

HANDS OFF THE EU DEFORESTATION REGULATION

We, the undersigned organisations, call on the European Parliament and all EU governments to reject the European Commission's proposal to delay by twelve months the application of the EU deforestation-free products regulation (EUDR).



The EUDR is a flagship achievement of the European Green Deal. It is a world-first in the fight against deforestation, forest degradation and associated human rights impacts, which are driven by European production and consumption of products like beef, leather, palm oil, coffee, cocoa, timber, rubber, and soy.

The EUDR was **adopted democratically**, with a record level of public engagement and support. Nearly 1.2 million people in Europe told the European Commission directly that they don't want to continue to be complicit with global deforestation and called for immediate action.

The world's forests urgently need the protection that the EUDR offers. Following years of failures by the private sector to voluntarily address environmental and human rights impacts in their supply chains, the EUDR is a necessary and crucial step. By delaying its application and giving into the demands of vested interests, the European Commission is significantly **undermining the EU's credibility as a global leader** in the fight against climate change, biodiversity loss and human rights violations.

President Von der Leyen's hesitation stands in stark contrast to the urgency of the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, who in June 2024 called on global leaders to secure a liveable future for people, stating unequivocally that "It's climate crunch time. The need for action is unprecedented".¹

A delay will effectively reward those companies who are continuing to profit from environmental destruction and do not want to change their business behaviours, while penalising those who have already spent resources to comply with the EUDR.

It will also weaken the overall integrity of EU policymaking, put the European Green Deal into question, and ultimately send a signal to other major consuming countries that any regulatory measures to reach deforestation-free supply chains can wait.

Forests are key to a liveable future. They must be protected.

Members of the European Parliament and national EU governments: reject the European Commission's proposal to delay the EUDR!

¹Antonio Guterres, 5 June 2024, '[Special address on climate action: a moment of truth](#)'

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Clean Air Action Group
ClientEarth
Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe
Climate Rights International
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Colectivo Corral Sin Puerto Industrial
Colectivo VientoSur
Collectif Stop CETA-Mercosur
Comissão Pastoral da Terra - CPT
Comité Schone Lucht
Commerce Equitable France
Confederación Sindical Comisiones Obreras
Coordinadora Estatal de Comercio Justo
COORDINADORA VALENCIANA ONGD
Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.V.
Diálogo 2000 Asociación Civil
Earth Thrive
Earthsight
Ecologistas en Acción
EEB - European Environmental Bureau
Ekō
Ekumenická akademie, z. s. (Ecumenical Academy)
Electra Energy
Entrepueblos-Entrepobles-Herriarte-Entrepobos
Environmental center for Development Education and Networking (EDEN)
Environmental Investigation Agency
Environmental Justice Foundation
Environmental Paper Network
Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria (ERA/FoE Nigeria)
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Estwatch
European Coalition for Corporate Justice
European Trade Justice Coalition
EUROSOLAR.CZ
FairFin
Fairfood International
FDCL-Center for Research and Documentation Chile-Latin America
Federación Aragonesa de Solidaridad
Federacion de Asociaciones de Medicus Mundi en España
Federación SETEM
Federation Christian Organisations for international volunteer service Focsiv
Fern
Focus Association for Sustainable Development
Forest & Peoples Organization
Forest Peoples Programme

Forests Now Poland
Forests of the world
Forum Ökologie & Papier
France Nature Environnement
Fresh Eyes
Friends of the Earth Europe
Friends of the Earth U.S.
Fundação MAIS Cerrado
Fundação Pró-Natureza - Funatura
Fundación Ecología y Desarrollo (ECODES)
fundación Pongo
Future In Our Hands
Germanwatch e.V.
GLOBAL 2000 / Friends of the Earth Austria
Global Development Institute, Manchester
Global Witness
Global Youth Biodiversity Network Europe
GREEN BOOTS
Green Squad
Greenpeace European Unit
health-and-forest.org
Hnutí DUHA - Friends of the Earth Czech Republic
Human Rights Watch
IDE: Initiatives for Development and Education
Ingénieure Conseils en Environnement et Foresterie (ICEF)
INKOTA-netzwerk
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Instituto Altair Sales
Instituto Pouso Alto
Instituto Quíron de Saúde Integral
Instituto Sociedade, População e Natureza - ISPN
Jane Goodall Institute France
Justicia Alimentaria
Klimatická koalice
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Leefmilieu
Les Amis de la Terre France
Les Universités de la Biodiversité
Luontoliitto (The Finnish Nature Association)
Maitreya Ecoturismo
Mercado Social de Madrid
Mighty Earth
Milieudefensie
Mobilisation for the Environment

Mondiaal FNV
Movimento SOS Chapada dos Veadeiros
Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad (MPDL)
Mural Ideias
Na mysli, z.ú.
Natagora
Naturefriends Greece
Naturvernforbundet / Friends of the earth Norway
Natuurpunt
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
Netzwerk gerechter Welthandel
NGO Ecosistemas
NGO ForestCom
No Electricity from Forests
NOAH
NOAH - for dyrs rettigheter (NOAH - for animal rights)
Notre Affaire à Tous
Nucleo Gestor da Cadeia do Pequi e outros Frutos do Cerrado
Observatori DESCA
Observatorio de Multinacionales en América Latina (OMAL) - Paz con Dignidad
Observatório do Clima
OroVerde - Tropical Forest Foundation
Otros Mundos Chiapas
Oxfam
Partnership for Policy Integrity
Perkumpulan Kaoem Telapak
Plateforme haïtienne de Plaidoyer pour un Développement Alternatif (PAPDA)
Polish Ecological Club in Gliwice
PowerShift e.V.
Pražská pastvina
Profundo
Projeto Salve o Cerrado
Rainforest Action Network
Rainforest Alliance
Rainforest Foundation Norway
Rainforest Foundation UK
Red de Información y Acción Ambiental de Veracruz, México
Rede Pouso Alto Agroecologia e AVE - Associação Amigos do Parque Nacional da Chapada dos Veadeiros
Reds - Red de solidaridad para la transformación Social
Réseau Action Climat
Réseau des Organisations de la Société Civile pour le Développement du Tonkpi (ROSCIDET)
Rettet den Regenwald e.V.
Rikolto
ROBIN WOOD e.V.
RPPN Observatório Ornitológico Nascentes do Iguaçu
Salva la Selva
Salvar Alto Paraiso

Sarawak Dayak Iban Association
Satya Bumi
SAVE Rivers
Sawit Watch
SEED: Strategies for Ethical and Environmental Development, Inc.
Serikat Petani Kelapa Sawit
SETEM Catalunya
Sherpa
Size of Wales
Skydda Skogen (Protect the Forest Sweden)
Société nationale de protection de la nature (France)
Socio-ecological union international
SOCOOPAT COOPCA
Solidaridad Internacional País Valenciano
SOMO, Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations
SUDS - Asociación Internacional de Solidaridad y Cooperación
SÜDWIND e.V.
Südwind, Austria
Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) / Friends of the Earth, Liberia
Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
Territórios Globais - TG Soluções para o desenvolvimento sustentável
The Borneo Project
The Institute for Ecosoc Rights
The Wilderness Society (Australia)
TREND ASIA
TROCA - Plataforma por um Comércio Internacional Justo
Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group (UNCG)
Umweltinstitut München e.V.
UNESP
Veblen Institute
Voedsel Anders NL
Volet-Vert
WALHI/ Friends of the Earth Indonesia
Water Justice and Gender
WeWorld-GVC
Wild Europe Foundation
Wild Heritage
Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)
Working group Food Justice
WWF European Policy Office
ZERO - associação sistema terrestre sustentável