

SUPPORT COMMUNITIES FIGHTING DEFORESTATION ON THE GROUND: APPLY THE EUDR NOW!

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We express deep concern over ongoing attempts to further weaken the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).

The European Commission's proposal from 21 October 2025 introduces substantial changes to the EUDR, rolling back obligations on EU operators and traders. These changes come despite the Regulation already providing significant flexibility, exemptions, delays, and simplified procedures. Further weakening the law risks undermining its effectiveness, creating sunk costs for businesses and Member States that have invested heavily to comply, and eroding confidence in the EU as a predictable investment environment.

Calls to introduce a “stop the clock” mechanism or a “zero-risk” country category would indefinitely delay implementation or further reduce the ambitions of the EUDR, defeating the purpose of a regulation carefully negotiated over several years. At this critical moment, EU policymakers must act decisively and move forward with the implementation of the EUDR.

Fully implementing the EUDR allows Europe to lead by example, protecting forests, the communities that depend on them, and the climate for future generations. more4nature emphasizes the crucial role of local communities and citizen engagement: women and men working on the ground, often under threat, to provide unique, real-time insights into illegal deforestation that complement official data. EU-funded initiatives such as more4nature empower citizens in Europe and producer countries to monitor compliance and environmental risks, helping to translate the law into meaningful action.

We urge the European Parliament and Member States to ensure the EUDR is implemented as planned from 30 December 2025 and to refrain from further weakening the legislative text. Every delay endangers forests, communities, climate goals, as well as the EU's credibility. Our message is clear: apply the law now and use the power of communities to make it effective.