



EU FAO FLEGT Programme calls for project proposals from countries not engaged in VPAs

The EU FAO Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Programme ([EU FAO FLEGT Programme](#)) is now accepting project proposals from government institutions, civil society and private sector organizations in [eligible timber-producing countries](#) not already engaged in Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs). Grants of up to €100 000 are available through the call. Proposals should address one of the programme's [eight thematic areas of support](#): sharing or developing information and knowledge about the FLEGT Action Plan (1); improving transparency in the forest sector (2); setting up independent monitoring in the forest sector (3); supporting local communities and community forestry activities in line with the FLEGT process or a national strategy for improving forest governance (4); supporting improvements in national timber traceability systems, traceability of forest products and national control systems (5); supporting improvements of policy, legal and regulatory frameworks (6); supporting private sector initiatives (7); addressing domestic and regional market issues (8).

Countries are strongly encouraged to pre-select projects through existing national-level, multi-stakeholder processes or coalitions to ensure consistency with national priorities and to best involve different stakeholders in the project.

Before applying, applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the **EU FAO FLEGT Programme Information Tutorial and guidelines**, available on the [Programme website](#). The deadline for applications is **21 April 2014**.

For more information on how to apply, please see: www.fao.org/forestry/eu-flegt/en/.

About the EU FAO FLEGT Programme

The EU FAO FLEGT Programme is a part of a global network of actors supported by the EU to implement the [FLEGT Action Plan](#), adopted in 2003 by EU Member States to improve the environmental, social and legal credentials of timber and increase the benefits from responsibly managed forests and associated trade. The Action Plan outlines a series of supply- and demand-side measures to ultimately enable [Sustainable Forest Management \(SFM\)](#). Grants are channeled through the Programme to support locally driven processes that put the FLEGT Action Plan into practice.