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MODERNIZING FOREST GOVERNANCE IN MOLDOVA FOR SUSTAINABLE AFFORESTATION

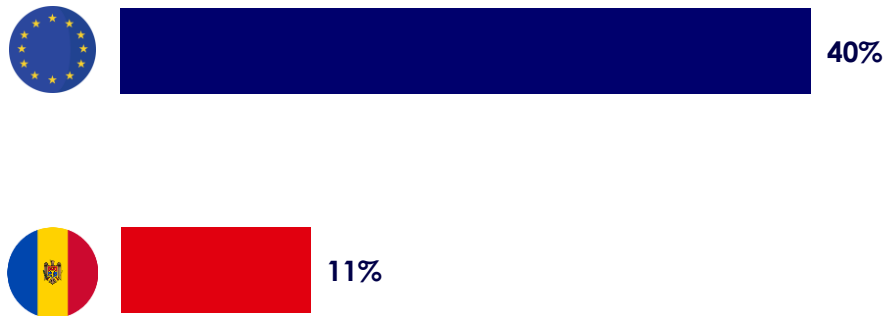
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ITEM 3 - FINANCING AFFORESTATION/REFORESTATION TO ENSURE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

MOLDOVA FORESTS

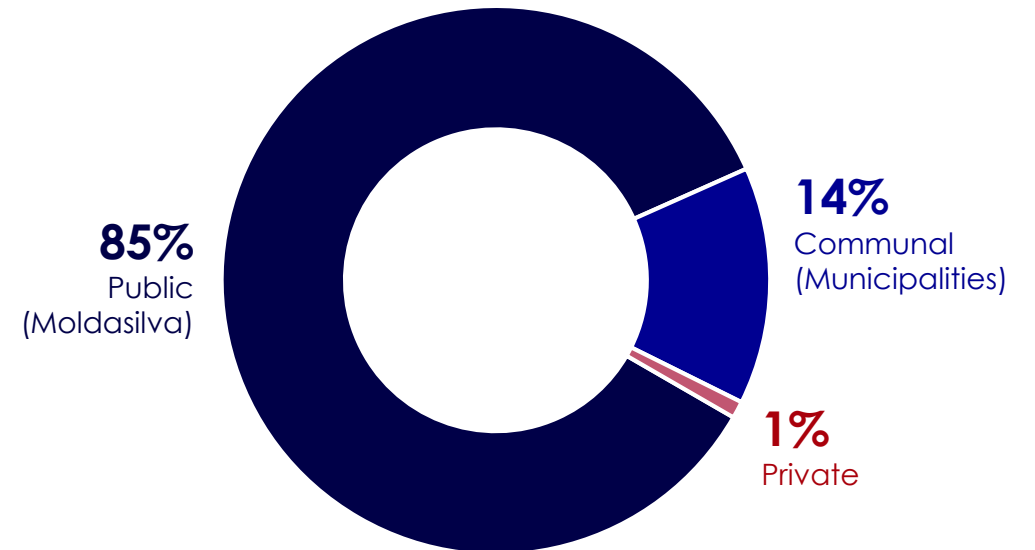
FOREST COVERAGE



Main threats identified:

- Climate change
- Energy demand
- Some unsustainable practices (even-aged forests)

OWNERSHIP STATUS OF FORESTS



AWARENESS AND POLITICAL WILL ARE THERE

AFFORESTATION IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE PRESIDENT SANDU

1

**National Forest Extension
and Rehabilitation Program**
(NFERP) → Ambitious targets: 10,000
ha/year * 10 years

2

Development of a
New Forest Code – ongoing

3

**Alignment with EU rules &
regulations** (e.g. PEFC)

Afforestation needs:



FUNDING



**MODERNIZATION OF FOREST
GOVERNANCE**



**POLICIES AND
INSTITUTIONAL SET-UP**

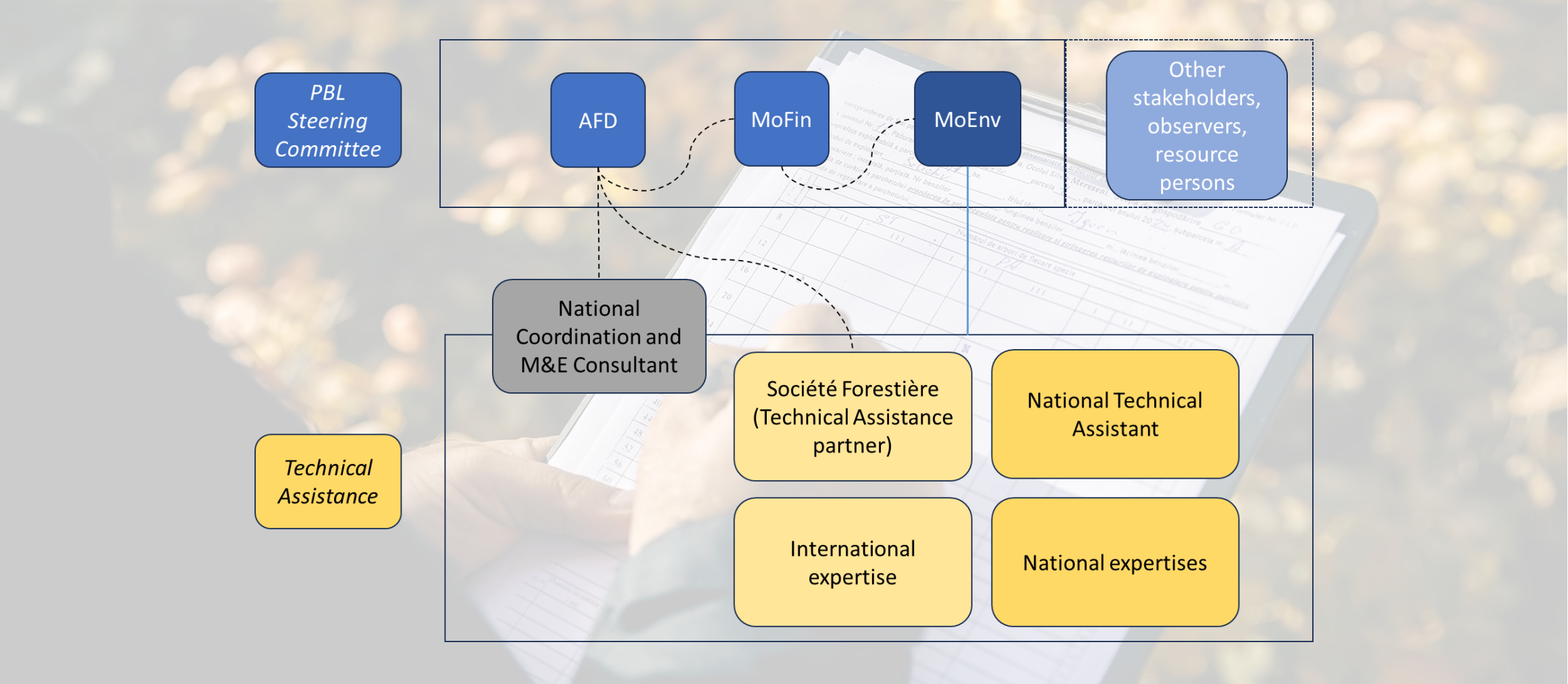
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- 2023 **Policy Dialogue** with **Ministry of Environment**
supported by Technical Experts (Société forestière, CDC, France)
→ **AFD Reform Program** “**Strengthening and Modernization of the Forestry Sector in Moldova**”
19 action tracks over 5-6 years
- 2024 **Implementation of PBL Matrix covering the first tranche of the Reform Program**
Contractual document guiding loan disbursement based on 6 pillars with 28 SMART milestones to be achieved for the period 2024-2025
- 2025 **Technical assistance program to support reform implementation**
- 2026 *To be continued...*
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STRUCTURE OF THE PBL MATRIX

	Reform Pillar	Description
1	Adoption of the new Forest Code	Modernization – and alignment with EU standards and regulations – of key legislation governing forestry activities in Moldova
2	Institutional Reform	Restructuring of forest-related Departments and public institutions overseen by the Ministry of Environment
3	Promotion of biodiversity, carbon capture and adaptation to climate change	Development of key plans and programmes to promote environmentally sound forestry practices aligned with EU standards and regulations
4	Promotion of sustainable forest-based economic development	Support the creation of an enabling environment for the growth of economic activities in the forestry sector
5	Implementation of the National Afforestation Programme	Define the conditions for the operational implementation of the afforestation plan
6	Enhancement of national capacity in forest management	Improving professionals' and students' competence to support the implementation of afforestation plan and modernization of forestry

PBL GOVERNANCE & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

SOCIÉTÉ FORESTIÈRE OF THE CDC (WITH PARTNERS BECHON & GB2A) WILL DEPLOY A BROAD ARRAY OF EXPERTS:

On-demand and flexible

To ensure co-leadership of key studies

National expertise

With international support, missions & study tours

FORESEEABLE CHALLENGES

1

Funding of the Ministry of Environment to initiate the reform process

2

Institutional Resistance to the reform process

3

Inter-ministerial coordination (e.g. ministries of Agriculture & Education)

4

Coordination with multiple partners with interest in the forestry sector (national & international)



QUESTIONS?