

# EU FLEGT VPA PROGRAMME



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## The EU FLEGT VPA programme

**Objective:** To contribute to sustainable forest management.

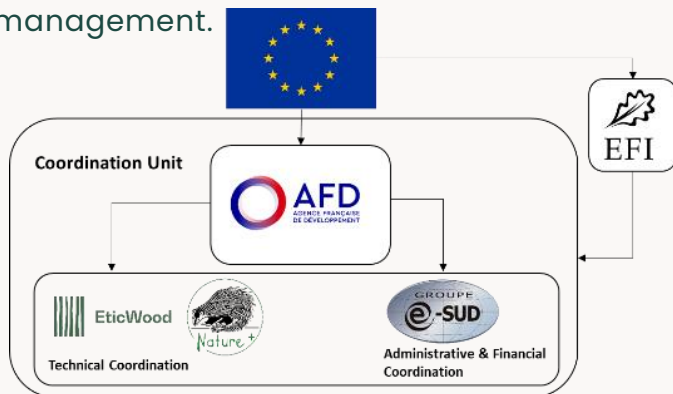
### Component 1:

Institutional support to operationalise the FLEGT VPAs.

### Component 2:

Support to civil society and the private sector.

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## Highlights

- Effective start of the Coordination Unit in January 2022.
- Contact made with all stakeholders in the 8 countries.
- 4 field missions (Congo, CAR, Liberia, Guyana) enabled the identification of priority actions to be finalised after the initial exchanges and contacts that took place during 2021.
- Participation in the ICDs in Guyana and Liberia.
- Holding of the 2nd steering committee in Brussels on 18/03/22.

## Countries of intervention and priorities

### Honduras:

- Elections in January 2022, dialogue with new Minister planned as soon as possible
- Mission planned to participate in the JIC (June 2022)

### Guyana:

- Developing an IT system for timber traceability
- Support to the private sector
- Support to FLEGT technical secretariat

### Cameroon:

- Ongoing dialogue process to identify priorities

### Ghana:

- Dialogue process underway to identify priorities
- First FLEGT licences expected

### Congo:

- Material support to the CLFT and DDEF
- Support to the FLEGT technical secretariat
- Elaboration of a five-year FLEGT plan 2023-2027

### Liberia:

- Support to the FLEGT secretariat and the organisation of the JIC
- Independent audit
- Support to the media (radio)
- Support to the private sector

### Vietnam:

- Ongoing dialogue process to identify priorities (see box)
- Mission planned for June 2022

### CAR:

- Support to the FLEGT cell controls and the technical secretariat
- Capacity building of the mandated and external IO
- Support to the private sector





Field mission to Guyana with EFI



Traceability system in Guyana



Meeting in Vietnam with the Forestry Administration

## Key figures of the Programme



5 years (2021–2025), 8 countries  
21 M€



People trained (♀ | ♂): N/A  
CSO/private sector/administration: N/A



- Component 1: N/A
- Component 2: N/A



13 projects pre-identified in 4 countries  
(9 component 1, 4 component 2)

## Focus on... Vietnam

- The programme has been well received by VNFOREST, with Vietnam's stated aim of issuing its first FLEGT licences in 2025.
- The need to strengthen the communication and independent monitoring capacity of local NGOs was identified. Timber associations call for support for the development of an Enterprise Classification Information System (ECIS) database – an important activity for government verification prior to the issuance of the FLEGT licence.
- Other areas of intervention under discussion: Support for the development of robust supply chain management technology/software, revision of legal documents that frame the FLEGT process.

## Useful communications

- Presentation of the programme on the ATIBT website : <https://www.atibt.org/en/announcements/98/presentation-of-the-afd-eu-flegt-program>
- The programme will be presented at the Carrefour International du Bois (Nantes, 06/22). More information: <https://www.timbershow.com/en/practical-information/>
- CIFOR has published the impact of FLEGT VPAs in 5 of the countries supported by the EU FLEGT VPA programme: Cameroon, Congo, Ghana, Honduras, Guyana. The analysis is structured in five key thematic areas, namely: 1/ governance and institutional effectiveness, 2/ illegal logging, 3/ forest conditions, 4/ economic development, and 5/ livelihoods and poverty. The publications are available at: <https://vpa-library.cifor.org/publications>