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Free training available on new risk assessments and tools for EU Timber Regulation due diligence

COPENHAGEN, 29 June 2017. Meeting the due diligence requirements of the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) is a challenge for timber traders across the EU. But there's help at hand in the form of free training courses that present new tools and risk assessments that make due diligence simpler.

The training is part of a <u>project</u> funded by the LIFE Programme of the European Union and the UK's Department for International Development and run by <u>NEPCon</u>, a not-for-profit organisation that implements sustainability projects.

At the training courses, you'll be able to:

- Find out more about the EU Timber Regulation and how it's being implemented.
- Learn about the NEPCon Sourcing Hub and how it can help make your
 due diligence easier. The Sourcing Hub provides free information on the
 risk that timber was sourced in a way that breached harvesting, trade or
 transport laws in its country of origin. A preview of these risk
 assessments is available on the NEPCon Sourcing Hub, via
 www.nepcon.org/sourcinghub. By autumn, information will be available
 for 62 timber-producing countries, making it the biggest and most
 detailed collection of forest legality risk assessments that have ever been
 published.
- Conduct some hands-on exercises to help you learn about the tools and risk assessments available on the NEPCon Sourcing Hub.

There will be training courses in 12 EU countries, one online webinar for people who cannot make it to the in-person training, plus two events aimed at Competent Authorities and one event aimed at other Monitoring Organisations. All the courses are one day events.

If you're interested in attending, you need to register your interest via www.nepcon.org/events. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ann Weddle on aw@nepcon.org.





Country	Date	Location	Language
Belgium	17 October 2017	Brussels	In English, with French and Dutch speakers available to help where needed
Denmark	31 October 2017	Copenhagen	In English, with Danish speakers available to help where needed
Estonia	To be determined. See nepcon.org for details	Tallinn	In English and (via an interpreter) Estonian
Germany	24 October 2017	Holiday Inn Berlin City Center East, Prenzlauer Allee 169, 10409 Berlin	In English, with German speakers available to help where needed
Hungary	23 November 2017	Budapest	In English and (via an interpreter) Hungarian
Latvia	To be determined. See nepcon.org for details	Riga	In English and (via an interpreter) Latvian
Lithuania	14 November 2017	Vilnius	In English and (via an interpreter) Lithuanian



Netherlands	19 October 2017	Utrecht	In English, with Dutch speakers available to help where needed
Poland	16 November 2017	Warsaw	In English and (via an interpreter) Polish
Portugal	28 November 2017	Lisbon	In Spanish and (via an interpreter) Portuguese
Romania	21 November 2017	Bucharest	In English and (via an interpreter) Romanian
Spain	14 November 2017	Madrid	In Spanish

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