

# Deforestation and Forest Products Impact Assessment

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## Introduction

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### *Description*

In 2019, the European Commission adopted the [Communication](#) on Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests, announcing its intention to **step up the EU's action against deforestation and forest degradation** and committed to assessing measures to reduce the footprint of EU consumption on land and encourage the consumption in the EU of products from deforestation-free supply chains. More recently, the [European Green Deal](#), the [EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030](#) and the [Farm to Fork Strategy](#) have confirmed the commitment of the European Commission to present, in 2021, a legislative proposal and other measures to avoid or minimise the placing of products associated with deforestation or forest degradation on the EU market and to encourage forest-friendly imports and value chains.

The results of this questionnaire will contribute to an impact assessment for and the design of potential (regulatory and non-regulatory) demand-side measures to help tackle deforestation and forest degradation. **Demand-side measures** recognise the impact that the consumption of goods in the EU can have on global deforestation and aim at reducing the risk of deforestation and forest degradation associated with that consumption.

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### *Background*

The world's forests cover 31% of the global land area and are home to 80% of the world's terrestrial biodiversity, [according to the FAO](#). They help combat climate change, form an essential part of the sustainable bioeconomy, provide more than 86 million green jobs, and support the livelihoods of many more people. However, global deforestation and forest degradation continue to take place at alarming rates, with a total loss of approximately 420 million hectares of forest area since 1990, out of a total of about four billion hectares. Within this, 80 million hectares represent the loss of primary (virgin) forests, which are key for the protection of biodiversity and act as important carbon sinks.

The EU contributes directly and indirectly to global deforestation and forest degradation through its consumption of certain agricultural, forestry and other products. For example, between 1990 and 2008, the EU consumed one-third of the globally traded agricultural products associated with deforestation, [being responsible for 10% of world-wide deforestation associated with the production of goods or services](#).

The existing EU measures that can contribute to fighting deforestation present gaps. For example, while the [EU FLEGT Action Plan](#) tackles illegal logging and contributes to strengthening forest governance, it does not address deforestation caused by other drivers such as agricultural expansion. Meanwhile, the [EU Directive on promoting the use of energy from renewable sources \(Directive 2018/2001\)](#) includes binding sustainability and greenhouse gas saving criteria to ensure the sustainability of bioenergy consumed in the EU.

This consultation seeks your views on potential regulatory and non-regulatory policy options that aim to **minimise the EU's contribution to deforestation and forest degradation** by encouraging the consumption of products from deforestation-free supply chains in the EU.

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## About you

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- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- Estonian
- Finnish
- French
- Gaelic
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Latvian
- Lithuanian
- Maltese
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Slovak
- Slovenian
- Spanish
- Swedish

\* I am giving my contribution as

- Academic/research institution
- Business association

- Company/business organisation
- Consumer organisation
- EU citizen
- Environmental organisation
- Non-EU citizen
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Public authority
- Trade union
- Other

Are you representing a public authority from within or outside of the EU?

- Within the EU
- Outside of the EU

If other, please specify

*150 character(s) maximum*

\* First name

\* Surname

\* Email (this won't be published)

\* Organisation name

*255 character(s) maximum*

\* Organisation size

- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)

- Large (250 or more)

\* Scope

- International
- Local
- National
- Regional

Transparency register number

*255 character(s) maximum*

Check if your organisation is on the [transparency register](#). It's a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.

\* Country of origin

Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.

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- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Belize
- Benin
- Bermuda
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Bonaire Saint Eustatius and Saba
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Bouvet Island
- Brazil
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- British Virgin Islands
- Brunei
- Bulgaria
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- French Guiana
- French Polynesia
- French Southern and Antarctic Lands
- Gabon
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
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- Guadeloupe
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- Mauritania
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- Mexico
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- Monaco
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Montserrat
- Morocco
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- Myanmar /Burma
- Namibia
- Nauru
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Caledonia
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Niue
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
- South Korea
- South Sudan
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Svalbard and Jan Mayen
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Syria
- Taiwan
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- The Gambia
- Timor-Leste
- Togo

- Heard Island and McDonald Islands
- Burkina Faso
- Honduras
- Norfolk Island
- Tokelau
- Burundi
- Hong Kong
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Tonga
- Cambodia
- Hungary
- North Korea
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Cameroon
- Iceland
- North Macedonia
- Tunisia
- Canada
- India
- Norway
- Turkey
- Cape Verde
- Indonesia
- Oman
- Turkmenistan
- Cayman Islands
- Iran
- Pakistan
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- Central African Republic
- Iraq
- Palau
- Tuvalu
- Chad
- Ireland
- Palestine
- Uganda
- Chile
- Isle of Man
- Panama
- Ukraine
- China
- Israel
- Papua New Guinea
- United Arab Emirates
- Christmas Island
- Italy
- Paraguay
- United Kingdom
- Clipperton
- Jamaica
- Peru
- United States
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- Japan
- Philippines
- United States Minor Outlying Islands
- Colombia
- Jersey
- Pitcairn Islands
- Uruguay
- Comoros
- Jordan
- Poland
- US Virgin Islands
- Congo
- Kazakhstan
- Portugal
- Uzbekistan
- Cook Islands
- Kenya
- Puerto Rico
- Vanuatu
- Costa Rica
- Kiribati
- Qatar
- Vatican City
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Kosovo
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- Cuba
- Kyrgyzstan
- Russia

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Please indicate the **sector(s) you are active in**, as an individual or as an organisation

*at most 5 choice(s)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and/or environment                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Logistics and infrastructure (general)                                                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Media and communication                                                                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumption (general) and/or consumer interests                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining and the extractive industry (including oil and gas)                                                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Durable goods (i.e. with a shelf life of minimum three years)                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Processing and/or sale of wood and /or wood-based products                                                                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific research                                                                                                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Services (general)                                                                                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and/or beverage industry                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism                                                                                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-moving consumer goods (i.e. with a shelf life of maximum three years, and other than food and beverages) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade of agricultural commodities (i.e. active in the sale and/or purchase of agricultural commodities, including crop-based and animal-based commodities) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forest owners, cooperatives, associations of forest owners                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Trading (general)                                                                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport                                                                                                                                                  |

Farmers, and associations  
representing farmers

Certification schemes

Health

Human and/or labour rights

Investment and finance

Urban planning and development

I am not currently active in any of  
the above sectors

Other

I do not know

If other, please specify sector

*150 character(s) maximum*

How do you rate your **level of knowledge** of deforestation and forest degradation  
and associated trade?

I have not heard of it

I have heard of it but have only a slight knowledge

I have quite some knowledge but am not fully conversant

I am fully conversant

I am recognised as an expert

#### \* Publication privacy settings

The Commission will publish the responses to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would like your details to be made public or to remain anonymous.

**Anonymous**

Only your type of respondent, country of origin and contribution will be published. All other personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number) will not be published.

**Public**

Your personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number, country of origin) will be published with your contribution.

I agree with the [personal data protection provisions](#)

### Some preliminary questions

Has your organisation made any **(voluntary) pledges or commitments** to tackle deforestation and/or address forest degradation?

Yes

- No
- I do not know

If yes, please let us know which type(s) of pledge(s) or commitment(s)

- Financial support/contributions
- Technical support
- Reduction of the organisation's impact on forests through a variety of means
- Supply-chain measures (i.e., transparency commitments along supply chains, due diligence systems, etc.)
- Modifying previous supply chains to avoid companies/producers/countries /geographic areas associated to deforestation
- Other

If other, please specify pledge(s) or commitment(s)

*300 character(s) maximum*

To what extent do you consider that the commitments undertaken by your organisation have been met?

- Not at all
- To a small extent
- To some extent
- To a moderate extent
- To a large extent
- I do not know

Does your organisation have any **procedures, measures or protocols** in place to prevent deforestation and/or forest degradation along its supply chain?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

If yes, for how long have these procedures, measures or protocols been in place?

- For less than 5 years
- Between 5 to 10 years
- Over 10 years
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I do not know

Has your organisation used any **voluntary certification(s)** related to forest sustainability, deforestation, or forest degradation?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

Does your organisation use a **general environmental management system**, even if not focused on deforestation?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

## Section I: The problems of deforestation and forest degradation

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In this section, **we will ask you for your opinion about the issues of deforestation and forest degradation**. This section includes questions about the magnitude of the problems, the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of the European Union in reducing deforestation and forest degradation associated with products placed on the EU market.

Q1.1 To what extent do you think an **EU-level intervention** on EU consumption of goods would reduce global deforestation and forest degradation?

- Not at all
- Very little
- Somewhat
- Much
- Very much
- I do not know

Q1.2 In your opinion, to what extent do each of the **economic sectors** below contribute to deforestation and forest degradation through the goods and services they provide (on the EU market)?

Please rate each option below on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 as no contribution at all, 2 as a low level of contribution, 3 as a moderate level of contribution, 4 as a high level of contribution, and 5 as a very high level of contribution.

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	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
Animal-based food and non-food (e.g. wool, leather) sector	<input type="radio"/>					
Chemicals	<input type="radio"/>					
Construction/infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>					
Energy/biofuels	<input type="radio"/>					
Manufacturing	<input type="radio"/>					
Other services (e.g. education, hospitals, advisory services, ICT)	<input type="radio"/>					
Textiles	<input type="radio"/>					
Mining/oil and gas	<input type="radio"/>					
Plant-based food and feed sector	<input type="radio"/>					
Tourism	<input type="radio"/>					
Transport	<input type="radio"/>					
Other	<input type="radio"/>					

**Q1.2.1** If other, please specify sector(s)

*300 character(s) maximum*

**Q1.3** In your opinion, to what extent do the following **commodity groups** contribute to deforestation and forest degradation, due to their consumption within the EU market?

Please rate each option below on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 as no contribution at all, 2 as a low level of contribution, 3 as a moderate level of contribution, 4 as a high level of contribution, and 5 as a very high level of contribution.

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
Animal-based products (e.g. animal fat, blood, flesh, milk, eggs, skin, wool, and products made from these raw materials)	<input type="radio"/>					
Cereals (e.g. wheat, maize, rice, barley, oats, rye, sorghum)	<input type="radio"/>					
Fodder crops (i.e. crops cultivated primarily for animal feed)	<input type="radio"/>					
Fruits and vegetables	<input type="radio"/>					

Industrial crops (e.g. rubber, tobacco, fibre crops)	<input type="radio"/>					
Mining products (e.g. precious metals, ores, coal)	<input type="radio"/>					
Oil and gas	<input type="radio"/>					
Oil crops (e.g. soybeans, palm, rapeseed, sunflower, canola, mustard, flax, jatropha, coconut, hemp)	<input type="radio"/>					
Stimulants (coffee, cocoa, tea)	<input type="radio"/>					
Sugar crops	<input type="radio"/>					
Wood and wood-based commodities, including pulp and wood pellets	<input type="radio"/>					
Other	<input type="radio"/>					

**Q1.3.1 If other, please specify commodity group(s)**

*300 character(s) maximum*

**Q1.4 In your opinion, to what extent do the following **factors** contribute to the consumption (within the EU) of products linked to deforestation and forest degradation?**

Please rate each option below on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 as no contribution at all, 2 as a low level of contribution, 3 as a moderate level of contribution, 4 as a high level of contribution, and 5 as a very high level of contribution.

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
Lack of awareness about the contribution of specific products or companies to deforestation	<input type="radio"/>					
Lack of agreed regulations/standards to define “deforestation-free” products or commodities	<input type="radio"/>					
Lack of availability of products from “clean” supply chains	<input type="radio"/>					
Lack of reliability of products marketed as forest-friendly or deforestation-free	<input type="radio"/>					
The price paid for such products does not reflect the negative social/environmental externalities caused by the impact of their production on forests	<input type="radio"/>					
Regulations do not restrict the sale of goods associated with deforestation	<input type="radio"/>					

Inaccurate or insufficient reporting about the impact of business activities on forests	<input type="radio"/>					
Citizens cannot afford to buy deforestation-free products, which are marketed at higher prices	<input type="radio"/>					
Other	<input type="radio"/>					

#### Q1.4.1 If other, please specify factor(s)

*300 character(s) maximum*

#### Q1.5 In your opinion, to what extent do the following **problems** contribute to deforestation and forest degradation?

Please rate each option below on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 as no contribution at all, 2 as a low level of contribution, 3 as a moderate level of contribution, 4 as a high level of contribution, and 5 as a very high level of contribution.

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
Absence of sound policies at the global level, contributing to deforestation and forest degradation	<input type="radio"/>					
Absence of sound policies at the EU level that minimise the contribution to deforestation and forest degradation	<input type="radio"/>					
Absence of sound policies at the national/sub-national level that minimise the contribution to deforestation and forest degradation in EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>					
Absence of sound policies at the national/sub-national level that minimise the contribution to deforestation and forest degradation in non-EU countries	<input type="radio"/>					
Lack of enforcement of existing policies in EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>					
Lack of enforcement of existing policies in non-EU countries	<input type="radio"/>					
Lack of investment in sustainable land management in countries experiencing deforestation and forest degradation in EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>					
Lack of investment in sustainable land management in countries experiencing deforestation and forest degradation in non-EU countries	<input type="radio"/>					
Corruption in public institutions in EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>					
Corruption in public institutions in non-EU countries	<input type="radio"/>					

Lack of interest and/or political leadership on the issue in EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>					
Lack of interest and/or political leadership on the issue in non-EU countries	<input type="radio"/>					
Poverty, uncertain land tenure, lack of resources and other problems in countries experiencing deforestation and forest degradation	<input type="radio"/>					
Other	<input type="radio"/>					

Q1.5.1 If other, please specify problem(s)

*350 character(s) maximum*

## Section II: Responsibility for decision-making

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The following question aims to gather your views on the level(s) of authority that should be **responsible for tackling deforestation and forest degradation** linked to EU consumption.

Q2.1 At what **level of authority** should measures tackling EU-driven deforestation and forest degradation be designed and implemented (i.e. at what level would they be most effective)?

- Local/sub-national in EU Member States
- National in EU Member States
- EU level
- International
- I do not know

## Section III: Potential demand-side measures and their impacts

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The following questions seek your opinion on the **nature and scale of potential measures to curb deforestation and forest degradation associated with the European Union's footprint**. The proposed measures include a variety of regulatory and non-regulatory policy options.

Q3.1 From a consumer's perspective, how would information on the deforestation and forest degradation impact of the products and services you purchase **influence your purchasing decisions**?

- Not at all
- Not much
- Neutral
-

Somewhat

- Very much
- I do not know

Q3.2 Taking into account costs and benefits, which **range of products** linked to deforestation and forest degradation should, in your view, be covered by the future EU policy measures?

- A large number of products including all (or nearly all) that have a potential impact on deforestation
- A reduced number of products focusing on those that have the most impact
- I do not know

Q3.3 In your view, what kind of **issues related to the origin of products** should future EU measures aim to tackle?

- Their legality, understood as their compliance with the legal requirements of their country of origin as relates to forestry and land-use change
- Their forest-related sustainability, understood as their compliance with EU-determined requirements (compliant with World Trade Organization rules and building on international commitments) as relates to forestry and land-use change based on an EU definition of “deforestation-free”
- Both their legality and their forest-related sustainability, as defined above
- I do not know
- Other

Q3.3.1 If you selected both their legality and forest-related sustainability, please indicate how this could be achieved, in your view

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Q3.3.2 If you selected other, please specify the issue(s)

*300 character(s) maximum*

Q3.4 What **kind of forests** should be prioritised by the measures to minimise environmental damages from deforestation and forest degradation?

Please rate each on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 representing not at all important and 5

representing very important.

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
<u>Primary forests</u> (defined as "naturally regenerated forests of native species, where there are no clearly visible indications of human activities and the ecological processes are not significantly disturbed")	<input type="radio"/>					
<u>Other naturally regenerated forests</u> (i.e. a naturally regenerated forest where there are clearly visible indications of human activities)	<input type="radio"/>					
<u>Plantation forests</u> (defined as "a forest that at maturity is predominantly composed of trees established through planting and/or deliberate seeding")	<input type="radio"/>					
Other (please indicate which)	<input type="radio"/>					

Q3.4.1 If other, please indicate the kind of forest(s)

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Q3.5 Do you think that forest clearances (for example, cutting forests to replace them with crop plantations) in one location can be **compensated by tree planting** in another location for the purpose of assessing whether a product is deforestation-free?

- Yes
- No
- Only to some extent
- Only for specific types of forests (please indicate which)
- I do not know

Q3.5.1 If only for specific types of forests, please indicate which type(s)

*300 character(s) maximum*

Q3.6 From the list below, which measures are the **most suitable** to address the issue of deforestation and forest degradation associated with EU consumption? Note that some of the measures presented below are complementary and could be combined.

Please rate each measure on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 representing not suitable at all, 2 representing somewhat not suitable, 3 representing neutral, 4 representing somewhat suitable, 5 representing completely suitable.

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
A deforestation-free requirement or standard that commodities or products in their product category must comply with to be placed on the EU market (and consequently a prohibition, in line with EU international commitments, of the placing on the market of commodities that do not comply with those standards)	<input type="radio"/>					
Voluntary labelling (e.g. similar to organic labels for organic products)	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory labelling (e.g. similar to nutritional information labels on food products)	<input type="radio"/>					
Public national legality verification schemes, prohibited operators list, country carding system and export ban to the EU (a replication, with the necessary adaptations, of the EU legislation in place for illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing)	<input type="radio"/>					
Voluntary due diligence	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory due diligence	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory public certification system	<input type="radio"/>					
Private certification systems, new and the ones already in place in the EU market	<input type="radio"/>					
Build benchmarking or country assessments (e.g. index) showing which countries are exposed to and effectively combat deforestation or forest degradation for information purposes	<input type="radio"/>					
Promotion through trade and investment agreements of trade in legal and sustainable products	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory disclosure of information (including corporate non-financial reporting)	<input type="radio"/>					
Development and cooperation assistance to producing countries	<input type="radio"/>					
Consumer information campaigns in the EU	<input type="radio"/>					
Green diplomacy	<input type="radio"/>					

Other measure(s) (please specify)



Q3.6.1 If other, please specify measure(s)

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Q3.7 If a **due diligence** approach, or some of its elements, was to be considered as an option (also in combination with other measures), which of the following due diligence approaches would you find most appropriate?

- A mandatory product-specific approach, focusing on information, risk assessment and risk mitigation covering the whole supply chain
- A general approach focusing on sustainable corporate governance initiative addressing human rights, and environmental duty of care and mandatory due diligence across economic value chains
- A voluntary approach to identify, prevent, mitigate and account for ways of addressing actual and potential adverse impacts in operations, supply chain and other business relationships
- Other (please specify)
- I do not know

Q3.7.1 If other, please specify approach(es)

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Q3.8 If the approach of **illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing**, or some of its elements, was to be considered as an option (also in combination with others), which of the following elements would you find relevant?

- Impose on third countries the requirement to establish their own public national legality verification schemes in order to sell products to the EU
- Penalties for EU countries and operators that do not comply with the rules
- Prohibited operators list
- Country carding system whereby the exports of third countries that do not comply with certain criteria can be banned from the EU
- Other (please specify)
- I do not know

Q3.8.1 If other, please specify element(s)

### Some final follow-up questions

Q3.9 **How often** do you consider the **deforestation and forest degradation impacts** of your organisation's business decisions?

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Very often
- I do not know

Q3.10 How would the implementation of the measures listed below affect your **costs of operation**?

Please rate each measure on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 representing a significant reduction in costs, 2 representing a minor reduction in costs, 3 representing no change in costs, 4 representing a minor increase in costs, 5 representing a significant increase in costs.

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
A deforestation-free requirement or standard, that commodities or products must comply with, to be placed on the EU market (and consequently a prohibition, in line with EU international commitments of the placing on the market of commodities that do not comply with those standards)	<input type="radio"/>					
Voluntary labelling (e.g. similar to the organic label for organic products)	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory labelling (e.g. similar to the nutritional information label on food products)	<input type="radio"/>					
Public national certification schemes (based on international rules/standards), prohibited operators list, country carding system and export ban to the EU (a replication, with the necessary adaptations, of the legislation in place for illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing)	<input type="radio"/>					

Voluntary due diligence	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory due diligence	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory public certification system	<input type="radio"/>					
Private certification systems already in place in the EU market	<input type="radio"/>					
Build benchmarking or country assessments (e.g. index) showing which countries are exposed to and effectively combat deforestation or forest degradation for information purposes	<input type="radio"/>					
Promotion through trade and investment agreements of trade in legal and sustainable products	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory disclosure of information (including corporate non-financial reporting)	<input type="radio"/>					
Development and cooperation assistance to producing countries	<input type="radio"/>					
Consumer information campaigns in the EU	<input type="radio"/>					
Green diplomacy	<input type="radio"/>					
Other measure(s) (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>					

### Q3.10.1 If other measure(s), please specify

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### Q3.11 To what extent do you consider the below factors an **obstacle** for effectively implementing deforestation-free supply chains in your own company?

Please rate each option below on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 representing not a relevant obstacle at all and 5 representing a very relevant obstacle.

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
Deforestation-free products are more expensive (i.e. they incur additional costs due to intrinsically more expensive supplies, but also factors such as increased logistical complexity, reporting on deforestation-free commitments, etc.), which makes the company lose competitiveness vis-à-vis other companies	<input type="radio"/>					
There are not enough deforestation-free suppliers to cover our demand	<input type="radio"/>					

The information available on the market is unreliable, so it is difficult to tell whether products offered as deforestation-free are truly deforestation-free	<input type="radio"/>					
Our consumers do not demand deforestation-free products, so we have no incentives to “clean” our supply chains	<input type="radio"/>					
Our retailers and other intermediaries do not demand deforestation-free products, so we have no incentives to “clean” our supply chains	<input type="radio"/>					
Few reputational gains were obtained from making efforts to clean our supply chains, which reduces our incentives to do so	<input type="radio"/>					
Our consumers are attracted by low prices of our commodities, which they will not be able to afford if prices are increased	<input type="radio"/>					
Other obstacle(s)	<input type="radio"/>					

**Q3.11.1** If other obstacle(s), please specify

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**Q3.12** Do you believe that EU-level demand-side measures would be consistent with your current (voluntary) pledge or commitment?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- I do not know

**Q3.13** Do you believe that EU-level demand-side measures would reduce unfair competition from other businesses that have not made any (voluntary) pledges /commitments?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- I do not know

**Q3.14** What **impact** would the following EU measures have in your country?

Please rate each measure on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 representing a very negative impact, 2 representing a negative impact, 3 representing no impact, 4 representing

a positive impact, and 5 a very positive impact.

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
A deforestation-free requirement or standard that commodities or products must comply with to be placed on the EU market (and consequently a prohibition, in line with EU international commitments of the placing on the market of commodities that do not comply with those standards)	<input type="radio"/>					
Voluntary labelling (e.g. similar to the organic label for organic products)	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory labelling (e.g. similar to the nutritional information label on food products)	<input type="radio"/>					
Public national certification schemes (based on international rules/standards), prohibited operators list, country carding system and export ban to the EU (a replication, with the necessary adaptations, of the legislation in place for illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing)	<input type="radio"/>					
Voluntary due diligence	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory due diligence	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory public certification system	<input type="radio"/>					
Private certification systems already in place in the market	<input type="radio"/>					
Build benchmarking or country assessments (e.g. index) showing which countries are exposed to and effectively combat deforestation or forest degradation for information purposes	<input type="radio"/>					
Promotion through trade and investment agreements of trade in legal and sustainable products	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory disclosure of information (including corporate non-financial reporting)	<input type="radio"/>					
Development and cooperation assistance to producing countries	<input type="radio"/>					
Consumer information campaigns in the EU	<input type="radio"/>					
Green diplomacy	<input type="radio"/>					
Other measure(s) (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>					

**Q3.14.1 If other measure(s), please specify**

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Q3.15 What would in your view be the **costs of enforcement and implementation** of the measures listed below for public authorities in your own country?

Please rate each measure on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 representing no or negligible costs, 2 representing low costs, 3 representing moderate costs, 4 representing high costs, 5 representing extremely high costs.

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
A deforestation-free requirement or standard that commodities or products must comply with to be placed on the EU market (and consequently any prohibition, in line with EU international commitments, of the placing on the market of commodities that do not comply with those standards)	<input type="radio"/>					
Voluntary labelling (e.g. similar to the organic label for organic products)	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory labelling (e.g. similar to the nutritional information label on food products)	<input type="radio"/>					
Public national certification schemes (based on international rules/standards), prohibited operators list, country carding system and export ban to the EU (a replication, with the necessary adaptations, of the legislation in place for illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing)	<input type="radio"/>					
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Mandatory due diligence	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory public certification system	<input type="radio"/>					
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Promotion through trade and investment agreements of trade in legal and sustainable products	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory disclosure of information (including corporate non-financial reporting)	<input type="radio"/>					
Development and cooperation assistance to producing countries	<input type="radio"/>					

Consumer information campaigns in the EU	<input type="radio"/>					
Green diplomacy	<input type="radio"/>					
Other measure(s) (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>					

### Q3.15.1 If other measure(s), please specify

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Q3.16 In your opinion and regardless of any other consideration, what **effect** will the following measures have in terms of halting and reversing EU and global deforestation?

Please rate the following options on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being completely ineffective, 2 being somewhat ineffective, 3 being neutral, 4 being somewhat effective, and 5 being perfectly effective.

	1	2	3	4	5	I do not know
A deforestation-free requirement or standard that commodities or products must comply with to be placed on the EU market (and consequently a prohibition, in line with EU international commitments, of the placing on the market of commodities that do not comply with those standards)	<input type="radio"/>					
Voluntary labelling (e.g. similar to the organic label for organic products)	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory labelling (e.g. similar to the nutritional information label on food products)	<input type="radio"/>					
Public national certification schemes (based on international rules/standards), prohibited operators list, country carding system and export ban to the EU (a replication, with the necessary adaptations, of the legislation in place for illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing)	<input type="radio"/>					
Voluntary due diligence	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory due diligence	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory public certification system	<input type="radio"/>					
Private certification systems already in place in the market	<input type="radio"/>					

Build benchmarking or country assessments (e.g. index) showing which countries are exposed to and effectively combat deforestation or forest degradation for information purposes	<input type="radio"/>					
Promotion through trade and investment agreements of trade in legal and sustainable products	<input type="radio"/>					
Mandatory disclosure of information (including corporate non-financial reporting)	<input type="radio"/>					
Development and cooperation assistance to producing countries	<input type="radio"/>					
Consumer information campaigns in the EU	<input type="radio"/>					
Green diplomacy	<input type="radio"/>					
Other measure(s) (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>					

### Q3.16.1 If other measure(s), please specify

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Q3.17 Do you think that reduced deforestation and forest degradation as a result of EU demand-side measures could have **unintended impacts** of increasing damage to other ecosystems (i.e. leakage problems)?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

Q3.17.1 If yes, could you please briefly describe these impacts and their drivers?

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Q3.17.2 In your opinion, how can we ensure that additional protection of forests does not result in more destruction of grasslands wetlands and other habitats?

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Q3.18 Do you think that EU demand-side measures might lead to **supply-chain divergence**, whereby companies may have a deforestation-free compliant production for placing on the EU market, and another one for the rest of the world?

- Yes

- No
- I do not know

Q3.18.1 If yes, could you please briefly elaborate on what would drive this phenomenon?

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Q3.18.2 In your opinion, is there a way to encourage companies and suppliers to “clean” their supply chains not just for their sales in the EU market but also for other markets, preventing supply-chain divergence?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

Q3.18.2.1 If yes, please explain

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## Section IV: Concluding remarks

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Q4.1 Do you have any further thoughts (that have not come up in the rest of the questionnaire) on the topic of EU consumption and deforestation and forest degradation?

- Yes (please specify)
- No

Q4.1.1 If yes, please specify

*500 character(s) maximum*

Q4.2 Can you recommend any organisations, businesses or researchers that we could contact to gather further information on this topic?

*300 character(s) maximum*

**Q4.3 Do you have specific evidence/relevant documents on any questions or topics addressed in this questionnaire that you can share with the project team?**

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