Public Consultation on Stepping up EU Action against Deforestation and Forest Degradation (EN)

Introduction

The overall objective of this initiative is to step up EU action against tropical deforestation and forest degradation by developing a more coherent and comprehensive approach to the problem.

This public consultation aims at gathering information and views on potential EU action against deforestation and forest degradation to achieve the abovementioned objective. All interested stakeholders are invited to respond to the questionnaire regardless of their level of expertise.

The questionnaire takes about 20 minutes to complete. You can save your replies as a draft and finish the survey later. It is accessible in 23 EU languages and you are free to submit your reply in any of these languages. Questionnaires sent by e-mail or on paper will not be analysed.

Your responses will be taken into account in the European Commission's future work on deforestation and forest degradation. It is therefore important that you complete this questionnaire as fully as possible. Your replies will be used exclusively to help the European Commission develop its policy on the issue in question.

The survey is available online for 6 weeks.

Before responding, we advise you to read the background information (roadmap and consultation webpage). The results will be published on the consultation page.

Your opinion matters to us. Thank you very much for taking the time to contribute to this consultation.

About you

You

Language of my contribution
- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- Estonian
- Finnish
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Gaelic
German
Greek
Hungarian
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Latvian
Lithuanian
Maltese
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Slovak
Slovenian
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Swedish

I am giving my contribution as

- Academic/research institution
- Business association
- Company/business organisation
- Consumer organisation
- EU citizen
- Environmental organisation
- Non-EU citizen
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Public authority
- Trade union
- Other

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Email (this won't be published)

Scope
- International
- Local
Organisation name

Organisation size
- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- Large (250 or more)

Transparency register number
Check if your organisation is on the transparency register. It's a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.

Country of origin
Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.
- Afghanistan
- Åland Islands
- Albania
- Algeria
- American Samoa
- Andorra
- Angola
- Anguilla
- Antarctica
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Aruba
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Bahamas
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
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- Belarus
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Publication privacy settings
The Commission will publish the responses to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would like your details to be made public or to remain anonymous.

- **Anonymous**
  Only your type, country of origin and contribution will be published. All other personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number) will not be published.

- **Public**
  Your personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number, country of origin) will be published with your contribution.

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**Section I: Specific information about the respondent**

[Section]

1) Please specify again in what capacity you are replying to this questionnaire. According to your reply, you may be guided to a different sub-question.

- 1. Business association
- 2. Company/business organisation
- 3. EU farmer
- 4. Non-EU farmer
- 5. Forester
- 6. Consumer organisation
- 7. Academic/research institution
- 8. EU citizen
- 9. Non-EU citizen
- 10. Environmental organisation
- 11. Non-governmental organisation
- 12. Public authority
13. Trade union
14. Other

If you selected "Other", please specify your capacity here.

1.1) Please indicate your main field of activity or interest.
(Multiple entries possible)

☐ Agriculture
☐ Climate change
☐ Consumption
☐ Development cooperation
☐ Education/science
☐ Energy
☐ Environment
☐ Food/beverage industry
☐ Forestry/timber
☐ Health
☐ Human rights/labour rights
☐ Indigenous peoples
☐ Investment and finance
☐ Media and communication
☐ Mining/extractive industry
☐ Nature
☐ Trade
☐ Transport
☐ Urban planning and development
☐ Other

If you selected "Other", please specify your field of activity or interest here.

1.2) Please indicate your main field of activity or interest.
(Multiple entries possible)

☐ Agriculture
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Mining/extractive industry
Nature
Trade
Transport
Urban planning and development
Other
If you selected "Other", please specify your field of activity or interest here.

1.3.1) What type of agricultural activities are you primarily engaged in? (Multiple entries possible)
- We produce agricultural commodities
- We import agricultural commodities
- We export agricultural commodities
- We produce products derived from agricultural commodities
- We sell intermediate products based on agriculture commodities
- We sell final products based on agriculture commodities
- Other
If you selected "Other", please specify your type of activity here.

1.3.2) What type of forestry and timber activities are you primarily engaged in? (Multiple entries possible)
- We produce forest commodities
- We import forest commodities
- We export forest commodities
- We produce products derived from forest commodities
- We sell intermediate products based on forest commodities
- We sell final products based on forest commodities
- Other
If you selected "Other", please specify your type of activity here.
1.3.3) What type of mining/extractive industry activities are you primarily engaged in?
(Multiple entries possible)
- We produce mining/extractive materials
- We import mining/extractive materials
- We export mining/extractive materials
- We produce products derived from mining/extractive materials
- We sell intermediate products based on mining/extractive materials
- We sell final products based on mining/extractive materials
- Other
If you selected "Other", please specify your type of activity here.

1.4) Please indicate which of the following statements best describes your current situation.
(Multiple entries possible)
- We are a business association that represents the interests of producers
- We are a business association that represents the interests of buyers
- We are a business association that represents the interests of the industry at large (producers, traders, consumers)
- Other
If you selected "Other", please describe your current situation here.

2. So-called 'forest risk commodities' are commodities whose production contribute significantly to tropical deforestation and forest degradation. Which of the following commodities are you and/or your organisation most familiar with and/or interested in?
- Bio-diesel
- Bioethanol
- Charcoal
- Other wood-based fuels
- Cocoa
- Coffee
- Extractive materials
- Maize
- Meat (including leather)
- Palm oil
- Paper
- Pulp
- Rubber (natural)
- Soy
- Wood
3. How well informed are you about the problem of deforestation and forest degradation?
- Very well informed
- Well informed
- Somewhat informed
- Not well informed
- Not informed at all

4. What are your main sources of information on deforestation and forest degradation?
- National newspapers
- Regional or local newspapers
- Magazines
- Television news
- The radio
- Films and documentaries on television
- Family, friends or neighbours
- Colleagues
- Professional contacts
- Brochures or information materials
- Books or scientific literature
- Events (conferences, fairs, exhibitions, festivals, etc.)
- Museums, national or regional parks
- Online social networks
- The internet (other websites, blogs, forums, etc.)
- Other

If you selected "Other", please specify your sources here.

Section II: The role of forests and the problem of deforestation and forest degradation

5. In your opinion, how important...
6. In your opinion, the problem of deforestation and forest degradation is:

- Alarming
- Serious
- Moderate
- Negligible
- I don’t know/no opinion

7a. Deforestation and forest degradation are caused by several drivers. Please indicate how important you consider the following direct drivers.

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If you selected "Other", please specify the direct drivers here.

7b. Please rate the following indirect drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.

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High dependence of countries on agriculture and forest sector
Insufficient finance for investments in sustainable agriculture in producer countries
Finance and investment flows from the EU and other countries
Trade agreements
Low social and economic development of large part of local population in producer countries
Climate change
Other

If you selected "Other", please specify the indirect drivers here.

8. In your opinion, what are the main reasons to address deforestation and forest degradation?

- Protecting the rights and livelihoods of forest communities and indigenous peoples
- Protecting biodiversity, ecosystems and their services
- Mitigating and adapting to climate change
- Ensuring good governance of land and addressing corruption
- Strengthening efforts towards sustainable development and ensuring sustainable use of natural resources
- Reducing investment and trade risks, fostering business opportunities, and/or securing long-term commodity supply
- Other

If you selected "Other", please specify the reasons here.

Section III: How to address the problem of deforestation and forest degradation

9. In your opinion, how much should the efforts to address deforestation and forest degradation be stepped up at the following levels?

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10. In your opinion, is the current EU policy and legislative framework against deforestation and forest degradation adequate?
- Yes
- No
- I don't know/no opinion

10.1 In your opinion, what would be the best option to step up EU action against deforestation and forest degradation?
- Better implement existing legislation and policies
- Develop an initiative to create a coherent framework to address deforestation and forest degradation, including measures that support and enhance the coherence of existing commitments and initiatives by EU Member State governments, civil society and private sector
- Explore possible new initiatives building on existing policies
- I don't know/no opinion
- Other

If you selected "Other", please specify your reply here.

11. In your opinion, which of the following forest risk commodities should be addressed by an EU initiative against deforestation and/or forest degradation?
- Bio-diesel
- Bioethanol
- Charcoal
- Other wood-based fuels
- Cocoa
- Coffee
- Extractive materials
- Maize
- Meat (including leather)
- Palm oil
- Paper
- Pulp
- Rubber (natural)
- Soy
- Wood
- Wood pellets
- Wooden products
- Other

If you selected "Other", please mention the commodities here.
12. In your opinion, which of the following EU policy areas have the biggest potential to better address deforestation and forest degradation?

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13. What are the most important ways of stepping up EU action against deforestation and forest degradation?

13a. Potential supply-side actions, which may include:

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<td>Promote better forest law protection and land use planning, governance and law enforcement</td>
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<td>Support forest policies, sustainable forest management, better protection, conservation and restoration of ecosystems</td>
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Strengthen forest monitoring and improve transparency and traceability in the supply chain

Promote research/innovation activities, and knowledge sharing

Work in partnership with producer countries to increase the share of sustainably produced commodities

Other

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<td>Support deforestation commitments and national dialogues on sustainable forest risk commodities</td>
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<td>Encourage the use of voluntary certification schemes</td>
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<td>Increase sustainability, availability and access to finance (including to smallholders)</td>
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<td>Increase sustainability and transparency in financing of high deforestation and forest degradation risk sectors</td>
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Improve disclosure of information on deforestation proofing in financial investments

Ensure the EU or the European Investment Bank do not, even indirectly, finance projects contributing to deforestation

Other

If you selected "Other", please specify the action here.

| 13d. Potential actions on strengthening international cooperation/dialogue, which may include: |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Work in partnership with consumer countries to step up action, including increasing the flow of sustainable forest risk commodities from tropical countries to the EU | Very important | Important | Relatively important | Not important | I don't know/no opinion |
| Work on an ambitious multilateral agreement that could focus on or integrate deforestation and forest degradation considerations into e.g. a Convention of the Parties | Very important | Important | Relatively important | Not important | I don't know/no opinion |

Other

If you selected "Other", please specify the action here.

| 13e. Potential mainstreaming actions, which may include: |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Better integrate deforestation and forest degradation considerations through relevant public policies, such as public procurement and corporate social responsibility | Very important | Important | Relatively important | Not important | I don't know/no opinion |
| Discourage consumption of unsustainable and non-deforestation-free products | Very important | Important | Relatively important | Not important | I don't know/no opinion |
| Better implement, coordinate and communicate actions in EU Member States | Very important | Important | Relatively important | Not important | I don't know/no opinion |
| Include the issue of deforestation and forest degradation into EU trade agreements signed with tropical countries | Very important | Important | Relatively important | Not important | I don't know/no opinion |
If you selected "Other", please specify the action here.

Final remarks

[Section]

If you wish to add further information or suggestions for the initiative - within the scope of this questionnaire - please feel free to do so here.

Please feel free to upload a concise document such as a position paper. *(This is optional and will serve as additional background to better understand your position.)*

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