

EFI support to the EU FLEGT Action Plan

EU FLEGT Facility

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European Forest Institute - EFI

- International policy research institute with 18 European member countries and more than 130 member institutions
- Started in 1993
- HQ in Joensuu, Finland
- 1 regional office in Barcelona since 2007
- 4 regional offices in prep in Bordeaux, Freiburg/Zurich/Nancy, Vienna and Croatia.

**EFI provides information and decision support to
maintain ecosystem services,
enhance forest governance
and mitigate climate change.**

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1 current vacancy (LAS)

2 vacancies soon (Asia)



Facility goal and purpose

Support implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan.

Sustainable and equitable use of forests in the interests of the poor.

Reforms adopted that improve governance and the functioning of markets, ensuring that illegal logging and associated trade are adequately tackled.

Key work areas:

- VPAs are implemented to reduce illegal timber imports into EU
- Markets are prepared for FLEGT timber
- EU FLEGT policies are harmonized and sharpened

How we work?

Work closely with EC, our donors, FLEGT ad hoc working group, EU Member State agencies, FLEGT related projects (EC: € 60 M project funding), partner countries and other partners

On demand we provide

- Technical assistance
- Policy analysis
- Communication and facilitation services

Partly by ourselves, partly through subcontracts

Technical assistance

- Country assessments of governance issues and stakeholder FLEGT interest / readiness for a national VPA process
- Stakeholder support / mobilization / capacity building
- Inform / advise countries on VPA components
- Advise EC in negotiations
- Review of VPA docs (legality definition, LAS proposal)
- Future: assist in VPA implementation

Policy analysis

- Trade statistics
- Transparency measures
- VPA incentives
- VPA timber product visibility in Europe
- Synthesizing VPA experiences
- Assessing wood tracking options
- Engaging hub countries

Communication and facilitation services

- www.euflegt.efi.int
- Publish FLEGT info material
- Assist countries with communication strategies
- Manage PR events



Forest Law
 Enforcement,
 Governance and Trade
 – the European Union approach

How to engage with us / in a VPA process?

- Letter of interest from partner country government to EC Delegation
- Talk to us, email us
- Visit <http://www.euflegt.efi.int>
- Meet us in Brussels or elsewhere

Some remarks

- EU shows unharmonized picture to partner countries, intended VPA market incentives (PPP, ALO) need clarification (VPA and ALO are one limping tool)
- FLEGT product visibility in EU needs to be fostered
- Mutual reinforcement of VPA and certification is still questioned
- EU needs to further engage with other large markets

**To address illegal logging and related trade
we / the EU needs to do more homework**



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