



Supporting the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan in South America: Catalyzing initiatives to control and verify the origin of timber in trade and support related improvements in forest governance.

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OVERALL OBJECTIVE:

To create an enabling environment and increase capacity in South America for developing initiatives that reduce illegal logging and bring timber trade in line with EU FLEGT objectives, with a particular focus on trade to the European Union from Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

To ensure that key stakeholder groups within Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru have: a clear understanding of the intent and content of the EU-FLEGT Action Plan, the opportunities it provides, and pathways for its implementation; and sufficient knowledge to assess how Action Plan implementation could relate to implementation of other government-led initiatives

To establish a benchmark against which to measure changes in forest governance, including levels of illegal logging and trade, catalyzed by FLEGT and other initiatives, in the target countries.

To inform the efforts of the European Commission, the competent authorities of EU member States, and timber traders in relation to producer country activities and procedures linked to implementing FLEGT in South America



Main target groups
State Actors (Public Sector) mainly and Non-State Actors (Private sector, Communities)

Main area of work

Transparency, reporting and advocacy: Increase in public and private sectors **awareness** and measures to **expand and consolidate** the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan in the project countries

Dates of implementation: 3 years

Budget: EC-support 1.3 million Euros

Funding partners



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Question: How useful & supportive is your project to the FLEGT process ? In your country ? At global level ?

- *The project intents to Increase understanding of FLEGT initiative at government level mainly, in 4 South American countries (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru) by creating a proper environment to enable or consolidate FLEGT Processes. Therefore the actions support this initiative a 100% while set a political arena which contribute to reduce illegal wood in the project countries as well as in the European markets at medium term.*



Question: : What needs to be done (by you, by others) to make your contribution stronger ? To have more impact ?

The project needs to generate synergies with the public and private sectors at regional level around FLEGT (REDD, Lacey Act, TLC). Moreover, the projects needs to catalize and favour join actions between the different EU projects established in each country by enabling strategic alliances and coordinated plan of actions.