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Small, Micro and informal forest products Enterprises

- SME approach of the EU FLEGT Facility-

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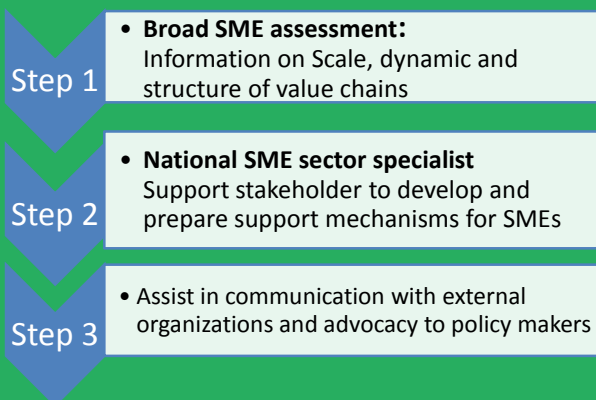


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The EU FLEGT Facility supports the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan with a focus on Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs). The EU FLEGT Action Plan sets out a programme of actions that forms the EU's response to the problem of illegal logging and the trade in associated timber products. The Facility is hosted by the European Forest Institute (EFI), and was established in 2007.



Definition of SME:
Small, Micro and Informal Entities

Overall approach concept


Broad SME assessment:

Results:

- Scale, dynamic and social aspects of different value chains in the timber sector
- Regulatory situation and impact of VPA processes



Pilot initiative:

Recruitment of “SME Sector Specialist”

to support national stakeholders in:



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- Trainings in organization management and corporate social and environmental responsibility (associations, SME groups, CSO)



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- Marketing strategies focused on SMEs



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- Trainings on smallholder business management



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- Preparation for communication strategy on responsible timber sourcing and guidance to assure legality from different sources/suppliers



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- Develop links between private sector and smallholders and identify ways to support the latter ones to become sustainable businesses

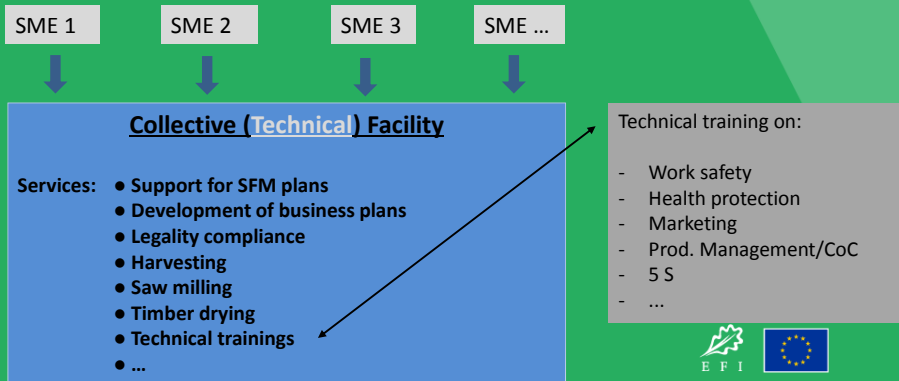


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- Assistance to prepare inputs on elements of the VPA, including but not limited to TLAS



Example: How to strengthen SMEs to meet challenges:



Thank you for your attention!