

EU policies and initiatives potentially affecting land use in the Amazon

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Categories of policies and measures

1. Demand and standards for agricultural and forest products
2. Trade and investment
3. Technical and financial cooperation
4. Other

Demand and standards for agricultural and forest products

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- Common agricultural policy (European self-sufficiency, market instruments and trade, e.g. import tariffs)
- Climate and Energy policies, e.g. Renewable energy directive (2009/28/EC) (sustainability criteria and related voluntary schemes)
- EU Forest Strategy/FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade)
- Roadmap for a resource efficient Europe

Trade and investments

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- Import tax for specific goods (e.g. soy is tax-free, exception soy-bean cake with 4.5% import duty) / Free trade agreements (FTAs) (negotiations with Mercosur)
- Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) of trade agreements
- EU investment policy (e.g. Social Business Initiative, CSR strategy)

Technical and financial cooperation

- E.g. REDD+ (EU REDD facility, bilateral cooperations, fast start finance, FCPF...)
- Integration of environmental standards in development cooperation (e.g. EU 2020 Biodiversity strategy)

Other

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- Research and innovation
- EU 2020 Biodiversity strategy (Target 6: Help avert global biodiversity loss)
- ...

Thanks for your attention!

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