

# HONDURAS - Climate Change and Natural Resource Management

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## TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL



### Uniqueness/Political return

#### Increasing climate ambition

- Strengthen inter-sectoral coordination and ownership (Euroclima)
- Development of a long-term decarbonisation strategy (EU, DE, GIZ)
- Revision of NDCs in order to maintain the goal to restore 1 million ha of forest (Euroclima)
- Improve the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification of GHG emissions (Euroclima)
- Scale up climate ambitions through higher education (FR, CH)
- Joint EU and EU MS climate diplomacy (EU, FR, ES, DE)

#### Preserving and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity

- Support participation of indigenous peoples in the VPA FLEGT governance

### National dimension

#### Preserving and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity

- Support certification schemes for VPA FLEGT licencing to improve the value chains of forest and agricultural sectors (EU)
- Support the financial inclusion for climate change strategy providing financial incentives to increase production efficiency in silvopastoral and agroforestry production modes (EU)
- Expand the implementation of EU financed pilot project for biodiversity, water management and environmental services in protected areas (EU)
- Support water governance through integrated watershed management at community level (ES, CH, DE)

#### From Farm-to-Fork

- Support Implementation of Farm to Fork approaches in priority agricultural value chains, ensuring sustainable food and promotion of green jobs (EU, DE, ES)
- Support the implementation of Honduras Financial Inclusion for Decarbonisation and Climate Resilient Strategy (EU, DE, ES, FR, EFSD+)

### Regional/Multicountry dimension

#### Mobilising industry for clean and circular economy

- Support the formulation of a national Clean Industry and Circular economy strategy and its action plan (EU, DE, KfW)
- Support the Financial Inclusion for Climate Change Strategy providing financial incentives to Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) (EU, EFSD+, EIB, EDFI, ElectriFir)
- Establish on a pilot basis industrial water treatment projects, waste management and recycling schemes investment (EU, EFSD+, ES, FR)

- Promote the transfer of EU green technologies

#### Accelerating the shift to sustainable and smart mobility

- Support sustainable urban mobility (EU, DE, KfW, GIZ, EFSD+)
- Revise legislation with an aim to create tax incentives on energy efficiency initiatives (DE, KfW)

#### Preserving and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity

- Support innovative research to deforestation due to pest infestation (EU)

## MODALITIES/TOOLS

ESFD+

Projects

Policy dialogue

Technical assistance

Budget support

EU Joint Programming Process

Blending and guarantee schemes

## KEY DELIVERABLES

### Voluntary Partnership Agreement

1. Development and implementation of the EU-Honduras Voluntary Partnership Agreement on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade.

### Transport

2. Construction of more than 340 km of roads in the Western Corridor of Honduras.

### TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- Implement the Country's Climate Agenda while preserving its rich biodiversity, boosting its carbon sequestration capacity
- "Green recovery" path creating green jobs, tackling root causes of illegal migration, and protect the most vulnerable populations against the impact of climate change

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## NATIONAL CONTEXT

### Threats

- Deficient land management and deforestation
- Linked to expansion of agricultural production, illegal trade
  - Causes degradation of water resources, loss of biodiversity and decrease of productivity

### Environmental risks' vulnerability (hurricanes, droughts and floods)

- Food insecurity and malnutrition
- Driver of migration

Embryonal inter-institutional coordination around climate change

Natural resources' management characterized by corruption, lack of law enforcement, criminality and HR's violations

Conflicts over land tenure and property rights for the use of natural resources\COVID-19 exacerbated poverty, food insecurity, migration, underemployment, violence and social tensions

### Opportunities

Government's priorities

- Fights against climate change
- Carbon neutrality NDC Agenda
- Restoration of 1 million hectares of forests.
- Reduction by 15% of GHG emissions
- Reduction of firewood consumption by 35%

One of the hosts of the 2nd largest forest reserve in Mesoamerica, which forms part of five forests of the region, that represent 7.5% of the planet biodiversity

The transition towards a green economy will create opportunities for the private sector to invest while boosting sustainable growth

COVID-19 recovery towards environmental protection, social stability and equality, climate change and biodiversity loss mitigation

## GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



13 CLIMATE ACTION



15 LIFE ON LAND



National Determined Contributions (NDC) Roadmap

Paris Agreement targets

Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)

EU is considered a key partner on climate change and on the promotion of decent employment in Honduras

Central American Integration System SICA

Convention on Biological Diversity

Escazu Agreement, ILO

UNCCC

Convention to Combat Desertification

Association Agreement EU/Central America

\*\*SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)