



# **EU initiatives for assuring timber legality and promoting sustainability**

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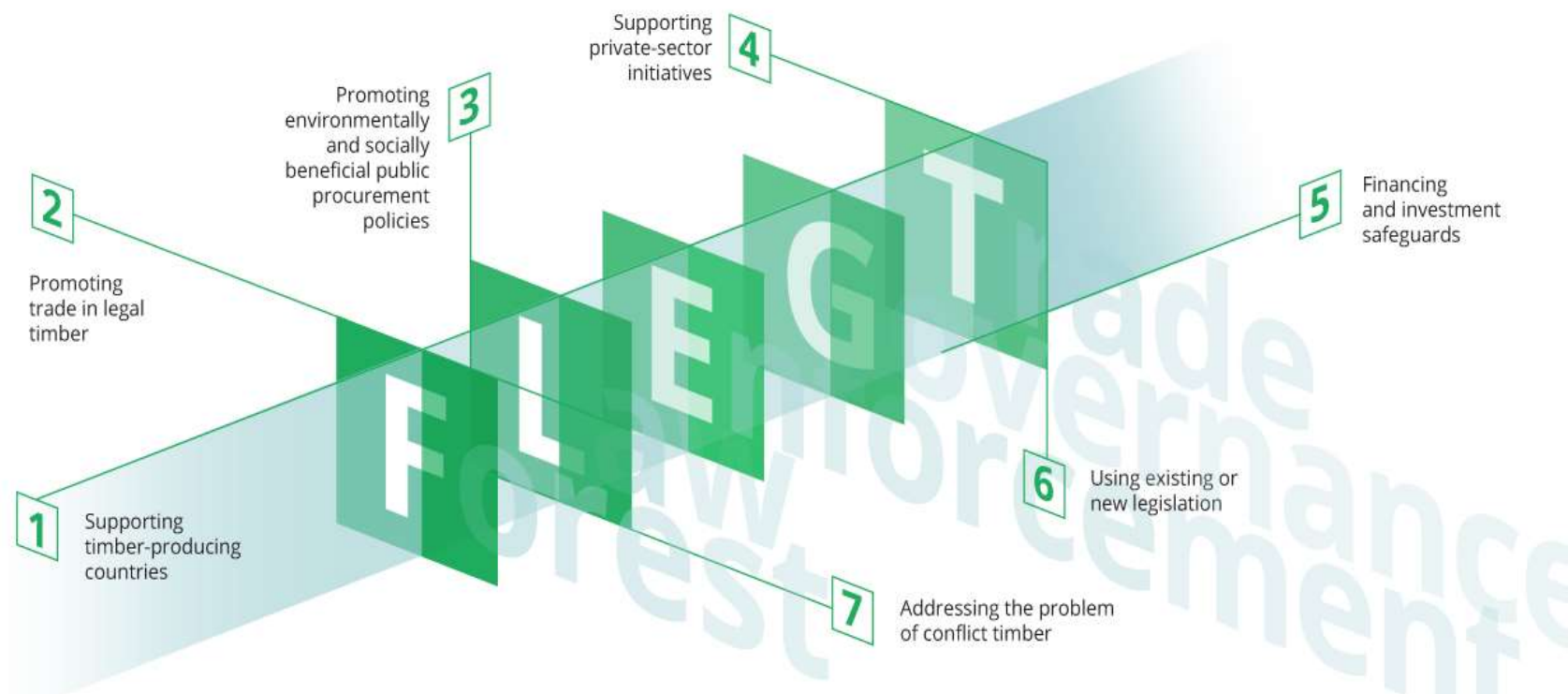


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# The EU FLEGT Action Plan



# FLEGT addresses legality

<b>Demand side measures</b>	<b>Supply side measures</b>
<p data-bbox="235 837 757 885">EU Timber Regulation</p> <ul data-bbox="235 1021 1019 1380" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="235 1021 1019 1133">➤ Prohibits the placing of illegal timber on the EU market</li><li data-bbox="235 1173 1019 1284">➤ Operators required to exercise due diligence</li><li data-bbox="235 1332 616 1380">➤ Keep records</li></ul>	<p data-bbox="1120 845 1971 893">Support to timber exporting countries</p> <ul data-bbox="1120 1029 1982 1268" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1120 1029 1982 1268">➤ Voluntary Partnership Agreements to assure export of legal timber to the EU (and potentially other markets)</li></ul>



# FLEGT supports sustainability

Economic	Environment	Social
Forest Management Plan approval	Internal regulations inc. to prevent poaching	Consultation council
Forest tax receipts	Waste disposal report	Health, Safety, Salaries





# Advancing timber legality in consuming countries

	<b>Controls for import of legal timber</b>
<b>USA</b>	2008: Lacey Act amendment
<b>Australia</b>	2014: Illegal Logging Prohibition Act effective
<b>Japan</b>	2016: Clean Wood Act adopted
<b>South Korea</b>	2018: Forest Legislation includes requirement for the importer to declare legality of wooden products
<b>China</b>	Taking steps on timber legality. Since 2009 Bilateral Coordination Mechanism on FLEG with EU



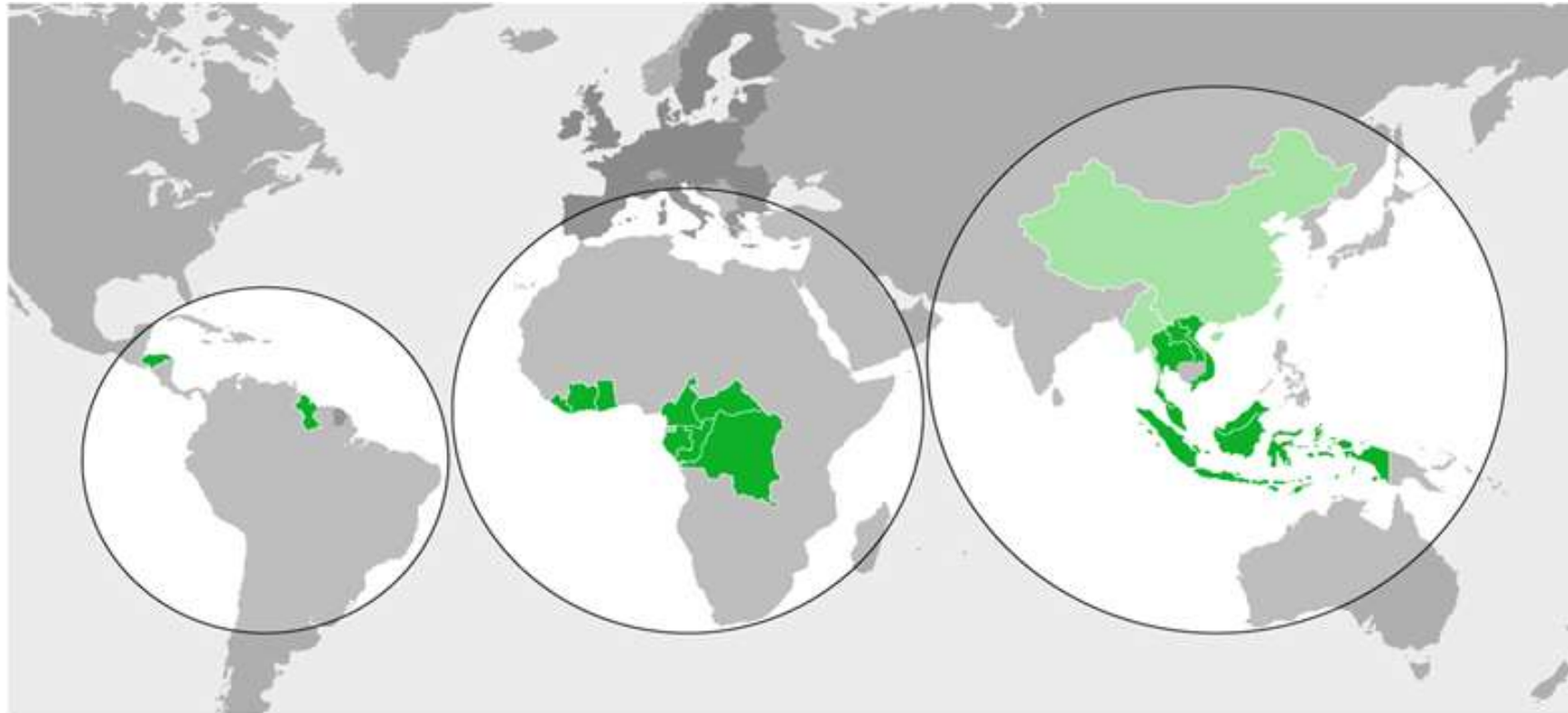


# EU's work with China on FLEGT

- Main market for (all) VPA countries
- EU-China Bilateral Coordination Mechanism
  - Annual forum for policy dialogue and information exchange
  - Annual work plans to advance on timber legality
- MS active on FLEGT in China



# FLEGT in the world







# Further progress towards sustainability



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# Thank you

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