



## EU FAO FLEGT Programme calls for concept notes from countries engaged in VPAs

The EU FAO Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Programme ([EU FAO FLEGT Programme](#)) is now accepting concept notes from government institutions, civil society and private sector organizations in timber-producing [countries engaged in Voluntary Partnership Agreements](#) (VPAs) with the EU. Grants of up to €100 000 are available through the call. Projects should address one of the Programme's [eight thematic areas of support](#) and should be aligned with the priorities of the ongoing VPA process in the targeted country.

The selection of proposals will be done through two phases. In this first phase, all eligible applicants are invited to submit **concept notes** of 4 pages. All concept notes will be scored and evaluated following criteria defined in the **guidelines**. In the second phase, proponents of selected concept notes only will be asked to submit full project proposals within 2 months. The proposals will then be evaluated and scored by an expert panel in order to make the final recommendation of projects to be endorsed for funding.

To apply, proponents are encouraged to visit the [EU FAO FLEGT Programme website](#) to find the guidelines and Concept note form. The deadline for applications is **31 May 2014**.

For more information on the EU FAO FLEGT Programme, please see: [www.fao.org/forestry/eu-flegt/en/](http://www.fao.org/forestry/eu-flegt/en/).

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### **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.*