



EU – China Bilateral Coordination Mechanism (BCM) on Forest Law Enforcement and Governance

**8th EU-China BCM meeting on FLEG
Brussels, 14th March 2017**



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- **Participants: SFA/CAF, MOFCOM, Customs and industry representatives; DG ENV, Seven Member States, EEAS, DG TRADE and DG DEVCO. For the first time, NGOs were present at the meeting (Greenpeace and Global Witness);**
- **Progress report on 2016 work plan was accepted and the 2017 work plan was approved;**
- **Focus: Legislation development in China (short term/long term developments);**
- **China customs representatives showed strong interest for future cooperation. Direct contacts with MS established;**



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- **China: Step up the BCM to focus on forestry, economy and green, sustainable and healthy trade (focus on trade facilitation);**
- **China expressed interest in actively participating in the broader dialogue on demand side measures;**
- **Member States presentations on EUTR and FLEGT Regulation enforcement, focusing also on customs role, as well as the presentation on FLEGIT IT system, were particularly appreciated;**
- **Special sessions on MS CAs experiences to be organised in the future. Special sessions with NGOs to be organised in the future;**
- **The next BCM meeting will be organised in the first quarter of 2018 in China;**



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Priorities in 2017:

- 1) Legislation development in China;**
- 2) Cooperation between EU- China – Indonesia (and other third countries – VPAs);**
- 3) Cooperation on demand side measures with other major countries;**
- 4) Involvement of international financial organisations;**
- 5) Capacity building;**
- 6) Use the communication information window for timely updates on policy, concrete cases, etc.**



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