EU recent policy developments

- **European Green Deal**: “The Commission will take measures, both regulatory and otherwise, to promote imported products and value chains that do not involve deforestation and forest degradation.”

- **EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and Farm to Fork Strategy**: “The Commission will also present in 2021 a legislative proposal and other measures to avoid or minimise the placing of products associated with deforestation or forest degradation on the EU market.”

- **2019 Communication** revamping commitments to halt global deforestation.
New legislation in the making: options being assessed

- Voluntary and mandatory labelling
- A deforestation-free requirement or standard to access market
- Certification and verification
- Due diligence
- Agreements with third countries
- Approaches inspired by the EU rules against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU)
- Build benchmarking, country assessments or black lists
- Corporate disclosure and non-financial reporting tools
- Voluntary commitments from the industry
- Consumer information campaigns
## Timeline

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**Further info on EU ACTIONS ON DEFORESTATION:**

A long history of international and EU efforts to curb illegality in the forest/timber sector and global deforestation

- International concerns already in the ‘60s!
- FAO Global Forestry Action Plan, 1985
- FLEG processes in the ‘90s
- EU FLEGT Action plan in 2003
- EU Due Diligence legislation adopted 2010, applicable 2013