

Break-out session 2a. Financial instruments

Key insights

- 2.10 Which of the options presented by CE Delft are the most promising to your opinion and what can you do or what is needed to help establish this option?**
- Short term: Private recognition scheme.
 - Long term: Tax benefits to incentivize purchase of sustainable natural resources.
 - European tax is a long shot – in conflict with free market mechanism
 - VAT-option is most promising but must be agreed in harmony with European members
 - Bonus/Malus system (public/private system) can be implemented on short notice. Transition might take 10-15 years.
- 2.11 How can the private sector promote sustainably sourced tropical timber in tenders?**
- Emphasize the social aspects, employment, biodiversity
 - Better lobby to influence governments
 - Focus on good things – more good instead of less bad
- 2.12 Are there any financial incentives / instruments in your country which favor sustainably sourced timber over 'regular' timber? And if so, what are the experiences?**
- No financial incentives that we know
 - Extra tax on non-sustainable timber cannot be the solution!
- 2.13 Which incentives are needed to ensure a fair price is paid for sustainably sourced tropical timber?**
- Awareness of benefits of wood incentives need to be at multiple points, not just price. So add value by advertising and educating consumers
 - Umbrella incentive: Producers must benefit not just at retail – the cost of SFM are in forest management