



THE LEADING AUTHORITY ON TROPICAL TIMBER

ATIBT-ETTF initiative:

Timber Trade Portal: The Toolkit for EUTR
*The complete, factual and up-to-date information platform
to implement due diligence*

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in the FLEGT and REDD+ processes are financed by :



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ATIBT, the leading authority on tropical timber



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- Membership organization of **tropical timber sector**
 - Serve the tropical timber industry, from the **forests to the end user**.
 - a leading **technical** and **scientific** authority in tropical timber,
 - a manager of **international programs** that support tropical forests.



FLEGT-REDD+ projects

ATIBT is implementing 2 projects related to FLEGT Action Plan:

- **FLEGT-REDD +**: funds by FFEM – started in 2012
- **FLEGT IP**: funds by EU – started in 2015



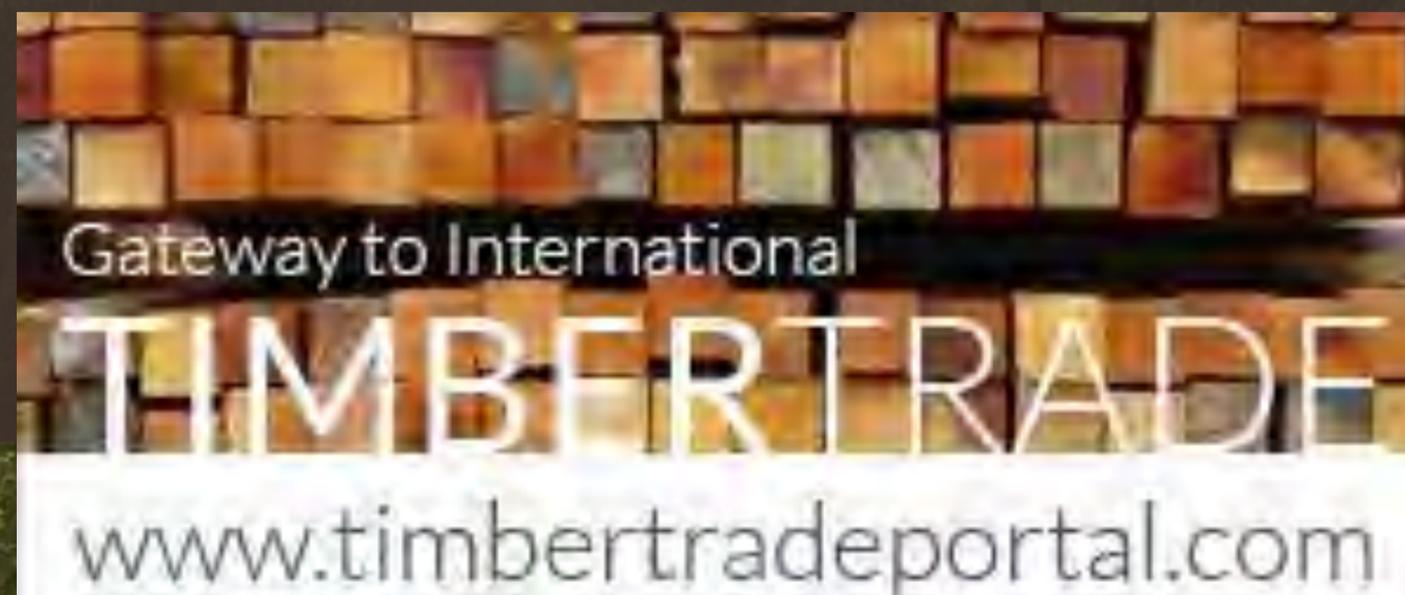
→ improve **private sector participation** in the FLEGT (VPA and EUTR) and REDD + processes



* Producing countries: Cameroon, Congo, Gabon, DRC, Ivory Coast

Facilitation of **EUTR implementation**:

- Provide relevant **information** to implement due diligence
 - Information platform : **Timber Trade portal**
 - one-stop information center about legal timber trade, due diligence, country requirements and export
 - mainly focused in tropical countries (23 countries profiles)

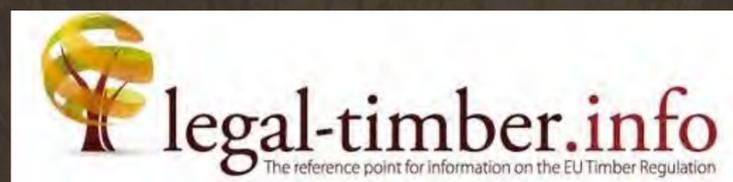


Timber Trade Portal



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Origin of TTP:



ATIBT initiative (2012)
Funded by



ETTF initiative (2015)
Funded by



Merged
in 2017



ATIBT and ETTF co-owners
Funded by



EUTR = **promoting legal trade**

■ EUTR issues

- opportunity to drive **wholesale change** down the supply chain
- Improve **best practices** in wood and forest sector
- Improve **accountability** of European operators

■ Challenges of risk analysis (in DDS):

- Supplies in **different** producing countries
- Find **reliable** information
- **Simplify** information searches



TTP = Creation of a **level playing field**

- Improve access to information
- tool that helps operators to comply with EUTR and exercise due diligence

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→ Enable operators to make **their own risk analysis** on a case-by-case basis, by giving **tools** and **information**

→ Encourage individual **accountability** of EU operators

Means of TTP: **factual, complete and update information**

- Provide and centralize **reliable** and **factual** information
- Provide **key documents** (*on progress*)
- make **keys available** to understand and analyze information and documents
- identify **complementary sources** of information
- compile **news** about the EUTR and related subjects

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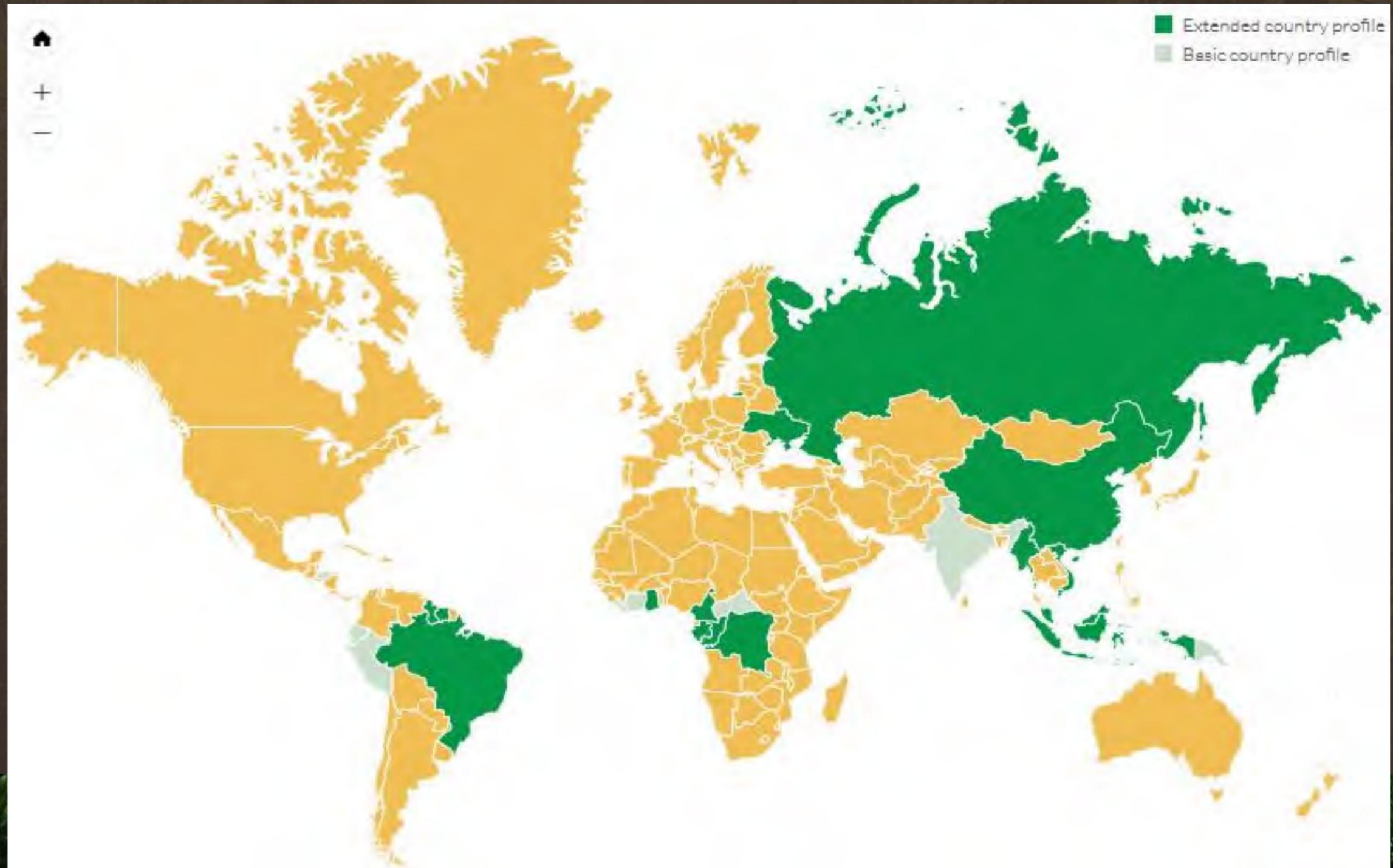
TTP content: **3-step approach** :

- **Compilation** based on available sources
 - Publicly available sources
 - Network ATIBT, ETTF, Form International
 - Local expert and partners network
 - In Africa: national federations
- **Review** of information by national experts
- **Verification** of theory by **practice** with operators



- TTP = **23 country profiles**
 - trade & legality information of **23 producer countries**
 - Industry profile
 - Legality profile
 - Contacts
 - Information about **EUTR and other regulations**
 - **News** about the EUTR and related subjects
 - Other information (**certification, initiatives** and **platform**)
 - **Links** to other information sources

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Americas

Brazil

Ecuador

Guyana

Honduras

Peru

Suriname

Africa

Cameroon

Central African Republic

Congo

Democratic Republic of
the Congo (DRC)

Gabon

Ghana

Ivory Coast

Liberia

Eastern Europe and Asia

China

India

Indonesia

Malaysia

Myanmar

Papua New Guinea

Russia

Ukraine

Vietnam

TTP content: countries profile

Industry

- Forest resources and structure of forestry sector
- Production and export, production and trade data

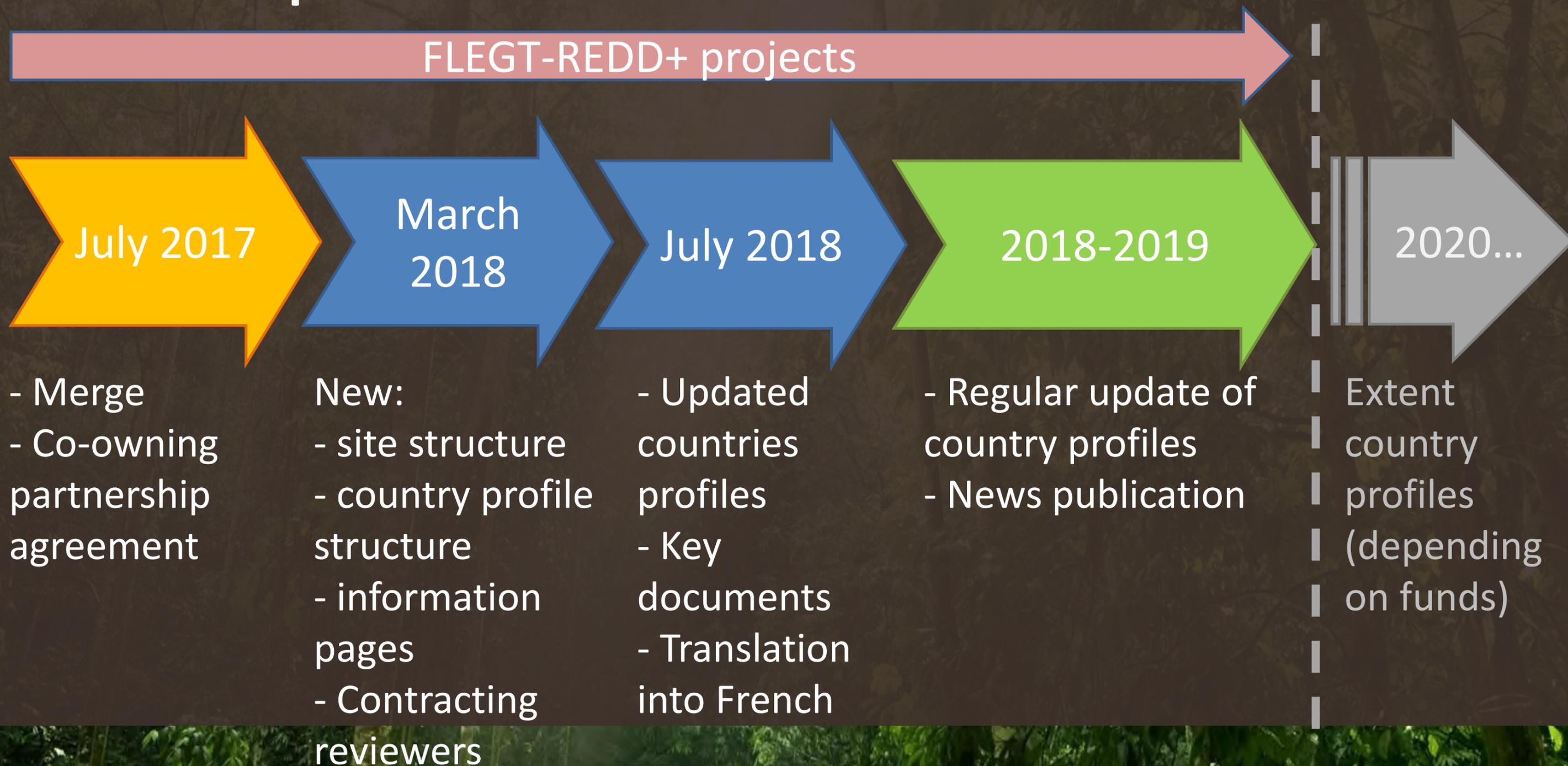
Legality

- Legislative framework
- List of applicable laws and regulations
- Key documents
- Bans & quota
- CITES and protected species
- National action on timber legality (VPA)
- Private certification
- Corruption Perception Index

Contact & Review

- Information network (country specific)
- Review option (updates, suggested sources, news)

Next steps:



Merge of TTP: **current updating** round / maintenance

- update of **facts and figures**,
- more focus on **legality**,
- **restructuring** of information,
- improve availability of **key documents**,
- add **general pages** on EUTR / context / certification,
- **translation** of general pages and country profiles to French

Independent portal owned by ATIBT / ETTF,
implemented by Form International



Synergies with other initiatives



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All initiatives have **their role** and **their place**

- Different **approaches** (factual information vs Risk assessments on country level),
- Different **types of information**
- Different **scopes**

→ There is not 'one truth', operators will **find their way**

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What should we **encourage** and **deepen**:

- **Exchanges** and **sharing** experiences,
- Develop **links** between platforms (explaining specificities)
- Be **complementary** on the scope
- Think about a **common gateway**?

What is the **challenge**:

- Find funds for **maintenance** and **update** of platforms
- Type of our funder to maintain **neutrality**

Thank you !!



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