



THE LEADING AUTHORITY ON TROPICAL TIMBER



The Timber Trade Portal

The one-stop information center for legal sourcing

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FLEGT-REDD+ projects

2 FLEGT projects implemented by ATIBT:

- **FLEGT-REDD +**: funds by FFEM – 2012
- **FLEGT IP**: funds by EU – 2015

→ improve **private sector participation** in FLEGT



* Producing countries: Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, DRC, Ivory Coast

C3: harmonization of EUTR implementation:

- Increase awareness in EU of the importance of **harmonizing** national approaches

→ Participation in **EUTR events**

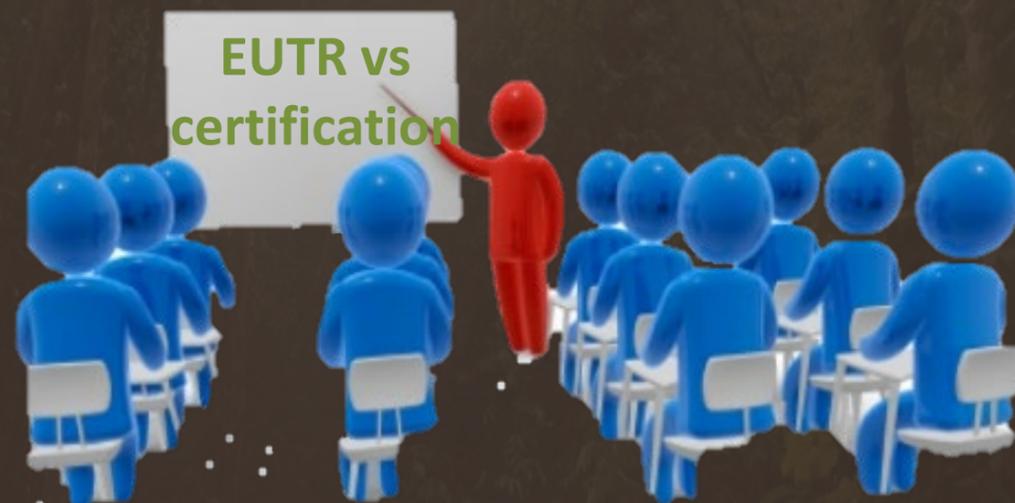


→ **Study tours** of European actors (CA, MO, federations, EC) in African producing countries



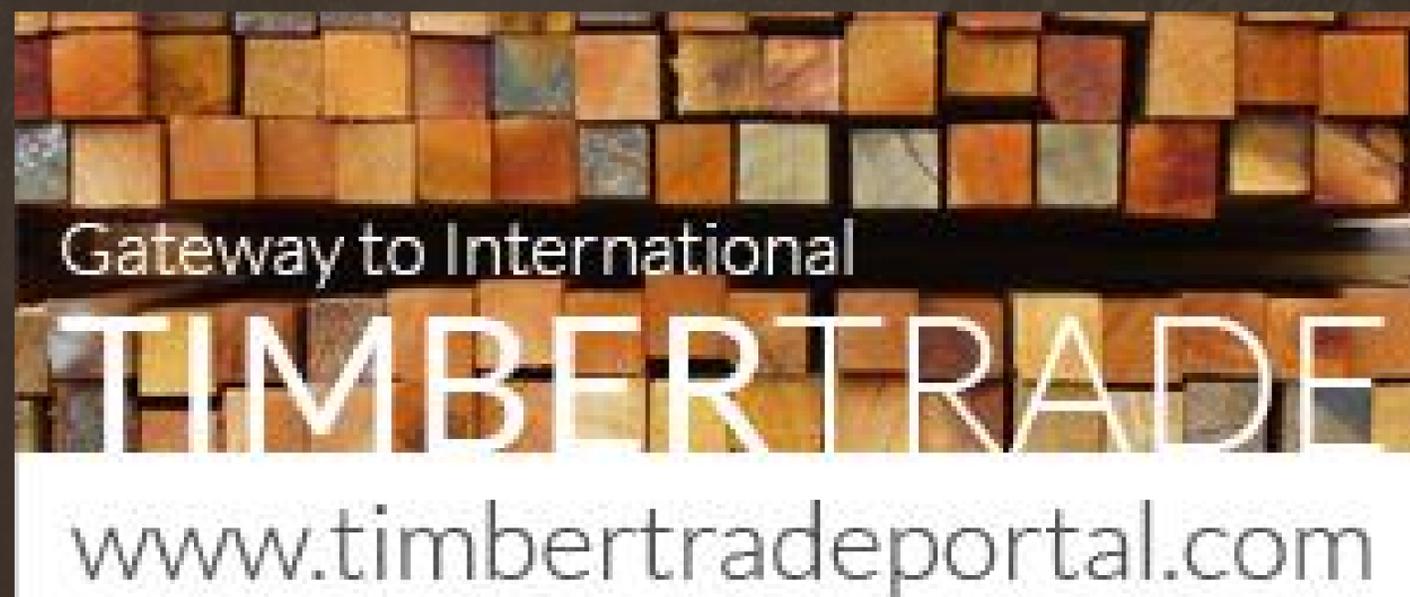
C3: harmonization of EUTR implementation:

- rely on the value of **private forest certification**
 - **training and awareness campaign in UE:**
 - Use of private certification in due diligence
 - for european actors (CA, Federations, MO, EC)



C4: Facilitation of EUTR implementation:

- Provide relevant **information** to implement due diligence
 - Information platform : **Timber Trade portal**
 - one-stop information center about legal timber trade, due diligence, country requirements and export
 - mainly focused in tropical countries (23 countries profiles)



EUTR = PROMOTING LEGAL TRADE

■ EUTR **issues**:

- opportunity to drive **wholesale change** down the supply chain
- Improve **best practices** in wood and forest sector
- Improve **accountability** of European operators

■ **Challenges** of risk analysis (in DDS):

- Supplies in **different** producing countries
- Find **reliable** information
- **Simplify** information searches



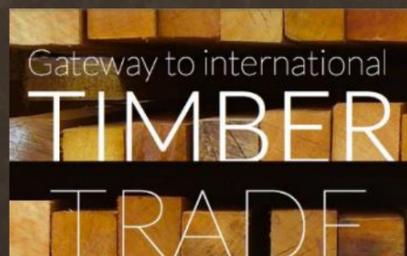
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ATIBT initiative (2012)



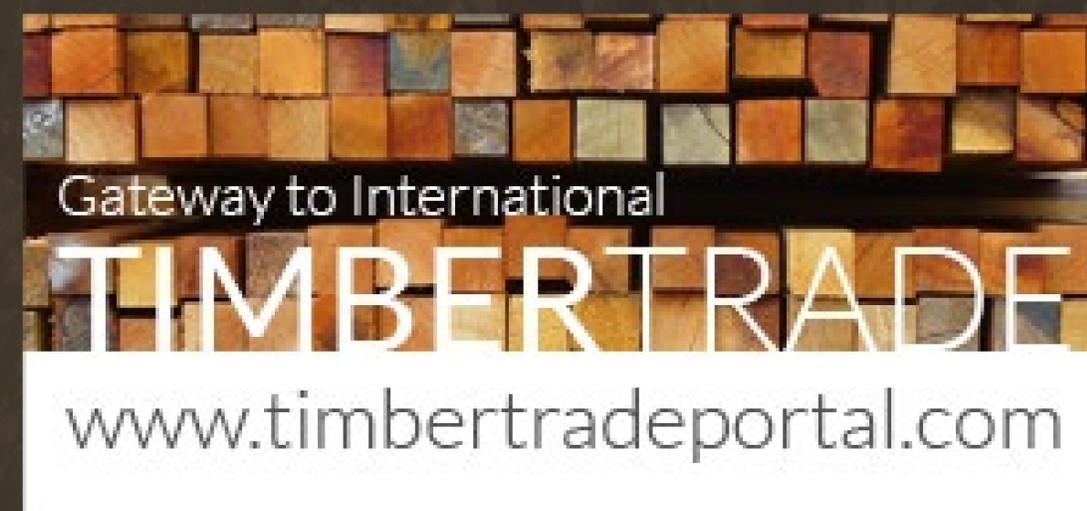
ETTF initiative (2015)



Merged
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Funds by:



Technical assistance:



Timber Trade Portal: goals

TTP = Creation of a **level playing field**

- Improve **access to information**
- tool that helps operators to
 - comply with EUTR
 - and exercise due diligence



→ Enable operators to make **their own risk analysis** on a case-by-case basis, by giving **tools** and **information**

→ Encourage individual **accountability** of EU operators

Factual, complete and update information

- Provide and centralize **reliable** and **factual** information
- Provide **key documents** (*on progress*)
- Give **reading keys** to understand and analyze information and documents
- identify **complementary sources** of information
- compile **news** about the EUTR and related subjects

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COMPLETE ✓

Timber Trade Portal: content



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- Producer countries **trade & legality information:**
 - Industry profile
 - Legality profile
 - Contacts
- **General information** about:
 - EUTR and other regulations
 - Forest certification (legal and sustainable),
 - Other information initiatives and platforms
 - Useful links to other information sources
- **News** about the EUTR and legality in wood trade

Scope: **23 countries** profiles

Americas

Brazil

Ecuador

Guyana

Honduras

Peru

Suriname

Africa

Cameroon

Central African Republic

Congo

Democratic Republic of the

Congo (DRC)

Gabon

Ghana

Ivory Coast

Liberia

Eastern Europe and Asia

China

India

Indonesia

Malaysia

Myanmar

Papua New Guinea

Russia

Ukraine

Vietnam

Countries profile

Industry

- Forest resources and structure of forestry sector
- Production and export, production and trade data

Legality

- Legislative framework
- List of applicable laws and regulations
- Key documents
- Bans & quota
- CITES and protected species
- National action on timber legality (VPA)
- Private certification
- Corruption Perception Index

Contact & Review

- Information network (country specific)
- Review option (updates, suggested sources, news)

Compilation of profiles: 3-step approach

- **Compilation** based on available sources
 - Publicly available sources
 - Network ATIBT, ETTF, Form International
 - Local expert and partners
 - In Africa: national federations
- Expert **review**
- **Verification** of theory by **practice** with operators

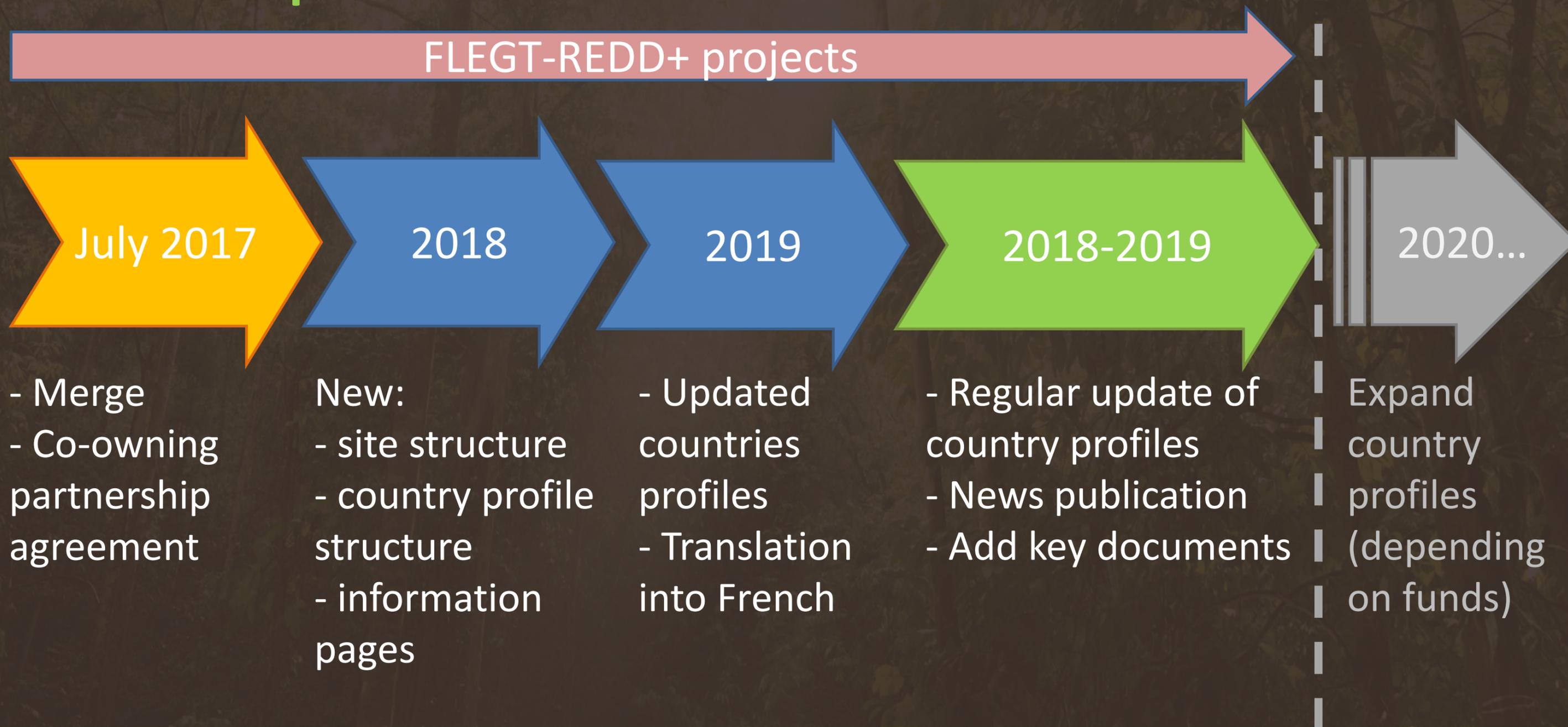


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Next steps:



Synergies with other platforms



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All initiatives have **their role** and **their place**

- Different **approaches** (factual information vs Risk assessments on country level),
- Different **types of information**
- Different **scopes**

→ There is not 'one truth', operators will **find their way**

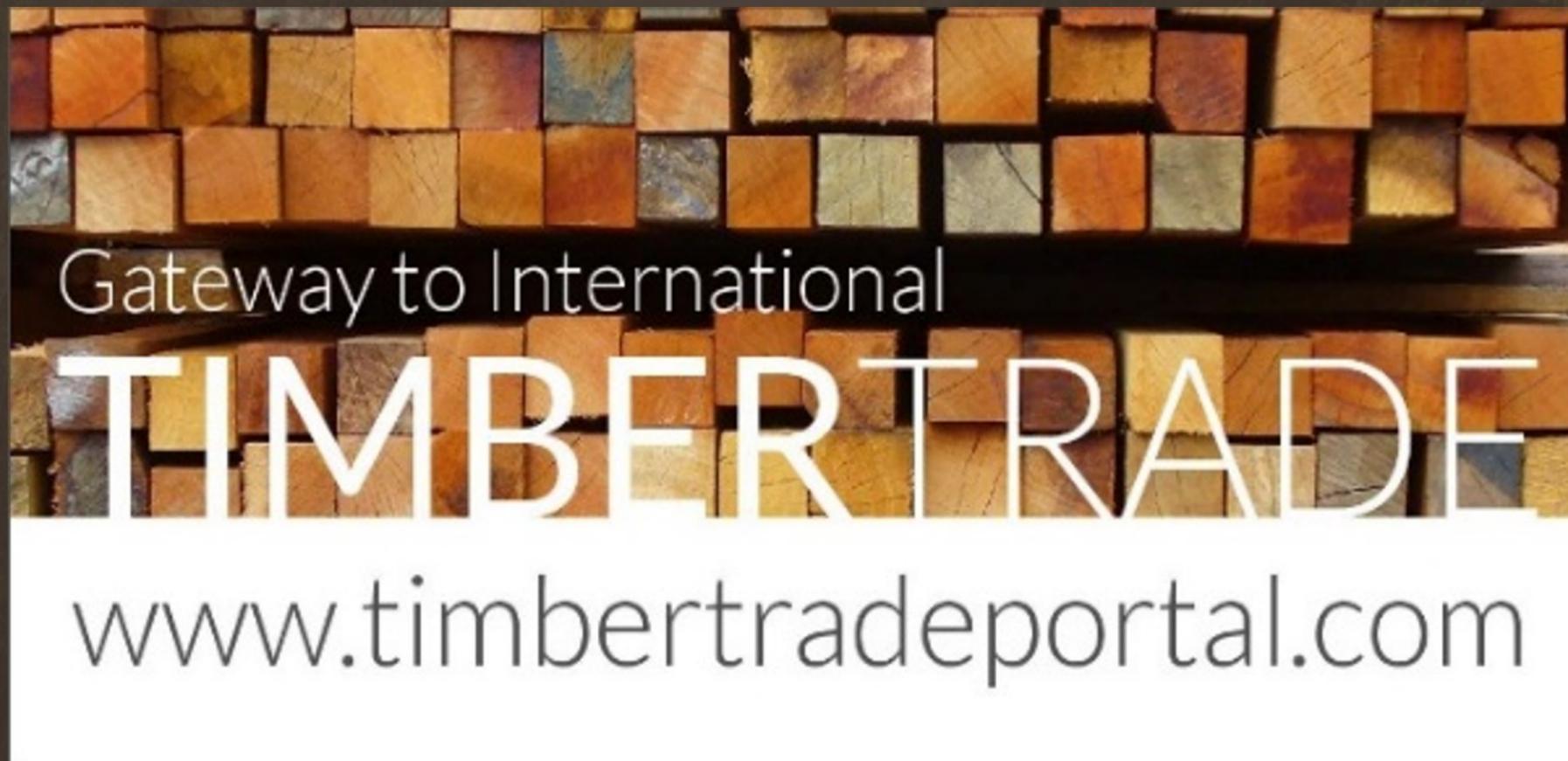
What should we **encourage** and **deepen**:

- **Exchanges** and **sharing** experiences,
- Develop **links** between platforms (explaining specificities)
- Be **complementary** on the scope
- Think about a **common gateway**?

What is the **challenge**:

- Find funds for **maintenance** and **update** of platforms
- Type of our funder to maintain **neutrality**

Thank you !!



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