

Briefing note on public procurement of sustainably produced timber

Building blocks for a Timber Procurement Policy for Wood Products

Real impact through timber purchasing
policies

Session 2b: How to design and implement STPPs on
political level



Public Procurement Policies in Europe (TPP)

Background

- A significant share of wood based products traded in Europe is purchased by the public sector
- TPP should encourage the non-public sectors to respect sustainability within their procurement behavior
- TPP is a core-element of the EU-FLEGT- Action-Plan
- The overall objective of TPP is to provide a demand-side measure to promote sustainable forest management and contribute to maintaining forest ecosystems

Public Procurement Policies in Europe

Background

Standing Forestry Committee Ad Hoc Working Group on Public Procurement of Wood and Wood-based Products (2009 – 2010)

- to exchange experience between the Member States
- to achieve better compatibility between different approaches applied in the Member States
- and also support the EU FLEGT Action Plan

The result of the ADWG with a comparison of existing TPPs and recommendations for the Commission, Member States and stakeholders has been published end of 2010*

* http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/fore/publi/wg4-112010_en.pdf

Public Procurement Policies in Europe

Why was the informal working group initiated?

Change of frame conditions for the timber sector in Europe since 2010

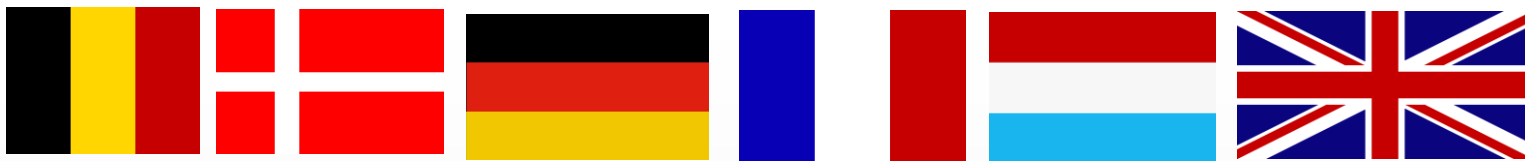
- European Timber Regulation EUTR, in application since March 2013
- Directive 2014/24/EC, removal of Directive 2004/18/EC (February 2014)

Public Procurement Policies in Europe

Informal Working Group on public procurement of sustainably produced timber



6 Member States within the informal working group (frontrunner)



Initially Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom (2013)

later joined by Flanders/Belgium and Luxembourg (2015)

Public Procurement Policies in Europe

Informal Working Group Objectives

- to explore possibilities for increasing consistency and synergy between the existing policies
- to share experiences and learn lessons from each other;
- to support the supply of sustainable timber by increasing transparency, consistency and synergy between their national policies;
- and to support the demand for sustainably produced timber by sharing their findings and experiences with other member states, interested in taking up a TPP.

What did the IWG do?

Informal Working Group Objectives

- Comparison of Timber Procurement Policies of the MS
- Draft a “Briefing note on public procurement of sustainably produced timber” and “Building blocks for a Timber Procurement Policy”

Comparison of Timber Procurement Policies

of six EU member states*

TPP Year established Latest revision	Flanders/Belgium 2005 2009	Denmark 2001 2014	Germany 2007 2011	Luxembourg 2014	Netherlands 2004 2014	UK 2000 2014
1 Objectives Formally adopted	Promoting the use of timber/wood from sustainably managed forests	Promoting the use of timber/wood from sustainably managed forests	Promoting the use of timber/wood from sustainably managed forests	Promoting good governance and sustainable use of resources	Increasing the demand for legal and sustainable produced wood;	Promoting the use of timber/wood from sustainably managed forests
2 Procurement requirement SFM Minimum content Mass balance accept FLEGT accepted on equal footing - General, or - country wise	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p style="text-align: center;">70%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√</p> in discussion	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p style="text-align: center;">70%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√</p> in discussion	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p style="text-align: center;">70%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√</p> in discussion	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p style="text-align: center;">70%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p style="text-align: center;">70%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√</p> in discussion	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p style="text-align: center;">70%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√</p> V (Evaluation after imports from 3 countries during 3 years)
3 Application National govern. all agencies Local governments	Mandatory Voluntary	Mandatory Voluntary	Mandatory federal and some states and public funded institutions Voluntary	Mandatory, including publicly funded projects Voluntary	Mandatory Voluntary by 2015 100%	Mandatory Voluntary
4 Product type EUTR categories: <i>Round wood</i> <i>Sawn wood</i> <i>Wood panels</i> <i>Packaging wood</i> <i>Furniture</i> <i>Pulp and paper</i> <i>Biomass for heat and power</i> <i>Post consumer recycled wood</i>	All EUTR categories except: Pulp and paper Biomass Recycled products accepted	All EUTR categories except: Wood for energy Recycled products accepted incl. waste of furniture industry	All EUTR categories except: Pulp and paper Biomass Recycled products preferred	All EUTR categories n.a.	All EUTR categories except: Biomass n.a.	All EUTR categories Biomass for heat and power Recycled products preferred for product groups with govt. buying standard
5 Evidence of compliance Cat. A Schemes Cat. B system operational	FSC, PEFC no	FSC, PEFC no	FSC, PEFC no	FSC, PEFC no	FSC, PEFC √	FSC, PEFC √

*I S A F O R, NL, 2016, the complete study available at <http://www.isafor.nl/publications/>

Recommended Issues for discussion

- How can we design an efficient **monitoring system** to monitor implementation of TPPs?
- What position should **FLEGT timber** get in TPPs?
- what **strategy** to follow in the **EU**? How to continue to work towards more harmonized TPP's in the EU MS?
- How can TPPs best be **linked to political 'hot issues'** like climate change, UN Millenium Development Goals, etc.? And **incorporated in broader sustainable developments** (like circular economy)?
- What opportunities do you see for **collaboration between authorities** (local, regional, national, international) to reduce bureaucracy and costs related to TPPs and how can this organized?

Table discussion:

- App. 15 min table discussion
- 2 key insights shared in break-out
- Selection key insights shared plenary

Table discussion:

1. What opportunities do you see for collaboration between authorities (local, regional, national, international) to reduce bureaucracy and costs related to STPPs and how can this be organized?
2. How can STPPs best be linked to political 'hot issues' like climate change, UN Millennium Development Goals, etc.?
3. How can sustainable tropical timber be incorporated in broader sustainable developments (like circular economy)?
4. How can monitoring of the implementation of the STPP be improved?