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FORESTS FOR THE FUTURE FACILITY





The Forests for the Future Facility (F4) was launched in 2020, to support cooperation in the forest sector, with a 4-year mandate.

F4 assists DG INTPA in implementing EU global forest policy objectives and actions, linked to protecting and supporting the sustainable use of forests. F4 services are available to partner countries and EU Delegations through INTPA C2 for both remote and in-country technical assistance in the following areas:

- Country - and regional-level programming (MFF 2021-2027)
- Promotion of an enabling business environment for sustainable forest-based value chains
- Policy development and dialogue on forests
- Capacity and knowledge development, communication and outreach

WHAT IS F4 ABOUT?

F4 is the new Forests for the Future Facility aiming to provide technical support to contribute to healthy forest ecosystems able to produce decent work and economic growth in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America.

F4 is funded by the European Union to facilitate the implementation of priority 2 of 2019 EU “Communication on Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World’s Forests”. F4 also contributes to the international dimension of the European Green Deal.

F4 works in a demand-driven approach, in close cooperation with the EU Commission, EU Delegations and partner countries at any stage of the project cycle. F4 is designed to improve the number, quality and

effectiveness of EU interventions in the forest sector. We support the creation of innovative financing and inclusive partnerships.

F4 main themes are linked to sustainable forest management, private sector investment and deforestation-free value chains to be carried out in EU partner countries.

The EU has contracted a consortium of consultancy firms, led by Particip GmbH to implement the facility.



WHAT IS A FOREST PARTNERSHIP?

The aim of Forest Partnerships is to protect and ensure the sustainable use of forests through sustainable forest management and good forest governance, recognising the specific needs of local communities and indigenous peoples, ensuring stable and legal business environments, and the sustainability of trade in forest products and other commodities that drive deforestation.

Ensuring the protection of forests and their sustainable use are critical for development in many of our tropical partner countries. Enhancing the multi-functional role of forests can help deliver on key Commission strategic priorities from the Green Deal, to growth and jobs, to reducing inequalities and building inclusive societies. Establishing forest partnerships can catalyse EU and Member States ambitions and enable a holistic and integrated #TeamEurope approach to forests.

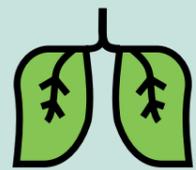


WHICH SUPPORT SERVICES DOES F4 PROVIDE?

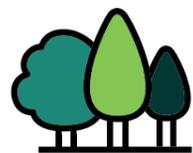
F4 provides strategic and technical support in sustainable forest management and forest-related value chains. The new EU programming cycle (2021-2027) is in its planning phase. F4 can provide strategic advice to the EU Headquarter and Delegations in how to develop and implement engagement in sustainable forest management and forest-related value chains.



We provide remote and on-site assistance for the identification and formulation of interventions and programmes like the National and Regional Indicative Programmes - including budget support actions and identification of suitable indicators. F4 action areas include sustainable forest management, reforestation, transparent value chains, marketing and communication, effective monitoring, sustainable finance and multilateral cooperation.



F4 supports the creation of improved business environments and innovative financial mechanisms for forests. We strive for enabling business in the forest sector, with a view to catalyse private sector engagement, stimulate investment and enhance trade. As investment in forest-based value chains requires the identification of new and viable revenue models, F4 can assist in the formulation of investment projects tailor-made to innovative financial instruments in blending frameworks under the European External Investment Plan (EIP).



We carry out market analysis for forest products and services and value chain studies that would value the ecosystems, carbon sequestration and other services provided by forests to attract and leverage additional private finance to EIP funds.



F4 feeds policy dialogues and fosters coordination among forest stakeholders. The EU-supported Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT)-action has demonstrated the value of policy dialogue among the multiple stakeholders in the forest sector. F4 will build upon the existing multi-stakeholder networks to promote investment in deforestation-free value chains that catalyse broad participation of market actors, including small farmers, women and youth. Our interventions will use a nexus approach that takes into account the need for water, energy, food security and healthy ecosystems.



F4 provides strategy and tools for inclusive communication and knowledge sharing. We carry out activities that lead to strategic communication, on- and offline. It can help you shape your online networks or carry out Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices (KAP) studies to generate a better understanding of your forest stakeholders. F4 can provide support in developing coherent messages for policy makers and market actors and produce win-win communication tools for a broad range of audiences. F4 also designs training materials and carry out webinars and learning events in Brussels and partner countries.





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