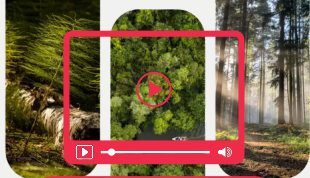
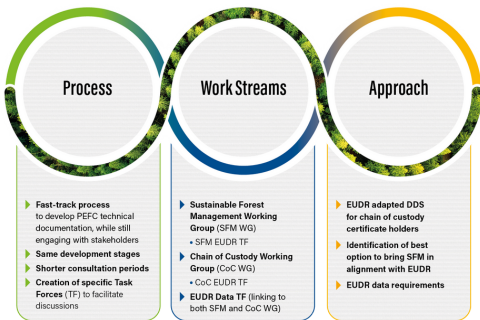


PEFC: on the path to EUDR alignment

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Since its creation in 1999, PEFC has always had deforestation-free requirements in its sustainable forest management standard amongst other environmental and social requirements. PEFC and the EUDR share similar objectives for our forests. While the implementation of the EUDR may be perceived as challenging by some stakeholders, PEFC is committed to supporting affected parties by modifying our system to facilitate EUDR compliance for companies and forest owners.

Through multi-stakeholder working groups and taskforces, PEFC is working on adjusting our Sustainable Forest Management and Chain of Custody requirements as well as the data integrity framework. These changes will be consensus-based and will include a public consultation for transparency and dialogue.

Sustainable Forest Management

Objective: make the PEFC-certified forests and material ready for EU supply chains.

Approach: adjust some definitions of the PEFC SFM Benchmark (PEFC ST 1003) to align with EUDR (not modular approach).

Key focus areas: geolocation, forest types and categories, forest conversion and degradation, and Trees outside Forests.

Milestones: fast-track process with SFM experts to update the Sustainable Forest Management Benchmark with public consultation (April) and PEFC GA voting. National implementation according to standard-setting procedures and verification of the adjusted national PEFC systems through assessment.

Chain of Custody

Objective: translate the EUDR text into understandable steps that can be easily integrated within the existing PEFC chain of custody (CoC) processes (PEFC ST 2002). For this, develop a new voluntary module with requirements for a Due Diligence System aligned with EUDR.

Approach: built up over CoC, modular and voluntary, implemented at product group level, easy integration with CoC processes.

Key focus areas: new EUDR-based definitions, additional information collected and reported, PEFC EUDR declaration, EUDR claims.

Milestones: Public Consultation in March-April. Draft to be finalised and put to voting in May, from June onwards training for Certification Bodies and module available for certificate holders to start using it.

EUDR Data

Objective: understand and facilitate EUDR data compliance for forest owners and chain of custody certified organisations, whilst respecting data privacy and security.

Desired outputs: potential partners for optional IT and DDS creation solutions, guidance and training for PEFC members, certified organisations, certification bodies and auditors.

Key focus areas: certified organisations' needs, geolocation and harvesting date ranges, means of checking for deforestation and/or degradation, data security and privacy, EU system functionality.

Milestones: timeline runs to May 2024 to finalise proposals. Guidance, training and partner solutions delivered from June 2024.

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- [EUDR Legal Text](#) (list of relevant commodities and relevant products is in Annex 1)
- [EU Observatory on deforestation & forest degradation](#)
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