

# ENA-FLEG Process: Issues for future development

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# Main problems and obstacles in ENA-FLEG Development

- **Improving legal framework**
- Definition of forest
- Definition of legality (mutually agreed ➤ legislation)
- IL classification / identification
- Complicated legislation
- Formal incompliance of the NAP format with national legislation format
- Lack of political will

# Main problems and obstacles in ENA-FLEG Development

- **Improving legal framework**
- lack of ENA-FLEG related mechanisms at national level
- FLEG is not a priority at national level more at sectoral level, to be included in poverty strategies or more strategic programs
- Too many national strategies to be discussed
- Lack of official support of wood-tracing systems similar to SUMAL at the government level

# Main problems and obstacles in ENA-FLEG Development

- **Institutional framework**
- Underestimation of systematic corruption
- Focus on prosecution instead of positive incentives
- Lack of transparent approach
- Lack of funds
- SME ➤ uncontrolled trade

# Main problems and obstacles in ENA-FLEG Development

- **Forest management and monitoring**
- Inadequate system of control
- SFM – effectiveness/ raising support
- FM →←Control functions - contradiction
- Conflict between nature conservation and economic interests
- Insignificant role of forests in national economy
- Weakness of institutions related to nature conservation

# Main problems and obstacles in ENA-FLEG Development

- **Social issues**
- Social problems, unemployment, poverty, firewood-energy
- **Ensuring participation of all stakeholders**
- Lack of representation of local population
- Different prospective: Gov, NGO, to find the balance
- Lack of active NGO in some countries ( able to consider seriously forestry related issues)
- Lack of developed partnerships

# Main problems and obstacles in ENA-FLEG Development

- **Monitoring , information, reporting**
- Lack of open information on illegal logging
- Absence of information, consolidation/  
coordination between related agencies  
involved + stakeholders
- Lack of information on FLEG as a process
- Lack of clear indicators for monitoring/  
evaluation

# ENA-FLEG Priority Activities

At national level

- Coordination bodies (centers) on FLEG related issues
- Participatory approaches in forestry management
- Ensuring involvement of all relevant stakeholders

# ENA-FLEG Priority Activities

At national level

- Wood flow tracing
- “Balance method” of IL assessment
- Trade system improvement
- Express methods of IL identification
- Legal measures/ incentives
- Licensing of harvesting/ trade
- Harmonization of national legislative base with MCPFE, FLEG

# ENA-FLEG Priority Activities

At national level

- Legal measures/ incentives
- Licensing of harvesting/ trade
- Improvement of planning/ control
- State incentives of green /responsible procurement
- Ecological management
- Public awareness raising around FLEG (lobbying activities)
- Creation of positive cases in practice

# ENA-FLEG Best practices, mechanisms and tools

- Voluntary certification
- Public control in sphere of law enforcement and governance
- Alternative overview on law enforcement from public side
- Remote sensing and joint cooperation for purchasing of satellite images
- Easy access to remote sensing images
- Establishment of independent monitoring network
- Ensuring access to the best practice info

# ENA-FLEG Best practices, mechanisms and tools

- International incentives: formulate a sort of guidelines for countries with minimum requirements for national legislation for further harmonization
- Inter-sectoral committees best practice
- Worst practice identification and overview
- Compile positive examples of forest use by local population
- Comparative analysis of transparent of forest sectors in different countries

# ENA-FLEG performance indicators

- o Development and approval of NAP
- o Strong public support ( though the public opinion independent assessment)
- o Effective coordination mechanism on place
- o Information openness/ transparency, internet access
- o Indexes of forest information on place
- o Open information on activities related to FLEG(conferences, meetings)
- o Number of amendments/ improved law
- o Number of agencies involved in agencies policies
- o Number of local communities which have point of participatory FM in their strategies of development
- o Number of permissions documents for forest business

# ENA-FLEG performance indicators

- o Dynamic of statistical data (decreasing of scale of IL, statistics of prosecution measures, etc)
- o % of consumed legal wood in compare with total consumption (wood based products)
- o Acting systems of certification and licensing schemes on place
- o Increased of area of certified forests
- o Improvement of forest ecosystems conditions: increased forest areas under FM planning
- o Institutions without conflict of interests
- o Establish mechanism of punishments of forest crimes on place (fines)
- o Range of prices decreasing – relevant to market prices in Europe
- o Cross checking of statistics on IL
- o Open database on trade by trade of forest products
- o Independent assessment of forest trade partners – procedures

# Ensuring synergies between ENA-FLEG and EU FLEGT

- Countries-participants of ENA FLEG can be considered as countries-participants of EU FLEGT
- Both - are steps of further development of national producers
- Awareness raising around both processes
- Clear information on forest resources requirements for both processes – EU FLEG requires more detailed information
- Due diligence approach – ability to learn from each other
- Cooperation between FLEG countries (coalition) and EU FLEGT on possible approaches to use collective VPA

**THANK YOU for attention!**