



Multi-Country - Workshop on the Implementation of the EU Timber Regulation for Mediterranean Member States' Competent Authorities

organised in co-operation with the

Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests, Portugal

05 - 06 June 2018

Venue:

Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Rural Development

Praça do Comércio

Lisbon

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Slovenia

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Aim of the Workshop:

With the [Environmental Implementation Review \(EIR\)](#) the European Commission has launched [TAIEX-EIR Peer 2 Peer](#) as a new, practical tool that facilitates peer-to-peer learning between environmental authorities. This workshop aims at strengthening the cooperation among the Competent Authorities from the nine Mediterranean EU Member States on a harmonized implementation of the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) in the Mediterranean region. The Portuguese EUTR CA has volunteered to organize a workshop in Portugal that will provide an opportunity to:

- i) Review relevant issues related to countries' trade control procedures;
- ii) Have a better knowledge and understanding of the different check methodologies, key implementation challenges, risk assessment criteria and baseline requirements (templates, check lists), penalty policies, operator sensitization and training strategies in use by EUTR CAs in the Mediterranean region;
- iii) Define the need for common criteria and procedures for an improved, more harmonized and consistent enforcement of the EUTR within the Mediterranean region;
- iv) Consider the adoption of an internal expert exchange plan and
- v) Discuss the establishment of a network for cooperation between EUTR CAs of Mediterranean Member States.

Day 1: Tuesday 05 June 2018

Chair: Ms Conceição Ferreira, Head of Department, Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests

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08:30	<i>Registration of participants</i>
09:00	Opening Mr. Nuno Sequeira Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Forestry and Rural Development Doerte Pardo López , DG Environment, European Commission Mr. Rui Pombo , ICNF board (Portugal's CA)
09:30	Presentation and adoption of the Agenda Ms. Conceição Ferreira, Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests
09:45	EUTR implementation experiences and cooperation in the Nordic-Baltic Countries Niels Bølling , Ministry of Environment and Food, Denmark
10:05	EUTR monitoring experience in the Netherlands, particularly at sea ports Meriam Wortel , Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority, The Netherlands
10:25	Q & A
10:45	Coffee break
11:05	Country presentations: short overview on good practices and key challenges in the implementation of the EUTR
	Implementation of the EUTR in Portugal, Cristina Santos , Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests Implementation of the EUTR in Spain, José Brotóns , General Directorate for Rural Development & Forest Policy
11:35	Q & A
11:55	Implementation of the EUTR in Cyprus, Michael Nicolaidis , Ministry of Agriculture/Department of Forests Implementation of the EUTR in France, Celia Didierjean , Ministry of Food and Agriculture/Forest-based Enterprises and Industries Implementation of the EUTR in Greece, Georgia Konstantakopolou , Ministry of Environment and Energy/ General Directorate for Forests and Forest Environment & Despina Minoglou , Decentralized Administration of Macedonia & Thrace/ Regional EUTR CA of Thessaloniki
12:25	Q & A
12:45	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	Implementation of the EUTR in Italy, Pietro Oieni , General Directorate of

	<p>Forests</p> <p>Implementation of the EUTR in Malta, Francesca Saliba, Ministry for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change/Agriculture Directorate</p> <p>Implementation of the EUTR in Slovenia, Robert Rezonja, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food/ Forestry Division</p>
14:30	Q & A
14:50	<p>Common challenges in the EUTR implementation</p> <p>Plenary discussion</p>
	<p>Short Introduction by Cristina Santos and Fernando Salinas of the 3 Working Groups and nomination of rapporteurs. Brief presentation of written factsheet (country sheet)</p> <p><u>Themes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risk assessment including substantiated concerns 2. Checks on operators concerning due diligence (Art 10, 11) procedures 3. Information processing: information on checks for public access, cooperation between and among CAs and with Commission and 3rd countries (Art 12); 4. Assistance, guidance and cooperation with the private sector (Art 13) 5. Penalties (Art 19) 6. Modalities of establishing a EUTR Med CAs Network and developing a work plan
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45	1st round of working group sessions
17:00	<p>Conclusion of day 1</p> <p>Fernando Salinas Portugal's CA Representative</p>
17:15	End of day 1

Day 2: Wednesday 06 June 2018

Chair: Ms Conceição Ferreira, Head of Department, Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests

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09:00 Opening of day 2

09:15	2nd round of working group sessions
10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00	Plenary Summary of outcome by rapporteurs and Q & A
12:00	Conclusion: Topics for a future cooperation of the EUTR CAs in the Mediterranean region how to Developing a work plan Med CA Summary of outcome by rapporteurs
13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00	Way ahead: how to establish a network of the EUTR CAs in the Mediterranean region
14:00	Introduction focus in modalities of establishing a EUTR Med CAs Network Cristina Santos and José Brotons , from Portuguese and Spanish CA Dørte Pardo López , representative of EC Commission Discussion
14:15	How to make a regional network work? Niels Bølling , Ministry of Environment and Food, Denmark
	Plenary discussion
15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15	Next steps and who does what? Plenary discussion CAs suggesting next steps and their contribution
16:15	Summary of next steps Speakers from Med CA
16:45	Conclusion of the workshop Mr. Rui Pombo , ICNF board
17:00	Closure End of day 2



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