



European Food Forum
Event

**“Implementing the EU legislation on deforestation:
the way forward”**

13 October 2022
(11h00-13h00 CET)
European Parliament ASP 1H1



EFF Event

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Event hosted by MEPs:

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Christine SCHNEIDER
Irene TOLLERET



Event description:

On 17 November 2021, the EU published a legislative proposal for a Regulation on deforestation-free products. The proposal aims at reducing deforestation through conversion to agricultural use by establishing new rules for commodities linked to a high risk of deforestation, such as soy, beef, palm oil or coffee and some derived products. Before placing these products on the EU market or exporting them from the EU, operators and traders would face new obligations: The new rules impose comprehensive, effective, and continuous due diligence to prove that products are not linked to deforestation or forest degradation and ask operators to disclose information about their supply chains and report on their measures to avoid deforestation, including strict traceability requirements for these commodities. This ambitious proposal has polarized the debate in the past months between the need to fulfill the Green-Deal laudable ambitions and the operational reality of enforcing rules and tracing products across the Globe. Now that the Parliament has adopted its final report, negotiation with the EU Commission and the Council of the EU will start.

In the true open and forward-looking spirit of the EFF events and with the intention of promoting a pragmatic take on the upcoming debate, this EFF event will look at some of specific topics, such as traceability, the scope of the regulation, and the specific controls that are to be applied by Member States and explore their implications from an operational and implementation perspective. A group of experts from companies and Civil Society will review the way the regulation will play out for different commodities such as cocoa, coffee, palm oil and soy. Representatives



from key Member States will then discuss the specific aspects of implementing and enforcing the new rules. Both Commission Officials and relevant MEPs will frame and comment the debate.



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Mr. Pietro Fiocchi
Ms. Christine Schneider
Mrs. Irene Tolleret

Moderator: Nathalie Lecocq · Director General at FEDIOL

PROGRAMME

- 11:00 - 11:05 Opening remarks EFF MEPs **Christine Schneider, Irene Tolleret, Pietro Fiocchi**
- 11:05 - 11:10 **Key note speech**
MEP Pascal Canfin
Chair EP Committee on the Environment, Public Health, and Food Safety
- 11:10 - 11:15 **Outstanding issues on the proposed deforestation regulation**
MEP Christophe HANSEN
Rapporteur Deforestation Regulation
- 11:15 - 12:00 **Panel 1 - Different approaches for different commodities/supply chain**
- **Bas Geerts** Head of Sustainability - Cefetra Group BV
 - **Wei Peng** Global Head of Sustainability - LDC
 - **Stefano Severi** Head of Raw Materials Responsible Sourcing - Ferrero
 - **Gert van der Bijl** - Senior EU Policy Advisor - Solidaridad Network
- 12:00- 12:45 **Panel 2 - What does it take to implement the proposed rules? A member state view.**
- Patrik Mlynář** - Deputy Minister for Forestry section Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic, Presidency of the EU Council
- Stefano Verrecchia** - Deputy Permanent Representative Ambassador to COREPER I - Italy
- Geneviève Pons** - Director General and Vice President Europe Jacques Delors
- 12:45 - 12:55 **Astrid Ladefoged** - Deputy Director Green Diplomacy and Multilateralism DG ENV - EU Commission
- 12:55 - 13:00 Conclusions
MEP Pietro Fiocchi