

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002072/25
to the Commission
Anja Arndt (ESN)
(22 May 2025)**

Subject: Deforestation Regulation

1. What costs have been incurred as a result of the 50 plus online training sessions that have been attended, according to the Commission, by more than 50 000 people so far to help them prepare for the new Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)?
2. What additional costs relating to future training sessions on the EUDR will be covered by the EU budget?
3. Which NGOs (such as the International Trade Center (ITC) in Geneva) are working for the Commission to carry out the implementation of the EUDR by providing, for example, training and handbooks, and what financial support — listed by organisation and year — are these NGOs receiving from the Commission?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
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The Information System is a domain of the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) ⁽¹⁾ platform. The Commission services operate the system which covers a broad variety of helpdesk functions, including development and maintenance of the Information System.

Moreover, trainings on the Information System are currently being covered under a support service contract which started in July 2025 (overall amount EUR 1.8 million over two years) as part of a wide range of support tasks.

The trainings offer direct benefits for stakeholders in their efforts to comply with the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) ⁽²⁾, fostering trade in deforestation-free products.

The International Trade Center is not a non-governmental organisation (NGO); it is a multilateral agency with a joint mandate with the World Trade Organisation and the United Nations and implements small-scale projects relevant to EUDR.

The Commission does not have contracts or grant agreements with NGOs to assist the Commission with the implementation of the EUDR and to provide training.

The Commission presented a proposal to amend the EUDR in order to reduce the load on the EUDR Information System and ease the administrative burden for economic operators, while maintaining the regulation's environmental integrity. On 4 December 2025, the co-legislators agreed on the revised EUDR ⁽³⁾.

The new date of entry into application will be 30 December 2026 for all companies except for most micro- or small operators, for which it will be 30 June 2027.

For micro- or small operators already covered by the EU Timber Regulation ⁽⁴⁾, the entry into application will be 30 December 2026.

⁽¹⁾ https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/traces/modules_en.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010, OJ L 150, 9.6.2023, p. 206-247.

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) 2025/2650 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 as regards certain obligations of operators and traders, OJ L, 2025/2650, 23.12.2025.

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market, OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, pp. 23-34.