



# EU FAO FLEGT Programme



## Programme objective

The European Union adopted the Forest Law Enforcement and Governance Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan in 2003 as a response to curb illegal behaviour in the forest sector. The EU FAO FLEGT is a global programme with 11 million Euro funding to support stakeholders in developing countries improve forest sector governance and promote fair and legal trade.

Programme objectives include:

- ▶ improved policy, legal and regulatory frameworks
- ▶ improved understanding of FLEGT principles by forest sector stakeholders
- ▶ increased capacity of stakeholders to sustainably manage forest resource
- ▶ increased stakeholder collaboration to enforce forest sector legal frameworks

## Beneficiaries

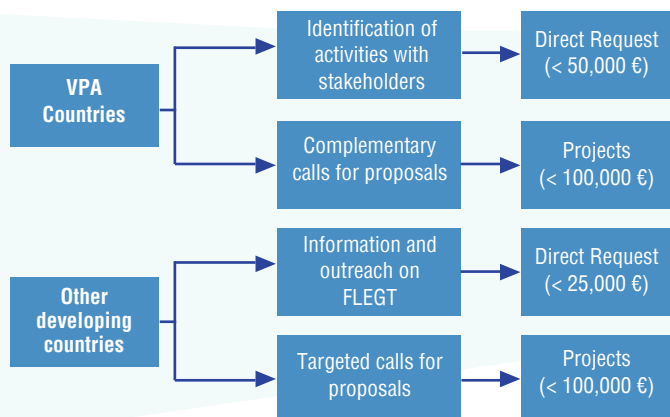
The programme will target support government institutions, civil society or private sector organizations in countries engaged in implementing a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the European Union and non-VPA developing countries that produce timber products and / or have significant international trade in these products.

## Programme components

1. Support projects to local stakeholder groups in target countries
2. Provide information services

Projects will be generated using complementary mechanisms:

- ▶ **Direct assistance to governments** provides support to projects that contributes to an ongoing national FLEGT strategy.
- ▶ **Calls for proposals** target specific forest governance challenges identified by government, civil society or private sector organizations.
- ▶ **Information services** support stakeholders to understand the FLEGT Action Plan and develop national strategies for its implementation.



The programme establishes distinct approaches for VPA and non-VPA countries.