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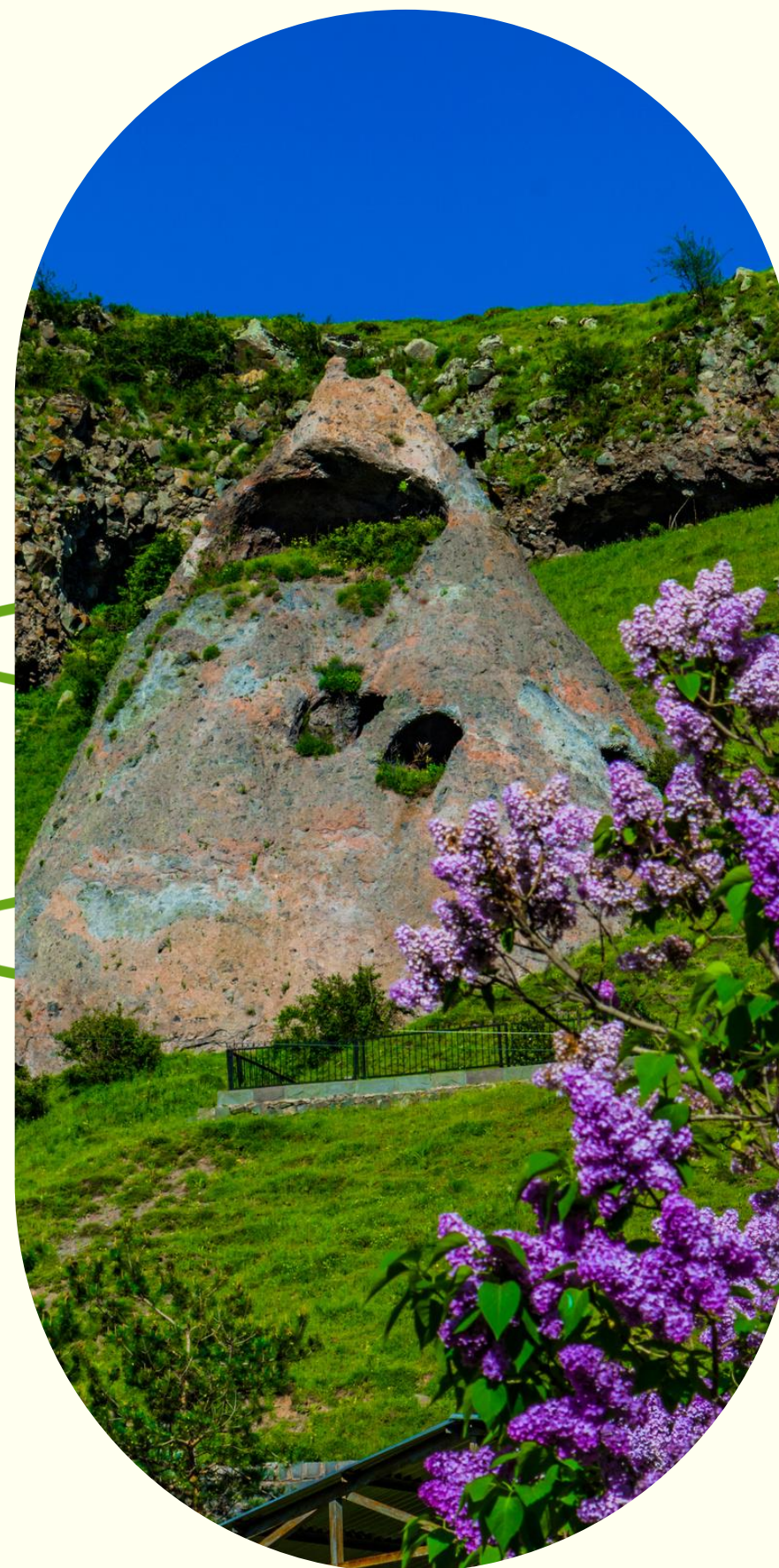
Highlights of the country-level and regional activities



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ARMENIA



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Biodiversity conservation: Emerald Network



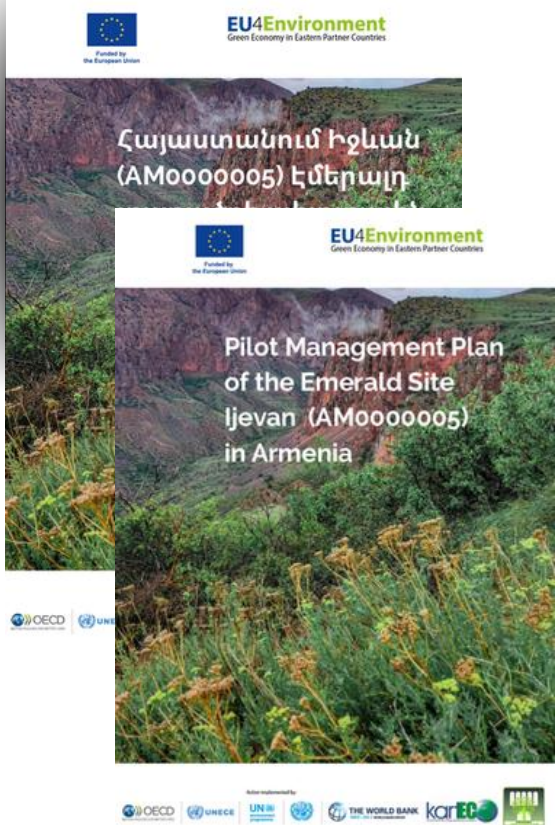
Capacity-building

4 workshops

Over **130** people benefited from capacity-building events

- National Action Plan
- Guidelines for managing Emerald Sites
- Recommendations for revision of Emerald Network in Armenia

- Two management plans for Ijevan and Armash Emerald sites





Natural resource management through community engagement



Ecotourism Management Plan Template Tool for Armenia

- A European-standard-aligned ecotourism management manual that defines cooperation models, clarifies stakeholder roles and shared benefits, promotes PA–business joint initiatives for conservation through standardized products, and includes MEET Network criteria and a roadmap for protected areas' accession.



Pilot Ecotourism Plans for 8 communities

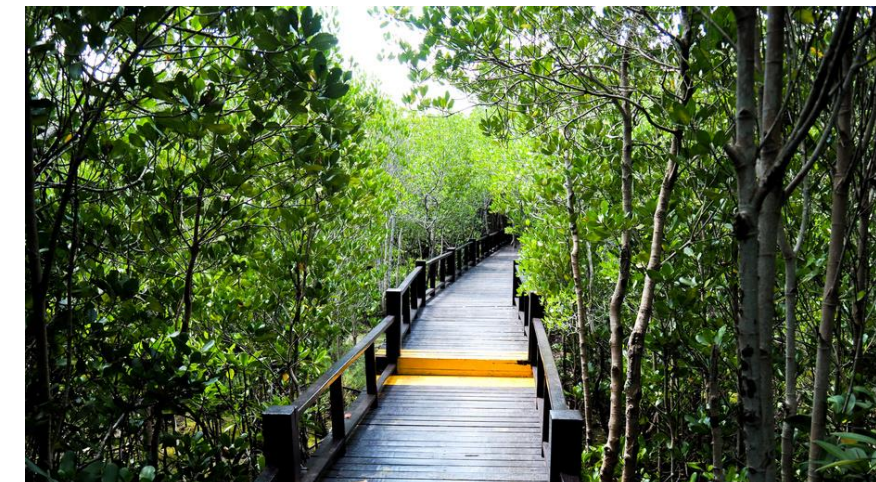
Dilijan, Goris, Vardenis, Kapan, Ijevan, Tumanyan, Alaverdi, and Vanadzor

- Municipality-specific ecotourism packages—grounded in the developed guidelines and best practices from RESILAND programme—that define target segments and channels, signature attractions, physical and digital infrastructure, and indicative pricing for marketable trips.



Capacity-building:

- training materials *and*
- 8 training & demonstration events
- 2 local info sessions on FMP & SPMP
- 1 state-level event on MEET Network benefits and accession roadmap





Illegal logging prevention and EU Deforestation Regulation compliance



- Report “Recommendations for Development of SFM and Certification Guidelines in Armenia”

- Report “Recommendations for Introducing Innovative Roundwood Trade Control Technology in Armenia”



- **Roundtable discussion** on the findings of the reports

Carbon and climate finance



- Report “Financing Nature in Armenia: Enhancing Strategic Investment in Forests and Natural Resource Management”

Scope:

- Assess ecosystem services and financing mechanisms;
- Identify options to meet investment needs and address operational funding gaps;
- Develop recommendations for strategic financing plans for selected Emerald Network areas based on the findings.



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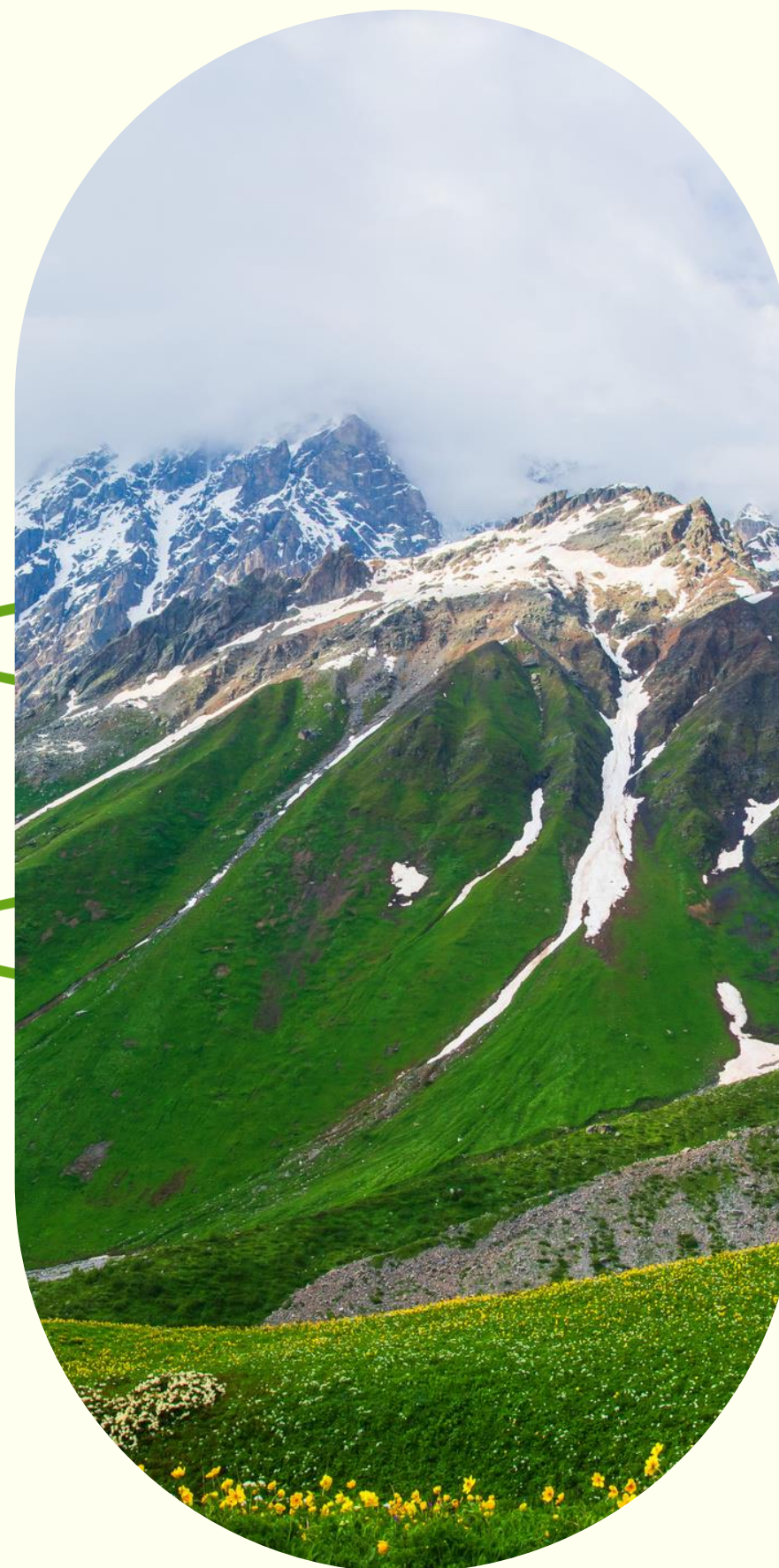
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GEORGIA

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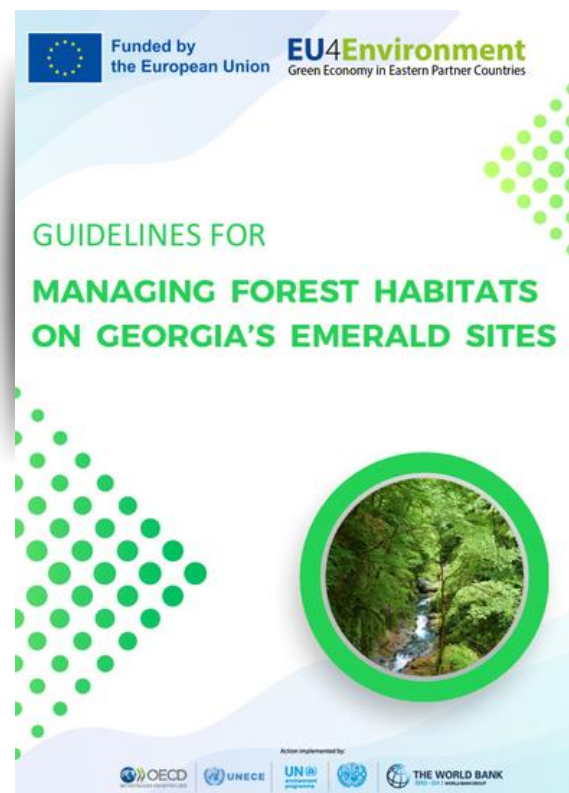


Guidelines for Managing Forest Habitats on
Georgia's Emerald Sites



Capacity-building

4 workshops



Nearly **100** people benefited
from capacity-building events



Natural resource management through community engagement



Ecotourism Management Plans for 8 forestry districts

Baghdati, Kharagauli, Sachkhere, Kutaisi, Vani, Tsalenjikha, Chkhorotsku, Martvili

Spatial & Contextual Analysis:

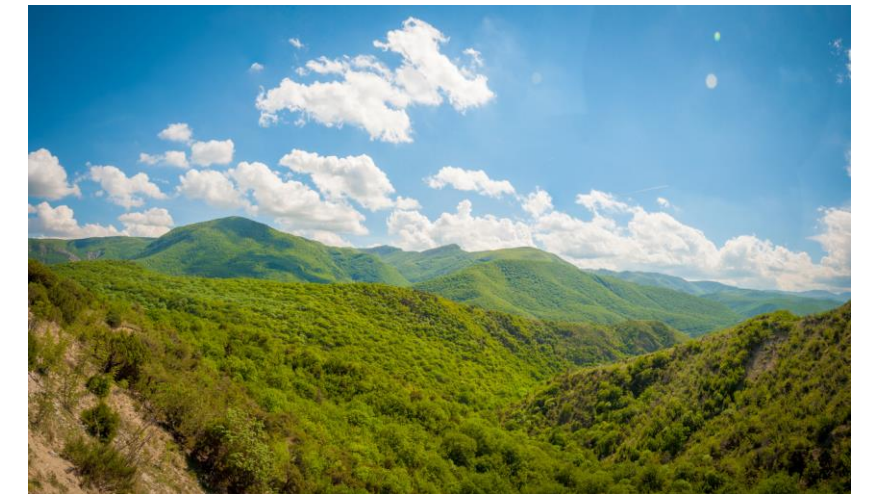
- Municipal-level mapping of attractions, existing offers, access routes, and integrable infrastructure
- Assessment of constraints (environmental threats, infrastructure gaps, land-use conflicts)
- Integration of forest/municipal boundaries, biodiversity hotspots, Emerald Sites, protected areas, and relevant environmental data

Stakeholder Engagement & Participatory Assessment:

- Interviews and focus groups with municipal officials, local providers, and communities
- Assessment of engagement, livelihood benefits, and opportunities to expand ecotourism while protecting natural resources

Plan Development & Validation:

- Draft tailored plans per district combining spatial and stakeholder findings
- Actionable recommendations balancing conservation and sustainable development, enhancing ecotourism and community benefits
- Final validation workshop with stakeholder feedback.



Capacity Building:

8 local level information events.

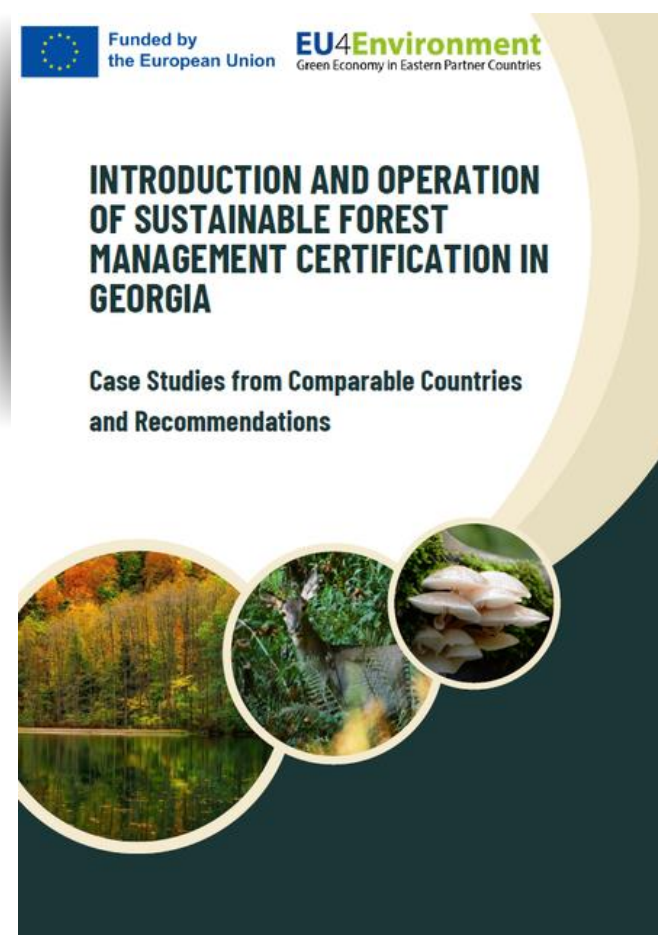




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- Report “Introduction and Operation of Sustainable Forest Management Certification in Georgia”





Carbon and climate finance



- Report: “Financing Nature in Georgia: Enhancing Strategic Investment in Forests and Natural Resource Management”

Scope:

- Baseline assessment of total economic value of ecosystem services, country targets and financing needs
- Recommendations for country investment and financing opportunities



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MOLDOVA



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Recommendations for the
National Emerald Roadmap

Status of Emerald Species and
Habitats in Moldova: a Legal and
Institutional Framework Assessment

Management plans for three
selected Emerald sites:

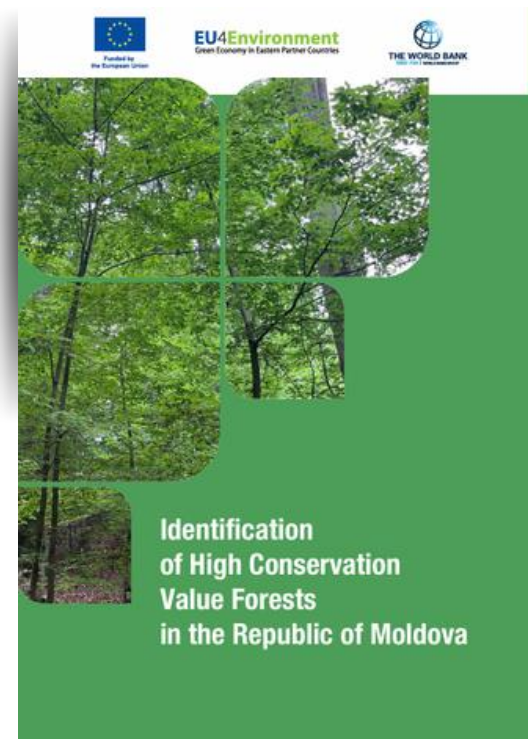




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Report “High Conservation Value Forests
Identification Analysis in Moldova”



At least 47% of all Moldova's forests
have potential for HCVF:
potential benefits for people



Capacity-building



Over **200** people were trained
through learning events

Natural resource management through community engagement



- Forest Management Plans (FMPs) - to help selected communities gain more benefits and sustain ecosystem services (more than 1,000 ha covered)
- Improved Silvo-Pastoral Management Plans (SPMP) - to help selected communities enhance ecological resilience and local livelihoods (more than 600 ha covered)
- Promoted community-based assisted natural regeneration (ANR) as a cost-effective approach climate-resilient forests of the future (at least 2,000 ha direct contribution to the NFERP as the most efficient forestation approach)
- Report “Moldova Nature Restoration Potential” (MNRP) analysis (more than 600,000 ha mainly degraded) – opening new opportunities for restoration financing and stakeholder engagement in landscape restoration.



Capacity Building:

Training materials for both enhanced FMP and SPMP processes *and* 4 local-level information events.

Over **30 communities** will benefit from the EU4Environment work.



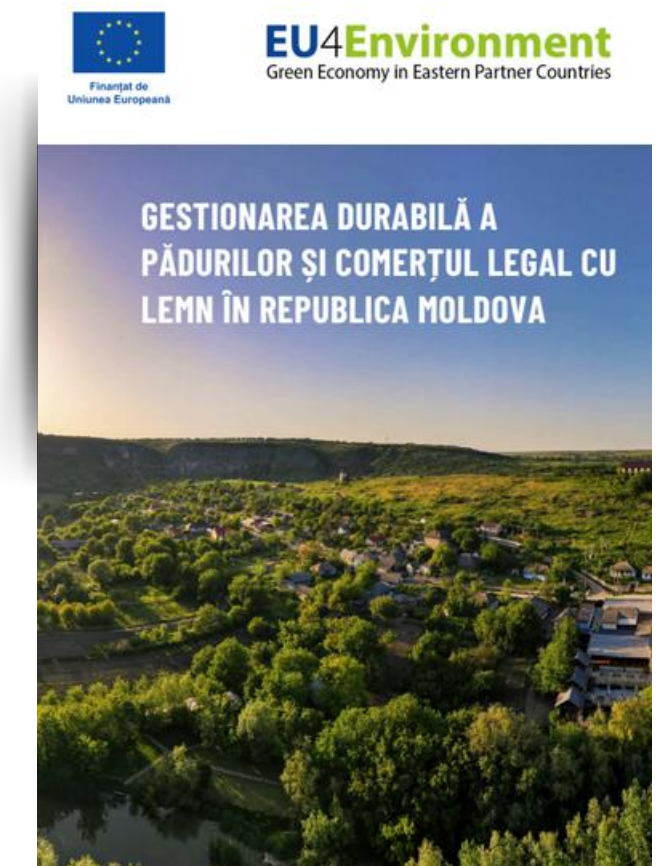
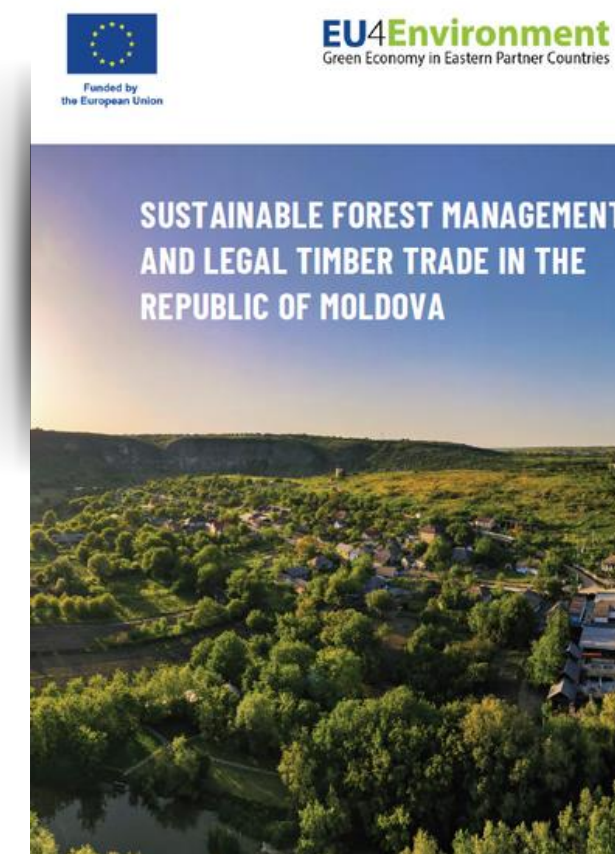


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Report “Sustainable Forest Management and Legal Timber Trade in the Republic of Moldova”

- Strengthen timber legality, traceability, and forest governance systems in Moldova
- Develop a national digital Wood Tracking System (WTS) for full timber traceability
- Improve verification of legal origin and legal compliance in line with EUDR requirements
- Reduce illegal logging risks while supporting sustainable and transparent timber trade





Carbon and climate finance



Assisting in the design of "The National Forest Extension and Rehabilitation Program" (NFERP) for 2023-2032 in Moldova

Report "Financing Nature in the Republic of Moldova: Enhancing Strategic Investment in Forests and Natural Resource Management"

- Forest cover low, only 13.5% target 15-17% by 2032 (greening process ongoing)
- Only 10-20% of Ramsar wetlands remain functional (restoration and climate-resilient landscape management needed).
- Ecosystem restoration financing gap exceeds \$230 million by 2032 (shift toward green and ecosystem-service financing)
- Donor support is increasing, but stronger coordination is needed to achieve restoration targets and sustain ecosystem services.



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UKRAINE

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Biodiversity conservation: Emerald Network



Reports

- Methodological guidelines for assessing anthropogenic and military impacts on Emerald Network sites
- Methodological guidelines for developing Emerald Network management plans
- Three pilot Emerald management plans



Capacity-building

Nearly **700** people benefited from capacity-building events during **9 workshops** for stakeholders





Natural resource management through community engagement



- Development of practical tools for nature-based tourism, NTFPs use, secondary succession forest management, and communal forestry in 8 communities.
- Integration of NRM into community *strategy*, recommendations for environmental protection programs of TCs with focus on forest resources
- Workshop on self-seeded forests (15 Apr 2026) – presentation of management models, legal challenges, and next steps
- Report on lessons learned “Strengthening of the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Economic Development through Local Community Engagement in Ukraine”



Capacity-building:



- Training materials on NRM innovation & training sessions for 8 communities





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- Report “Strengthening Competitiveness of Ukraine’s Woodworking Industry”

Scope:

- Evaluate market opportunities for reconstruction, furniture, exports, and import substitution.
- Develop priority investment proposals for wood-processing industries.
- Evaluate financial impacts of proposed investments.

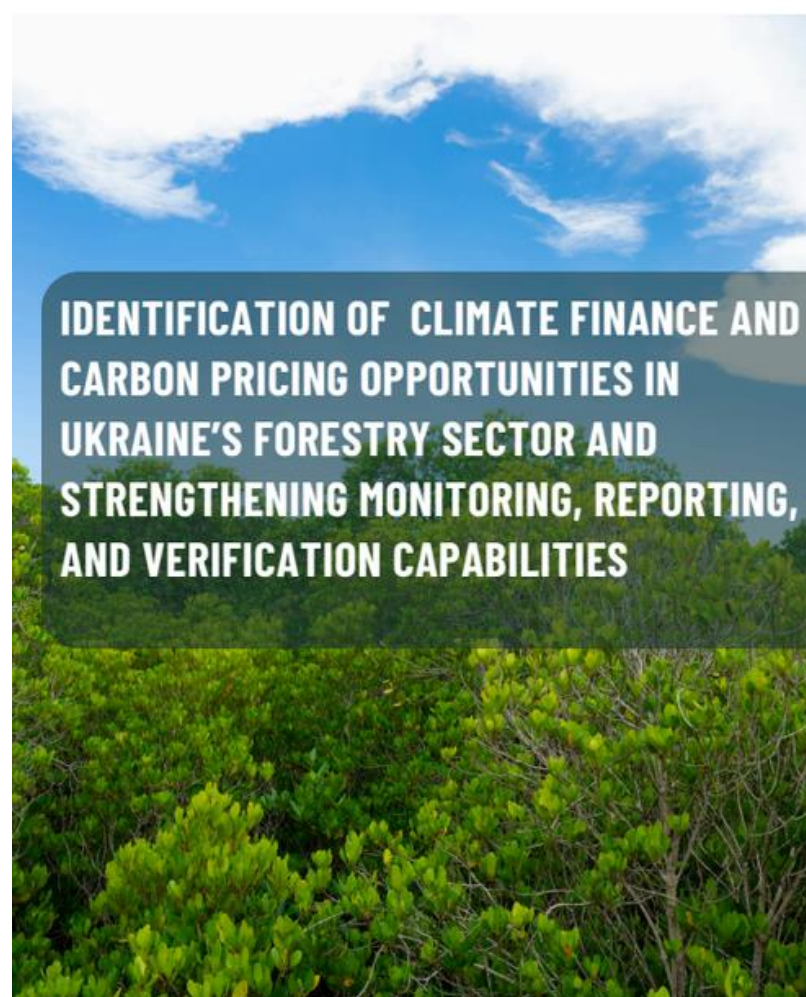




Carbon and climate finance



- Report “Identification of Climate Finance and Carbon Pricing Opportunities in Ukraine’s Forestry Sector and Strengthening MRV Capabilities”



- Report “Financing Nature in the Republic of Moldova: Enhancing Strategic Investment in Forests and Natural Resource Management”





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REGIONAL

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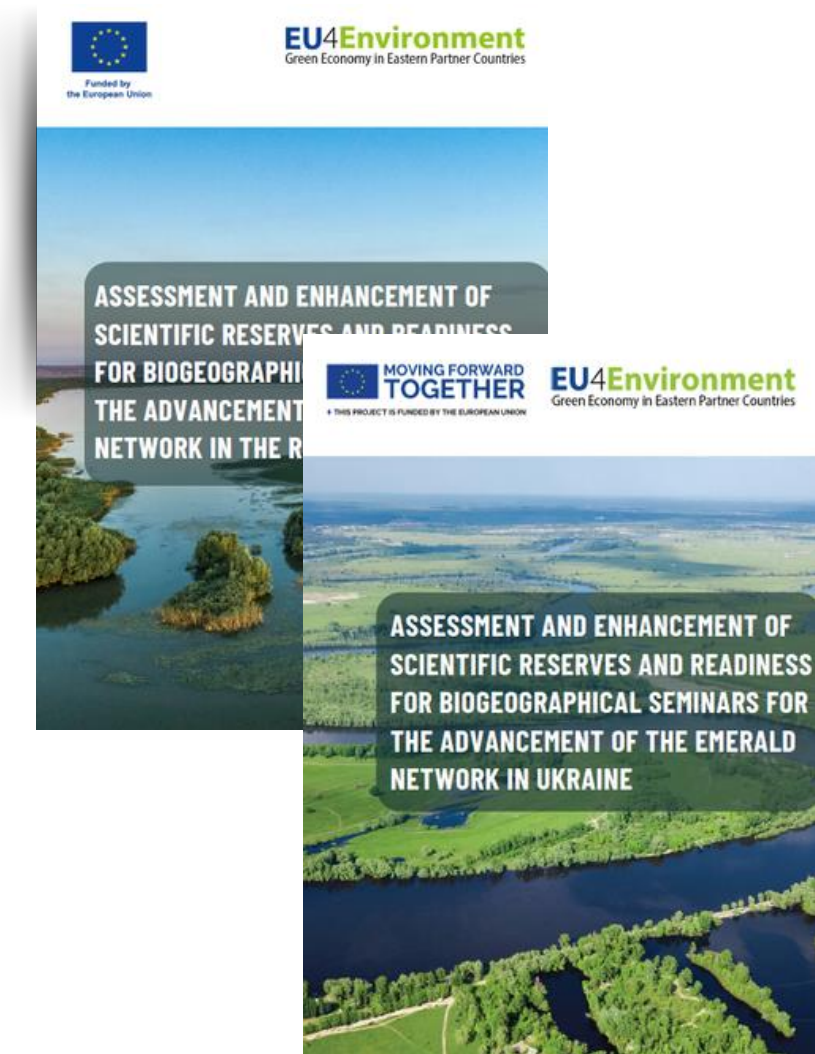
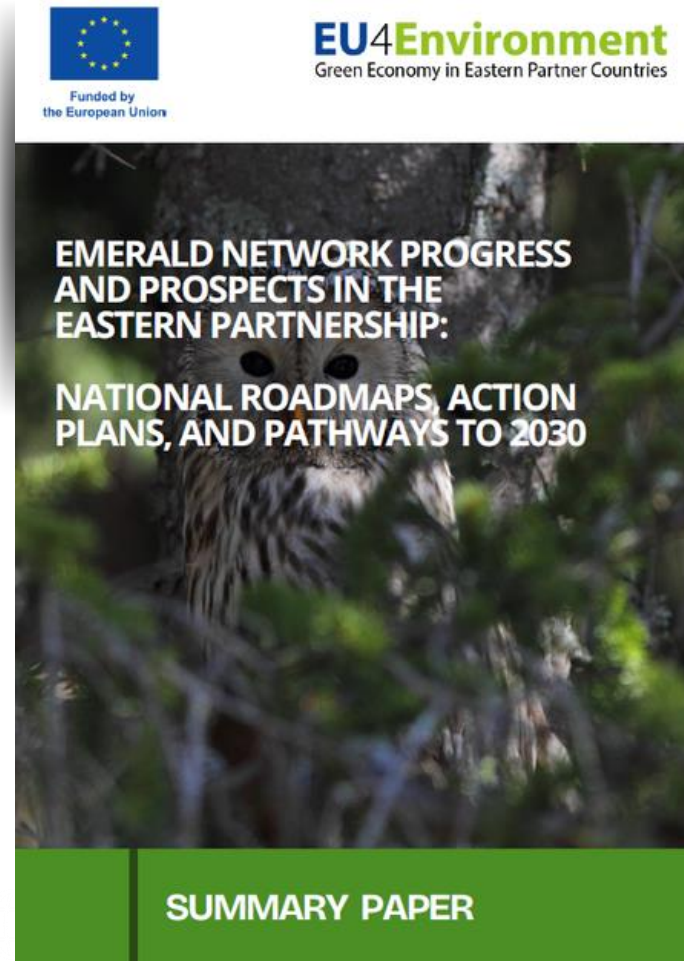




Biodiversity conservation: Emerald Network



- Summary paper “Emerald Network Progress and Prospects in the Eastern Partnership: National Roadmaps, Action Plans, and Pathways to 2030”
- Reports on the countries’ scientific reserves and readiness for biogeographical seminars





Biodiversity conservation: Emerald Network



- Online training on the Emerald Network
- Regional workshop on “Enhancing biodiversity protection in the Eastern Partnership countries: Learning from EU best practices”



28-30 April 2025, Bratislava, Slovakia



Natural resource management through community engagement



- Regional report on “Lessons learned” (barriers/challenges, opportunities, best practices)
- Recommendations to maximize community engagement
- Regional workshop “Advancing sustainable resource management through community engagement in EaP”



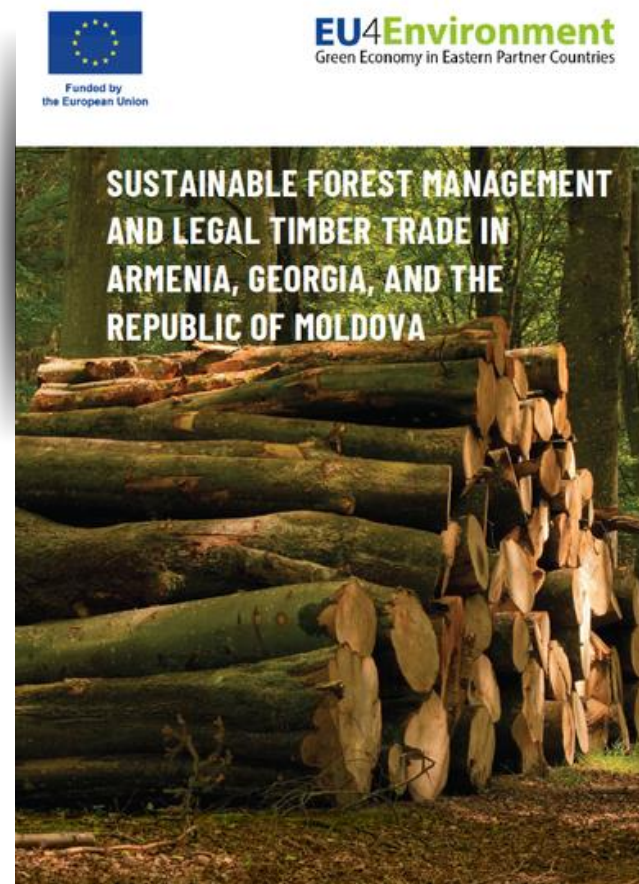
16-18 June 2026, Valencia, Spain



Illegal logging prevention and EU Deforestation Regulation compliance



- Report “Sustainable Forest Management and Legal Timber Trade in Armenia, Georgia, and the Republic of Moldova”
- Report “Impact Assessment of the European Union Deforestation Regulation on Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine and Recommendations for Facilitating Compliance”
- Regional workshop: “Wood tracking systems & EU Deforestation Regulation compliance: Strengthening forest governance in the Eastern Partnership countries”



23-24 October 2025, Yerevan, Armenia



Carbon and climate finance



- A regional **summary report** covering Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine based on the country-specific analysis
- Regional knowledge sharing workshop “*Advancing nature-positive investments: Progress and challenges ahead in the EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood*” (9 June 2026, Brussels, Belgium)





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