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## The role of Europe in fighting deforestation

### The realities behind the Timber Regulation , FLEGT and REDD ...

*This round table is hosted by MEPs Sandrine Bélier, Bas Eickhout, Satu Hassi, Bart Staes*

#### Draft programme

9:00

**General introduction on deforestation: Facts and figures**  
by MEP Sandrine Bélier

9:05

**Keynote speech** by Frances Seymour, Director General of the Centre for International Forest Research (CIFOR)

9:25-10:15

**After the EU Timber Regulation, what needs to be done?**  
Chaired by MEP Satu Hassi

Speakers:

- **John Bazill**, DG Environment, European Commission
- **Paul De Wagheneire**, CEO of Bomaco, Belgian timber importing company
- **Tim Grabiell**, ClientEarth

10:15–11:10

**FLEGT: is it working and how?**  
Chaired by MEP Bart Staes

Speakers:

- **Iola Leal** – Forest campaigner/Flegt researcher NGO FERN
- **Philip Mikos** - Flegt specialist DG DEVCO, European Commission
- **Tim Boekhout van Solinge** - Scientific Researcher, Willem Pompe Institute for Criminal Law

and Criminology, Utrecht University

- **Enrico Pironio** – Senior Officer Natural Resources – European Commission/Europe Aid; Focus on Central-Africa

11:10-12.00

***REDD: a new UN safety net for preservation of forests and tool in fight against climate change?*** Chaired by MEP Bas Eickhout

Speakers:

- **Anke Schulmeister**, Senior Forest Policy Officer WWF European Policy Office
- **Michael Bucki**, DG Climate Change, European Commission
- **Valérie Merckx**, REDD Expert of The European Forest Institute (EFI)
- **Kate Dooley** from FERN on links between FLEGT and REDD

12:00

**Closure**

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## **Background**

### **EFI to host the EU REDD Facility**

According to the contract signed by Director Risto Päivinen with Europe Aid on 22 December 2010, EFI will host the newly established EU REDD Facility. The EU REDD Facility aims at assisting developing countries by providing effective support to the emergence of REDD national frameworks, assisting the European Commission and the EU Member States in providing such an effective support, and helping developing countries in building their capacity and improving forest governance so as to help them meet their REDD objectives.

The EU REDD Facility will provide support to targeted developing countries in building their capacity and improving forest governance in support of both REDD and FLEGT objectives, as well as guide the development of EU financed REDD actions. A contribution of €3 million has been pledged by the European Commission to start the EU REDD Facility.

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