

IMPROVING FOREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNANCE IN THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY EAST COUNTRIES AND RUSSIA – ENPI FLEG PROGRAM

RUSSIA: NATIONAL PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NPAC)

7th Meeting

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RESOLUTION (unofficial translation)

Upon presentation and discussion of reports from the Country Program Coordination Team, the National Program Advisory Committee (NPAC) adopted the following resolution:

1. Take note of the information presented by the Country Program Coordination Team for Russia (Russia PCT) about the results of Phase 1 of the ENPI FLEG Program in the Russian Federation during the period of 2008 - 2012, pointing to the fact that the targets set forth in the Country Workplan had been achieved and some of them even overachieved.
2. Rate the performance of the Country Program Coordination Team (Russia PCT) in the period of January-July, 2012 and during the entire program implementation period as satisfactory.
3. Note that the ENPI FLEG Program managed to raise forest law enforcement and governance issues at such levels as international processes related to forest governance, the State Duma and Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, the FFA's leadership, regional governments, business associations and civil society.
4. Take note of the information about the implementation of the Resolution adopted by the previous 6th NPAC Meeting (January 24, 2012)
5. Pursuant to paragraph 7 of the 6th NPAC Meeting Resolution (January 24, 2012), in spite of the limited budget, the PCT intensified the efforts to highlight the FLEG problems in mass media, with an emphasis on such aspects as forest fire management, forest governance assessment, and monitoring of the situation in the forest sector and positive impact of the ENPI FLEG Program. In particular, it seemed promising and timely to draw upon the experience and results of the ENPI FLEG Program in course of development and broad public discussion of the Draft Russian Forest Policy.
6. Approve the design and content of Russian Country ENPI FLEG Bulletin # 6 (the final issue of Phase 1) and have them adjusted with due regard to the made comments.

7. Take note of the information about priority areas of the ENPI FLEG Program in the Russian Federation (in the context of the expected launch of Phase 2) for 2012 - 2017. Request the PCT to start preparing for the launch of ENPI FLEG Phase 2 in Russia provided the availability of donor funding is confirmed.

8. Disseminate this Resolution and inform relevant federal and regional authorities about progress under the Program and results of this NPAC meeting as well as about the results of Phase 1 of the ENPI FLEG Program in Russia and prospects for its follow-on in 2012 - 2017.

9. Inform the FFA's Public Environmental Council about the program implementation in Russia and about this decision of the NPAC.

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