

The Plan

Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament
 Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)
 Proposal for an EU Action Plan

The 7 elements

- Development cooperation with timber-producing countries
- Trade arrangements between the EU and timber-producing countries
- Public procurement
- Encouraging private sector action
- Encouraging financial institutions' action
- Using existing or new EU legislation
- Addressing conflict timber

EU institutions and support mechanisms



1 Policy work

Who sets and who implements policy?

- European Institutions
 - The Institutional Triangle
 - EU Delegations
- EU Member States

European institutions

The 'Institutional Triangle'

- The Commission
- The Council
- The Parliament

European institutions

The 'Institutional Triangle'

- The Commission
 - The Council
 - The Parliament
- FLEGT Action Plan*
 - Proposes and adopt an Action Plan
 - Implements the adopted Action Plan
- VPAs*
 - Negotiates VPAs on behalf of the EU
 - Supports EU Delegations during VPA implementation

European institutions

The 'Institutional Triangle'

- The Commission
 - *FLEGT Action Plan*
 - Proposes an Action Plan to the Council
- The Council
- The Parliament

Leading DGs	
DG International Cooperation and Development (DEVCO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa • Latin America • Development of aid programmes 	DG Environment (ENV) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia • Latin America • EUTR • High Level Dialogue on forest issues (with Brazil, China, Mexico...)

European institutions

The 'Institutional Triangle'

- The Commission
 - *FLEGT Action Plan*
 - The Council endorses the FLEGT Action Plan
 - Scrutinize the implementation of Action Plan commitments
- The Council
- The Parliament
 - *VPAs*
 - The Council provides negotiation guidance to the Commission
 - Ratification process (co-decision Council + Parliament)
 - Scrutinize the implementation of VPA commitments

EU Delegations

- Official representative of the EU in partner country

VPAs

- Support the VPA negotiations
- Key role in presenting, explaining and implementing EU's foreign policies
- Lead during the implementation phase of a VPA

EU Member States

FLEGT Action Plan

- Set the political agenda (in the Council)

VPAs

- Review progress in VPA negotiation and implementation
- Support the negotiation of VPAs
- Support the implementation of VPAs

EU FLEGT structures

FLEGT Committee

- Focus on comitology, amendments of FLEGT/EUTR, decision on VPAs, etc.

FLEGT-EUTR Expert Group

- Enforcement of policies and legislative acts

EU FLEGT structures

FLEGT Committee / expert group

EU VPA negotiating teams

- The Commission negotiates VPAs on behalf of the EU
- Representatives of EU member states, the EU delegation
- The EU negotiator may also interact with European and in-country stakeholders, as well with experts and with relevant projects

EU FLEGT structures

FLEGT Committee/ expert Group
 EU VPA negotiating teams
EU MS Competent authorities

- EUTR competent authorities
- FLEGT VPA competent authorities

EU institutions and support mechanisms

1 Policy work

2 Assistance and Facilitation Support

3 Financial Support

2 Assistance and Facilitation support

Helping deliver on FLEGT commitments

- Organisations with expertise on a variety of issues
- VPA Technical assistance
- VPA Facilitators
- EU FLEGT Facility

Organisations with expertise

Support by a range of organisation on a variety of issues, including

- Advocacy
- EUTR
- Monitoring
- Legality
- Coordination and stakeholder platform building
- Civil society support
- Private sector support
- ...

VPA Technical assistance and FLEGT Facilitators

VPA Technical Assistance

- Support to VPA governments
- Support to the implementation of VPA commitments

VPA FLEGT Facilitators

- Support the VPA process and effective engagement of national stakeholders
- 'Neutral' to either party and trusted by the wide range of stakeholders

EU FLEGT Facility

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- Funded by the EU and hosted by the European Forest Institute (EFI)
- Supports the EU, EU member states, VPA countries and non-VPA countries in implementing the FLEGT Action Plan

EU FLEGT Facility

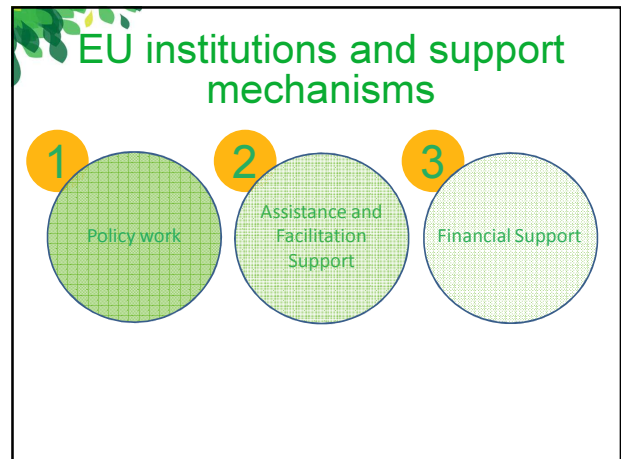
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Welcome
The EU FLEGT Facility works on the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan by supporting VPA processes. The Facility contributes to enabling forest logging and compliance forest governance and accelerating sustainable economic development in countries that produce or process timber and export to the EU. Read more about the Facility and its work.

Type of support:

- Governance and technical expertise
- Support to regional forest governance processes
- Support in VPA negotiations and implementation
- Communication support
- Etc.



3 Financial support

Supporting organisations and enabling assistance to put the FLEGT Action Plan into practice

- National budgets of partner countries
- EU Member States development aid
- European Development Fund (EDF) and EC development aid (thematic and geographic)
- EU-FAO FLEGT Programme
- Organisations own funding

EU FAO FLEGT Programme

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EU-FAO Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Programme

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Type of support

- Supports projects of local stakeholders in developing countries to put the FLEGT Action Plan into practice
- Provides information services



EU-FAO Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Programme

Civil society & FLEGT

Direct actions then...



Civil society & FLEGT

...and direct actions today

CROSSROADS
The IBCI Timber Trade
Between Laos and Vietnam

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LE GOUVERNEMENT NE RÉAGIT PAS
DEPUIS DEUX ANS
D'INACTION!

101500 ANNAIRES!

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Civil society & FLEGT

Joint work with national NGOs

Civil society & FLEGT

VPAs are locally lead

Private sector & FLEGT

Drivers for private sector

- EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) in place, March 2013
 - FLEGT licences have "green" lane
- Timber procurement policies, public and private, still play an important role
 - UK TPP accepts FLEGT licences as proof of legal & sustainable
- Financial investors increasingly diligent in managing their risk
- Improved governance, regulations globally
- Increasing concern of EU companies to reduce risk & increase transparency in the supply chain
 - Due diligence, risk management, certification

Private sector & FLEGT

Opportunities

- Level the playing field
 - Illegal logging undermines the market, lowers prices
- Managing reputational risk
- Makes business sense
 - know your supply chain, improve efficiency, cost savings
- Meeting Corporate Social Responsibility commitments
- Access to markets
 - Maintaining access to global markets, meeting regulations and policies, financial investor requirements
 - Significant proportion of EU imports now 3rd party certified or legally verified

Private sector & FLEGT

Challenges include

- Maintaining engagement of private sector
- No quick fix!
 - Speed of change – compliance with VPAs, DDS processes, certification/verification, regulations
- Cost of compliance & meeting market requirements
 - E.g. fulfilling requirements & auditing
- Working with complex supply chains & small scale forest sector (DDS, verification, etc.)
- Alternative less stringent markets, including domestic markets
- Lack of consistent application of policies & regulations across the market e.g. PPPs, EUTR leads to inconsistent market requirements



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Questions?



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our dignity
our future

2015
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