

# THE 4TH PEFC GROUP CERTIFICATION FIELD DIALOGUE

17 - 18 MAY 2024  
FERRAND CLEMONT, PUY-  
DE-DÔME, FRANCE



## Background

This field dialogue is part of the series which bring together global experts to expand group certification at local level.

PEFC France is one of the good models for group certification. There are 559,121 ha certified under PEFC Auvergne Rhône-Alpes (AURA) the group certified entity in France includes 3,925 members.

## REGISTER NOW!

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App. 400 euro/person  
Potential support available!



# EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND SCHEDULE

## LEARNING FROM PEFC AUVERGNE RHÔNE-ALPES GROUP FOR IMPROVING GROUP CERTIFICATION GLOBALLY



- Introduce how group certification is designed and managed in France
- Recommendation for implementing at your countries
- Peer to peer knowledge exchange between matured and emerging certification systems
- Potential of collaboration for institutions to scale up group certification globally

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Morning  
*Departs  
Paris at 8am*

- Learning from the past group certification field dialogue to understand PEFC approach.
- Introduction to forest certification in France, using PEFC AURA as example for large-scale smallholder certification.

Afternoon

- Site Visit 1 : forest production systems and CoC including PEFC DDS and legal compliance.

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Morning

- Site Visit 2 – Reforestation with 30 years old plantation: Shared responsibility between group entity and members for compliance with the Group Certification Standard.
- Site Visit 3 – Silviculture and mix-species forest management: Internal group procedures for compliance with SFM standard.

Afternoon  
*Return to  
Paris at 8pm*

- Discussing lessons learnt from PEFC AURA with a focus on risk-based approach.
- Sharing action plans for improving group certification at the national level for each participant group.



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