ECCA30

- Driven by biophysical and socio-economic factors that are exacerbated by the impacts of **climate change**, **degradation of land and natural resources** is one of the greatest challenges faced by all countries in **Europe**, the **Caucasus**, and **Central Asia**.
- Restoring degraded and deforested landscapes using the Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) approach is the **most** cost-effective, long-term, sustainable, nature-based solution in the region.
 - ECCA30 is a **country-led initiative** to bring **30 million hectares** of degraded and deforested land in Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia into restoration **by 2030**. It will thereby accelerate the implementation of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Global Forest Goal 1, which sets out to increase the global forest area by 3%, and the Bonn Challenge, the largest global efforts to bring 350 million hectares of the world's degraded and deforested lands into restoration by 2030.
- **Target countries**: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, North Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan.

Together, we will:

- Accelerate progress on national goals and priorities (UNFF Global Forest Goal 1, Bonn Challenge, Astana Resolution, Agadir Committment, Paris Agreement, Land Degradation Neutrality, Sustainable Development Goals);
- Attract finance and catalyse domestic, regional and global funds;
- Establish a platform to build profile and show **leadership** at regional and global events;
- Provide access to **technical support** and track progress on implementation with the Bonn Challenge Barometer;
- Convene regional and global learning exchanges.



Join us!



National and subnational governments can express their interest in joining the initiative as a pledger, while private sector organisations, NGOs and other institutions can participate as technical and financial partners.



Pledges may be new FLR initiatives over a specified number of hectares or enhancements of existing national or sub-national initiatives covering specific numbers of hectares if they are explicitly: (1) aligned with the FLR principles, and (2) brought under restoration through existing programmes from 2010 onwards.



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For more information visit:

www.infoflr.org/bonn-challenge/regional-initiatives/ecca30

Governance structure

Country ownership is a key principle of ECCA30 Initiative. The initiative will be led by participating countries while the secretariat and partner organizations will complement these efforts where needed.







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