

(English version)

Question for written answer E-002230/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation — platform

A platform ⁽¹⁾ has been set up for implementation of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 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.

1. What real costs have been incurred to date — both one-off and annual costs — for developing the platform and routinely taking charge of it, how have costs compared with initial estimates, and where were those estimates published?
2. What outside firms or service providers have been or are involved in developing, maintaining and operating the platform and, in each case, in return for what one-off or ongoing remuneration?
3. Where and with what provider is the data gathered and processed via the platform being stored (in terms of technical facilities and location) and who is currently responsible for operating and managing the platform (in-house or outsourcing)?

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Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission
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Development costs to establish and maintain the Information System pursuant to Article 33 of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) ⁽¹⁾ are planned on an annual basis:

EUR 26 400 (2022), EUR 270 000 (2023), EUR 585 000 (2024), and EUR 1 514 000 (2025). Incurred costs: EUR 43 431.04 (2022), EUR 480 265.07 (2023), EUR 1 318 099.46 (2024) ⁽²⁾.

Costs are estimated yearly in the frame of the annual management plan of Directorate-General (DG) for Environment (ENV) and provided after the annual exercise. Discrepancies between estimated and incurred costs are due to available volumetrics at the time of estimation and planning.

Part of the EUDR system hosting ⁽³⁾ is provided by Commission Corporate Central services, under the responsibility of DG for Digital Services (DIGIT).

The setup and configuration is directly under the responsibility of the DG on Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) ⁽⁴⁾. The user support and training tasks for the Information System are also taken care by DG SANTE ⁽⁵⁾. DG ENV uses the DIGIT-TMII framework contract for business analysis, development and maintenance.

The Information System operates within a cloud environment operated within the European Union supplied by the contract DIGIT/2024/DPS-RP/0022, enhanced by an additional layer of security and corporate services of DG DIGIT. The overall operation, maintenance and support fall under the responsibility of the Commission.

The Commission presented a proposal to amend the EUDR ⁽⁶⁾ 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 ⁽⁷⁾.

¹ <https://eudr.webcloud.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/login>

⁽¹⁾ 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.

⁽²⁾ These costs cover business analysis, development, hosting, maintenance of the system and user support.

⁽³⁾ Limited to the usage of available services managed by DG DIGIT.

⁽⁴⁾ Supported by domain experts at DG SANTE via the contract DIGIT/2021/OP/0006 (DIGIT-TMII).

⁽⁵⁾ Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) helpdesk, via the contract DIGIT/A3/PO/2018/015.

⁽⁶⁾ 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.

⁽⁷⁾ 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.

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 ⁽⁸⁾, the entry into application will be 30 December 2026.

⁽⁸⁾ 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.