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# FORESTS FOR THE FUTURE FACILITY

*Our future  
is in our hands  
and in our trees*

#ForestPartnerships  
#EUGreenDeal







# The Forests for the Future Facility (F4) was launched in 2020, to support cooperation in the forest sector, with a 4-year mandate.

F4 assists DG INTPA in implementing EU global forest policy objectives and actions, linked to protecting and supporting the sustainable use of forests. F4 services are available to partner countries and EU Delegations through INTPA C2 for both remote and in-country technical assistance in the following areas:

- Programming, identification and formulation of forest-related actions in partner countries
- Promotion of an enabling business environment for sustainable forest-based value chains
- Policy development and dialogue on forests
- Capacity and knowledge development, communication and outreach



  
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# WHAT IS F4 ABOUT?

F4 is the Forests for the Future Facility aiming to provide technical support to contribute to healthy forest ecosystems able to produce decent work and economic growth in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America.

F4 is funded by the European Union to facilitate the implementation of priority 2 of 2019 EU “Communication on Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World’s Forests”, which is the promotion of Forest Partnerships with partner countries. F4 also contributes to the international dimension of the European Green Deal.

F4 works in a demand-driven approach, in close cooperation with the EU Commission, EU Delegations and partner countries at all stages of the project cycle. F4 is designed to

improve the number, quality and effectiveness of EU interventions in the forest sector. We support the creation of innovative financing and inclusive partnerships.

F4 main themes are sustainable forest management, private sector investment and deforestation-free value chains to be carried out in EU partner countries.

The EU has contracted a consortium of consultancy firms, led by Particip GmbH to implement the facility.

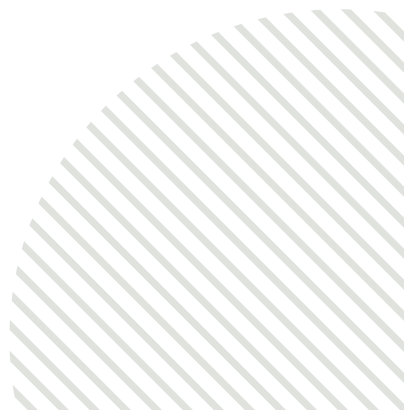




## WHAT IS A FOREST PARTNERSHIP?

The aim of Forest Partnerships is to protect and ensure the sustainable use of forests through sustainable forest management and good forest governance, recognising the specific needs of local communities and indigenous peoples, ensuring stable and legal business environments, and the sustainability of trade in forest products and other commodities that drive deforestation.

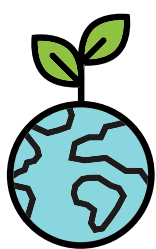
Ensuring the protection of forests and their sustainable use are critical for development in many of our tropical partner countries. Enhancing the multi-functional role of forests can help deliver on key Commission strategic priorities from the Green Deal, to growth and jobs, to reducing inequalities and building inclusive societies. Establishing forest partnerships can catalyse EU and Member States ambitions and enable a holistic and integrated #TeamEurope approach to forests.



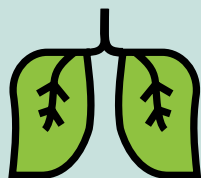


# WHICH SUPPORT SERVICES DOES F4 PROVIDE?

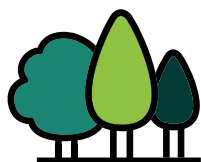
F4 provides strategic and technical support in sustainable forest management and forest-related value chains. F4 can provide strategic advice to the EU Headquarter and Delegations in how to develop and implement engagement in sustainable forest management and forest-related value chains.



We provide remote and on-site assistance for the identification and formulation of interventions and programmes like the National and Regional Indicative Programmes - including budget support actions and identification of suitable indicators. F4 action areas include sustainable forest management, reforestation, transparent value chains, marketing and communication, effective monitoring, sustainable finance and multi-lateral cooperation.



F4 supports the creation of improved business environments and innovative financial mechanisms for forests. We strive for enabling business in the forest sector, with a view to catalyse private sector engagement, stimulate investment and enhance trade. As investment in forest-based value chains requires the identification of new and viable revenue models, F4 can assist in the formulation of investment projects tailor-made to innovative financial instruments in blending frameworks under the European External Investment Plan (EIP).



We carry out market analysis for forest products and services and value chain studies that would value the ecosystems, carbon sequestration and other services provided by forests to attract and leverage additional private finance to EIP funds.





F4 feeds policy dialogues and fosters coordination among forest stakeholders. The EU-supported Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)-action has demonstrated the value of policy dialogue among the multiple stakeholders in the forest sector. F4 will build upon the existing multi-stakeholder networks to promote investment in deforestation-free value chains that catalyse broad participation of market actors, including small farmers, women and youth. Our interventions will use a nexus approach that takes into account the need for water, energy, food security and healthy ecosystems.



F4 provides strategy and tools for inclusive communication and knowledge sharing. We carry out activities that lead to strategic communication, on- and offline. It can help you shape your online networks or carry out Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) studies to generate a better understanding of your forest stakeholders. F4 can provide support in developing coherent messages for policy makers and market actors and produce win-win communication tools for a broad range of audiences. F4 also designs training materials and carry out webinars and learning events in Brussels and partner countries.



## The F4 Team



### **Egger Topper** – *Team Leader*

Egger has 25 years of experience in formulation, implementation and evaluation of development cooperation projects, programmes and policy initiatives in the environmental sector (forests, agriculture, food-security, climate change, biodiversity) funded by different donors. He worked long-term in the different continents and is well familiar with EU forest policy development. Languages: English, French, Spanish, Dutch, Italian.



### **Wim Ellenbroek** – *Expert for Sustainable Forest Management*

Wim is an agricultural development economist with extensive experience in sustainable forest management. He has worked on such themes as protected area management, buffer zone management, forest certification, and landscape restoration. His main interest lies with economic empowerment of communities and support to local entrepreneurship without detriment to biodiversity and wildlife habitats. Languages: Dutch, English, French and Spanish.



### **Petri Lehtonen** – *Expert for Private Sector Investments*

Petri is the expert for private sector investments and finance. His core competences are in forest and value chain investment analysis, financing, forest strategies and policies, application of environmental, social and governance criteria in investments and fund raising for agro-forest businesses. He has worked in Latin America, Africa, and Southeast Asia as well as in Europe, North America, and Oceania. Languages: English, Finnish, Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish.



### **Jochem Schneeman** – *Key Expert Value Chains*

Jochem is an expert in market systems development and value chain selection, analysis and program development, monitoring and evaluation. He brings over 30 years of experience of gender-sensitive analysis, and sustainable forest-related and deforestation-free agriculture value chains. He has worked for several donors (e.g. ILO, EU, GIZ, Netherlands MOFA) and organisations (e.g. IDH, CARE, IUCN, ICCO, SNV, Tropenbos International). Languages: English, French, Dutch.



### **Francesca Predazzi** – *Communication Expert*

Francesca has 30 years of experience in journalism, a sound knowledge of complex international outreach programmes in emerging and developing countries on the main cooperation issues, especially in the environmental sector. She brings experience in political journalism and strategic communication with a focus on EU climate action in most of the world regions. Languages: English, Italian, French, Spanish, German.

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