



Get to Grips with FLEGT at a glance

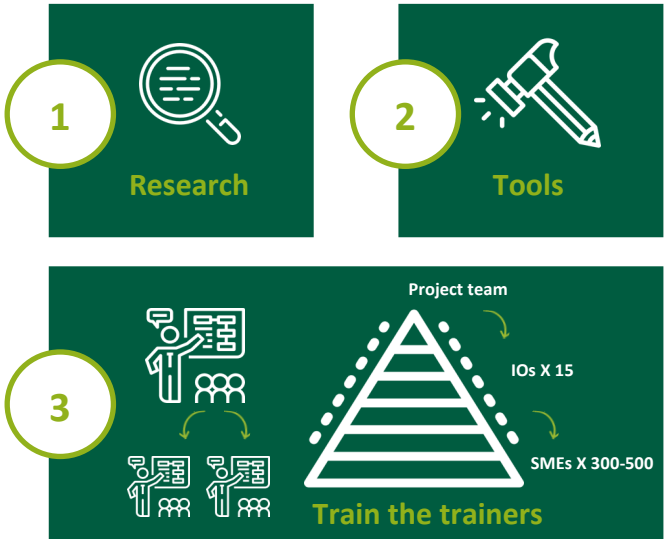
THE PROJECT - Equipping Small and Medium sized timber companies to take on FLEGT requirements



The specific objective of the project aims to increase the capability of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Vietnamese timber industry to implement systems that allow them to comply with FLEGT requirements, by strengthening the capacity of the intermediary organisations (IOs), like NGOs, industry associations, consultants, etc. that work with them.



CONCEPT - Research, tools, training



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS - 3 years of work in Vietnam

>40 IOs trained by project team	>150 SMEs trained by IOs	18 FLEGT tools produced	100% of training feedback fully/mostly met expectations	13 supply chains mapped
>1000 Facebook followers	>500 Monthly bulletin subscribers	>9000 Homepage visits	5 local TV appearances	6 Forest Legality Risk Assessments



The toolkit provided by the project is very useful and helps enterprises to evaluate and manage the timber sources

Mr. Huynh Van Cuong,
Director of Ngan Dai Son



We were equipped with knowledge on timber legality, the Timber Regulation of the EU and requirements of FLEGT, and especially how to use the tools provided to assess the readiness and prepare enterprises for FLEGT requirements

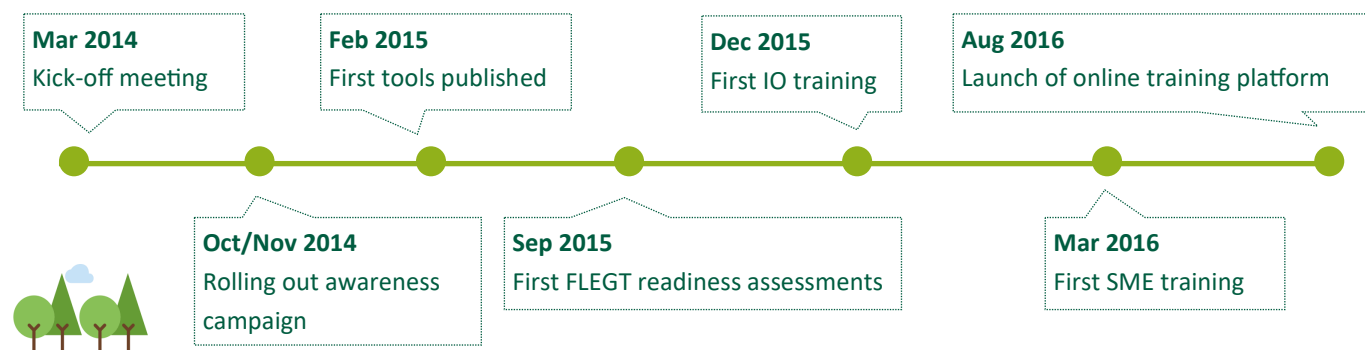
Ms. Phan Tran Hong Van,
Office Manager at Vietnam Rubber Association



One of the best training courses I have ever attended!

Mr. Hoang Quoc Chinh,
FLEGT Project Officer at SRD

PROJECT TIMELINE



FLEGT READINESS ASSESSMENTS

Exploring three areas:

- 1 Are enterprises **compliant** with all relevant, applicable **laws** and have records to demonstrate this compliance?
- 2 Do enterprises source **low risk / legal timber**, and have **evidence** to support this?
- 3 Are enterprises ready and able to share the records with the right people?



ONLINE TRAINING PLATFORM

Visit <https://flegt-tools.org/toolkit-and-training-centre/> for recorded tutorials and self-assessment quizzes on our three hottest topics:

- The EU **FLEGT Action Plan** – an overview of the plan with a focus on how the VPA and EUTR relate to each other.
- The **EUTR** in detail - incl. impact in Vietnam
- Explaining **Chain of Custody**

LESSONS LEARNED

More training!



Timber Legality Experts are not made in a single four-day course. **It takes years of experience!** The pool of experts working on FLEGT with advanced technical knowledge is small. We suggest future projects aim to **develop a select group further.**

More resources!



IOs have limited resources to conduct training. We suggest to **include funds for this training in future projects.** However, this may still be insufficient, these organisations – particularly the trade associations – need more funds to be able to hire additional staff to conduct SME training.

More incentive!



Most enterprises will not make changes to their business practices until they need to i.e. **customers refuse to buy** or **legislation is enforced.** The project would have had more success with SMEs testing the toolkit **if the VPA had been signed.**

Stakeholders are hungry for information



Our bulletin has received many positive comments, as have key Facebook profiles of the Vietnam VPA technical team and industry people. We suggest to **allocate more focus** and **resources** within future efforts to **create news pieces** and **awareness content** that can accommodate this interest from key influencers of the SMEs.

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