

## STRUCTURE OF REC CAUCASUS

### FOUNDERS

The governments of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia and the European Union

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9 representatives from the stakeholders of the 3 South Caucasus countries, donors

### INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

11 representatives from the 3 South Caucasus countries and donors

### EXECUTIVE BODY

Collegial Troika – representatives of the 3 South Caucasus countries

### REGIONAL OFFICE IN TBILISI, GEORGIA

Country Offices in Armenia and Azerbaijan

### DONORS

- The European Union
- US Environmental Protection Agency – US EPA
- German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- Principality of Liechtenstein
- Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment of the Netherlands – VROM
- CEPF (Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund)
- FSC (Field Studies Council) – UK
- Centre for Development and Environment – CDE
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation – SDC
- OECD
- Finnish Institute for Environment – SYKE
- UNEP / GRID
- Danish Environment Protection Agency – DEPA
- Global Water Partnership – GWP
- British Council
- Italy
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# REC CAUCASUS

## REC CAUCASUS STATUS

The Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus is a non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal person

## REC CAUCASUS MISSION

- To assist in solving environmental problems in the Caucasus region
- To provide assistance to all environmental stakeholders
- To increase public participation in the decision-making process
- To assist the South Caucasus states in building civil society

## THROUGH OFFERING

Information - Advice - Cooperation - Funding

## BACKGROUND

- Evidence of serious common environmental problems of the South Caucasus countries
- The fact that solution of these problems shall require co-operative efforts of governments, NGOs and citizens from throughout the region was recognized at the decision-making level
- REC Caucasus has been established in 2000 within the framework of the "Environment for Europe Process" based on the decision of the Sofia Ministerial Conference (1995) on creation of a network of new regional environmental centres in EECCA countries
- Clear EU policy aimed at development of close relations with, and promotion of peace and prosperity in the countries neighboring the EU with consideration of environment as an integral part of the development

## PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL PROCESSES AND INITIATIVES IN THE CAUCASUS

- Environment for Europe Process
- Rio Processes
- Environmental Action Plans
- Espoo Convention
- Aarhus Convention
- Education for Sustainable Development – UNECE decade
- Environmental Security
- Environment and Health Process
- Combat Desertification
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources
- Environment and Transport
- Alpine Convention Countries' Experience in Sustainable Development of Mountain Regions
- Spatial Planning
- ENP

## THROUGH

- Transfer of information and knowledge
- Experience sharing
- Capacity building
- Advice
- Funding
- Training
- Education
- Introduction of international best practices in the Caucasus
- Supporting public participation
- Supporting intersectoral cooperation
- Promotion of regional and international cooperation

## PROMOTING VARIOUS NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROCESSES AND INITIATIVES THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS IN THE CAUCASUS REGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MISSION AND THE STRATEGY OF THE ORGANISATION

### REC CAUCASUS PROGRAMME AREAS ARE

- Environmental Policy
- Mountain
- Water
- Climate Change
- Land Degradation
- Forestry
- Disaster Management
- Energy Efficiency
- Public Participation
- Education for Sustainable Development
- NGO support
- LEAPs
- Information Services

### TO SERVE ENVIRONMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS

- National and local governments
- NGOs
- International community
- Media
- Business
- Students
- Science and others



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