Module 8: How to be certified

10:45 – 10:55 CET
I. Get prepared

Step 1: Make sure your suppliers are PEFC certified
https://pefc.org/find-certified

Step 2: Contact the PEFC national office in your country or PEFC international
https://treee.es/pefcnationalmembers

Step 3: Contact a PEFC recognised certification body
https://treee.es/findcb

Step 4: Prepare for the on-site audit
Develop an internal management system

II. The audit

Step 5: On-site audit with chosen certification body
• A PEFC certificate is given once auditor have verified your compliance and is valid for 5 years
• Annual surveillance audit

III. Communicate!

Step 7: Use the PEFC label on certified products to demonstrate your responsible sourcing
https://labelgenerator.pefc.org/

Step 6: Sign the PEFC trademark usage contract to get access to the PEFC labels
Transition to the 2020 versions of the STs – certified organisations

• Transition date until 14 August 2022 last moment to get the audit against the 2013 version of the standard

• So in the end, organisations have until the 14 August 2023 to get certified against the 2020 version

• Certification process for the organisation:
  1. Update of procedures and management system
  2. Audit against 2020 version of standard
  3. Start implementing in practice requirements of revised standard according to updated procedures
     (If before this process, organisation wants to start implementing some requirements, communication with your CB)
  4. New trademarks licence contract to be signed once certificate against 2020 is issued