

Deforestation and Forest Products Impact Assessment

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Introduction

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.

All interested stakeholders are invited to respond to the questionnaire, regardless of their level of expertise.

Background

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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

* Language of my contribution

- 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

* First name

Marta

* Surname

Conti

* Email (this won't be published)

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* Organisation name

255 character(s) maximum

European Tyre and Rubber Manufacturers' Association (ETRMA)

* Organisation size

- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- Large (250 or more)

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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| <input type="radio"/> Afghanistan | <input type="radio"/> Djibouti | <input type="radio"/> Libya | <input type="radio"/> Saint Martin |
| <input type="radio"/> Åland Islands | <input type="radio"/> Dominica | <input type="radio"/> Liechtenstein | <input type="radio"/> Saint Pierre and Miquelon |
| <input type="radio"/> Albania | <input type="radio"/> Dominican Republic | <input type="radio"/> Lithuania | <input type="radio"/> Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| <input type="radio"/> Algeria | <input type="radio"/> Ecuador | <input type="radio"/> Luxembourg | <input type="radio"/> Samoa |
| <input type="radio"/> American Samoa | <input type="radio"/> Egypt | <input type="radio"/> Macau | <input type="radio"/> San Marino |
| <input type="radio"/> Andorra | <input type="radio"/> El Salvador | <input type="radio"/> Madagascar | <input type="radio"/> São Tomé and Príncipe |
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| <input type="radio"/> Antarctica | <input type="radio"/> Estonia | <input type="radio"/> Maldives | <input type="radio"/> Serbia |
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| <input type="radio"/> Argentina | <input type="radio"/> Ethiopia | <input type="radio"/> Malta | <input type="radio"/> Sierra Leone |
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| <input type="radio"/> Australia | <input type="radio"/> Fiji | <input type="radio"/> Mauritania | <input type="radio"/> Slovakia |
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| <input type="radio"/> Bahamas | <input type="radio"/> French Guiana | <input type="radio"/> Mexico | <input type="radio"/> Somalia |
| <input type="radio"/> Bahrain | <input type="radio"/> French Polynesia | <input type="radio"/> Micronesia | <input type="radio"/> South Africa |
| <input type="radio"/> Bangladesh | <input type="radio"/> French Southern and Antarctic Lands | <input type="radio"/> Moldova | <input type="radio"/> South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands |

- 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

- Burkina Faso
- Burundi

- Cambodia

- Cameroon

- Canada
- Cape Verde
- Cayman Islands
- Gabon
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Gibraltar
- Greece
- Greenland

- Grenada
- Guadeloupe

- Guam

- Guatemala
- Guernsey
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau

- Guyana

- Haiti
- Heard Island and McDonald Islands

- Honduras
- Hong Kong

- Hungary

- Iceland

- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Monaco
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Montserrat
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar /Burma
- Namibia
- Nauru

- Nepal

- Netherlands
- New Caledonia
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua

- Niger

- Nigeria
- Niue

- Norfolk Island
- Northern Mariana Islands
- North Korea

- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Oman
- Pakistan
- 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

- Tokelau
- Tonga

- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia

- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
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- ◉ Central African Republic
- ◉ Chad
- ◉ Chile
- ◉ China
- ◉ Christmas Island
- ◉ Clipperton
- ◉ Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- ◉ Colombia
- ◉ Comoros
- ◉ Congo
- ◉ Cook Islands
- ◉ Costa Rica
- ◉ Côte d'Ivoire
- ◉ Croatia
- ◉ Cuba
- ◉ Curaçao
- ◉ Cyprus
- ◉ Czechia
- ◉ Democratic Republic of the Congo
- ◉ Denmark
- ◉ Iraq
- ◉ Ireland
- ◉ Isle of Man
- ◉ Israel
- ◉ Italy
- ◉ Jamaica
- ◉ Japan
- ◉ Jersey
- ◉ Jordan
- ◉ Kazakhstan
- ◉ Kenya
- ◉ Kiribati
- ◉ Kosovo
- ◉ Kuwait
- ◉ Kyrgyzstan
- ◉ Laos
- ◉ Latvia
- ◉ Lebanon
- ◉ Lesotho
- ◉ Liberia
- ◉ Palau
- ◉ Palestine
- ◉ Panama
- ◉ Papua New Guinea
- ◉ Paraguay
- ◉ Peru
- ◉ Philippines
- ◉ Pitcairn Islands
- ◉ Poland
- ◉ Portugal
- ◉ Puerto Rico
- ◉ Qatar
- ◉ Réunion
- ◉ Romania
- ◉ Russia
- ◉ Rwanda
- ◉ Saint Barthélemy
- ◉ Saint Helena Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
- ◉ Saint Kitts and Nevis
- ◉ Saint Lucia
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- ◉ Tuvalu
- ◉ Uganda
- ◉ Ukraine
- ◉ United Arab Emirates
- ◉ United Kingdom
- ◉ United States
- ◉ United States Minor Outlying Islands
- ◉ Uruguay
- ◉ US Virgin Islands
- ◉ Uzbekistan
- ◉ Vanuatu
- ◉ Vatican City
- ◉ Venezuela
- ◉ Vietnam
- ◉ Wallis and Futuna
- ◉ Western Sahara
- ◉ Yemen
- ◉ Zambia
- ◉ Zimbabwe

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 checked="" 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"/> Farmers, and associations representing farmers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certification schemes | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban planning and development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> I am not currently active in any of the above sectors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human and/or labour rights | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investment and finance | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not know |

If other, please specify sector

150 character(s) maximum

Tyre and Rubber Sector

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

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

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

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.

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

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

300 character(s) maximum

EC should develop a thorough ex-ante impact assessment to identify the actual contributors to deforestation & most pertinent solutions. This should be a sector-specific exercise to ensure that the peculiarities of each value chain are properly reflected, & that the scope includes relevant commodities

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?

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Animal-based products (e.g. animal fat, blood, flesh, milk, eggs, skin, wool, and products made from these raw materials)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Cereals (e.g. wheat, maize, rice, barley, oats, rye, sorghum)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Fodder crops (i.e. crops cultivated primarily for animal feed)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Fruits and vegetables	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Industrial crops (e.g. rubber, tobacco, fibre crops)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mining products (e.g. precious metals, ores, coal)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Oil and gas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Oil crops (e.g. soybeans, palm, rapeseed, sunflower, canola, mustard, flax, jatropha, coconut, hemp)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Stimulants (coffee, cocoa, tea)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Sugar crops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Wood and wood-based commodities, including pulp and wood pellets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

300 character(s) maximum

Several publications, including EC's, ranked last Natural Rubber's (NR) impact on deforestation among the analysed commodities. The analysis of the environmental impact of NR value chain will be the object of a study launched by GPSNR. It will be necessary for the EC to carry out a similar exercise.

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.

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	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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of agreed regulations/standards to define “deforestation-free” products or commodities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of availability of products from “clean” supply chains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of reliability of products marketed as forest-friendly or deforestation-free	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regulations do not restrict the sale of goods associated with deforestation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Inaccurate or insufficient reporting about the impact of business activities on forests	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Citizens cannot afford to buy deforestation-free products, which are marketed at higher prices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

300 character(s) maximum

No availability of robust internationally-recognised standards for traceability of deforestation-risk commodities & lack of clear, proportionate, enforceable & enforced rules for value chains. Non-EU producing countries should adopt, apply and enforce such rules; EU should assist them in this work.

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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Absence of sound policies at the EU level that minimise the contribution to deforestation and forest degradation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of enforcement of existing policies in EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of enforcement of existing policies in non-EU countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of investment in sustainable land management in countries experiencing deforestation and forest degradation in EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lack of investment in sustainable land management in countries experiencing deforestation and forest degradation in non-EU countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Corruption in public institutions in EU Member States	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Corruption in public institutions in non-EU countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of interest and/or political leadership on the issue in EU Member States	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lack of interest and/or political leadership on the issue in non-EU countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Poverty, uncertain land tenure, lack of resources and other problems in countries experiencing deforestation and forest degradation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

350 character(s) maximum

The specificities of NR supply chains, including their very limited diversification and the ever growing NR consumption by other non-EU regions, makes it paramount for effective policies against deforestation that the EU cooperates with non-EU producing countries and enables them to put apply effective rules and best practices.

Section II: Responsibility for decision-making

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

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
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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

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

300 character(s) maximum

Their forest-related sustainability, understood as their compliance with internationally agree requirements (compliant with WTO rules and building on international commitments), as relates to forestry and land-use change based on an international definition of “deforestation-free”.

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
Primary forests (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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other naturally regenerated forests (i.e. a naturally regenerated forest where there are clearly visible indications of human activities)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plantation forests (defined as “a forest that at maturity is predominantly composed of trees established through planting and/or deliberate seeding”)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please indicate which)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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?

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

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"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voluntary labelling (e.g. similar to organic labels for organic products)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory labelling (e.g. similar to nutritional information labels on food products)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voluntary due diligence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory due diligence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory public certification system	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private certification systems, new and the ones already in place in the EU market	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promotion through trade and investment agreements of trade in legal and sustainable products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory disclosure of information (including corporate non-financial reporting)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development and cooperation assistance to producing countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consumer information campaigns in the EU	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Green diplomacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other measure(s) (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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)

300 character(s) maximum

Any due diligence obligation should focus on the genuine positive impact on the ground rather than on reporting. To do so, it should be risk-based rather than product-based and it should focus on continuous improvement through mitigation measures.

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

Some final follow-up questions

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

Q3.16 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"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voluntary labelling (e.g. similar to the organic label for organic products)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory labelling (e.g. similar to the nutritional information label on food products)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Voluntary due diligence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory due diligence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory public certification system	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private certification systems already in place in the market	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promotion through trade and investment agreements of trade in legal and sustainable products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mandatory disclosure of information (including corporate non-financial reporting)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development and cooperation assistance to producing countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consumer information campaigns in the EU	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Green diplomacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other measure(s) (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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

Q3.18 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

Section IV: Concluding remarks

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

Please find attached two documents: 1) Giving an explanation of the answers given, 2) the general position of the tyre and rubber industry on the issue of deforestation and possible options to prevent and/or halt deforestation.

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

GPSNR is multi-stakeholder initiative with members from the NR value chain: producers, processors, and traders; tyre makers & other NR makers/ buyers; car makers, other downstream users, and financial institutions; civil society, and – since late September 2020 – also the smallholders.

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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