



COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND TURKISH STATE FOREST AGENCIES

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Detailed description of the project	Services provided
<p>A Cooperation Agreement on climate change and forests was signed between the Turkish Ministry of the Environment and the Forest, and AFD in 2009. On this basis, AFD wanted to support the actions of Turkey with regard to the mitigation of climate change in the forest sector, with the granting of a concessionary loan of € 150 million over two years.</p> <p>To materialize this support and operationalize it, AFD encouraged the establishment of cooperation between the Turkish State Forest Agency (<i>Orman Genel Müdürlüğü</i>, OGM) and the French State Forest Agency (ONF).</p> <p>The OGM is a heavyweight in the pan-European forest landscape: it manages more than 21 Mha of forests, public at 99% (i.e. the 4th pan-European forest area after Sweden, Finland and France - metropolitan + overseas departments) and employs 35,000 agents, including 11,000 for forest fire services alone (in comparison, the ONF employs 9,000 agents, 250 of whom are in charge of fighting forest fires).</p> <p>The OGM generates a turnover of more than € 700 million € each year with the sale of wood and replants every year more than 0,3 Mha of forest on degraded lands, making of Turkey the 3rd country in the world in term of reforested surfaces after China and India!</p>	<p>A joint OGM-AFD-ONF-ONFI mission, which took place in Ankara, identified 18 concrete areas of cooperation on the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptation of forestry to climate change; <input type="checkbox"/> Forest carbon storage (carbon sink); <input type="checkbox"/> Forest inventories; <input type="checkbox"/> Forest information systems; <input type="checkbox"/> Fight against forest fires; <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration of degraded areas in mountainous landscapes; <input type="checkbox"/> Legality and traceability of timber; <input type="checkbox"/> Eco-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Biomass energy. <p>For all these themes and areas of collaboration, the expert has prepared presentations on the strengths/weaknesses of the ONF's expertise, in order to identify, with the OGM partner, technical cooperation tracks and to detail them as finely as possible.</p> <p>The mission was successful and helped to prepare the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between OGM and ONF, and the establishment of the OGM-ONF cooperation.</p>