



FORESTS FOR THE FUTURE FACILITY

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is in our hands
and in our trees*

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The Forests for the Future Facility (F4F) supports EU cooperation in the forest sector

F4F was launched in 2020 to assist DG INTPA in implementing EU global forest policy objectives and actions, linked to protecting and supporting the sustainable use of forests.

F4F services are available to partner countries and EU Delegations through INTPA F2 for both remote and in-country **technical assistance** in the following areas:

- Programming, identification and formulation of forest-related actions in partner countries. Support is provided also for implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Promotion of an enabling business environment for sustainable forest-based value chains.
- Policy development and dialogue on forests, especially aiming at the set up and implementation of Forest Partnerships.
- Capacity and knowledge development, communication and outreach.



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WHAT IS F4F ABOUT?

F4F 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.

F4F 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. F4F also contributes to the international dimension of the European Green Deal.

F4F 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. F4F 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.

F4F 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 Forest Partnerships are bilateral agreements between a partner country and the European Union. The process of building tailor-made and effective partnerships will include partner countries' local communities and indigenous peoples, local governments, academic institutions, civil society and private sector actors.

A comprehensive approach to sustain the world's forests

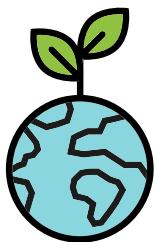
Forest Partnerships are a long-term political commitment to protect, restore and ensure the sustainable use of the world's forests. Forest Partnerships address the challenges related to deforestation, climate change and loss of biodiversity through a comprehensive, holistic and integrated approach, in support of inclusive national development. Establishing forest partnerships can catalyse EU and Member States ambitions and enable a holistic and integrated #TeamEurope approach to forests.

[Forest Partnerships - Communication materials and documents](#)

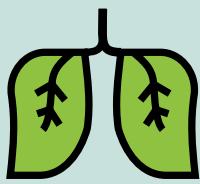
WHICH SUPPORT SERVICES DOES F4F PROVIDE?

F4F provides strategic and technical support in sustainable forest management and forest-related value chains.

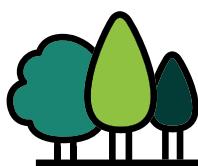
F4F can provide strategic advice to the EU Headquarter and Delegations in how to develop and implement engagement in sustainable forest management and forest-related value chains.



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. F4F action areas include sustainable forest management, reforestation, transparent value chains, marketing and communication, effective monitoring, sustainable finance and multilateral cooperation.



F4F 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, F4F can assist in the formulation of investment projects tailor-made to innovative financial instruments.



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.



F4F feeds policy dialogues and fosters coordination among forest stakeholders. In particular it supports the set up and implementation of the EU Forest Partnerships, a Global Gateway flagship initiative to protect, restore and ensure the sustainable use of forests in partner countries, while developing forest related value chains, creating jobs, reducing deforestation, and promoting trade in legal and sustainable forest products.



EU International Partnerships – Forests

F4F provides strategy and tools for inclusive communication and knowledge. F4F manages the group on **Sustainable Forests for the Future** on Capacity4Dev, the EU knowledge sharing platform for external action. We carry out activities that lead to strategic communication, on- and offline.

F4F 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. F4F also designs training materials and carry out webinars and learning events in Brussels and partner countries.

EU Delegations that would like to use the services of the F4F facility should contact **XXXX**



The F4F Team



Charles Bracke - *Team Leader*

Charles is an expert in the field of sustainable management of natural resources, biodiversity conservation, and participatory and inclusive local development. He brings solid skills in forest ecosystem management, protected area management, forest certification, social forestry or agroforestry. He worked in several countries and is familiar with EU forest policy development. Languages: English and French.



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.



Peter Rowan - *Expert for Private Sector Investments*

Peter is a seasoned finance professional specialising in sustainable investment within the natural capital and forest sectors. With over 25 years of experience, he drives resource mobilisation for large-scale projects. His expertise spans the development of financial models and investment strategies that align with EU sustainability goals, targeting transformative impact in forest governance, biodiversity, and ecosystem resilience., combining deep industry insight with hands-on experience across global regions. Languages: English and French.



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 and 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 and German.

For more information, please visit

https://capacity4dev.europa.eu/groups/sustainable-forests_en



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