in fueling cooperation among various sectoral stakeholders, facilitating consensus on key issues, and boosting exchange among professionals of FLEG countries.
- FLEG Program safeguarded continuity of reform and sectoral transformation processes through the years of exceptional managerial turnover in the National Forest Agency.



## What are our plans?

- Building on FLEG experience – using the solid information and data gathered by FLEG and providing continuous support to the state forest sector;
- Utilizing IUCN's experience in Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR)
- Step by step and natural transition of FLEG to Forest Landscape Restoration initiative;

A dramatic mountain landscape with a valley filled with clouds. The scene is captured in a cinematic style, with deep shadows and bright highlights. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth. The clouds in the valley are illuminated from below, giving them a warm, golden glow. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

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