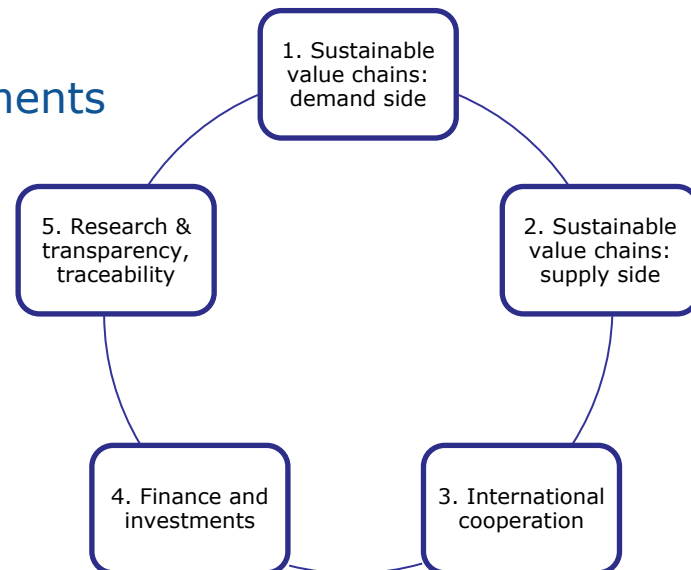




EU recent policy developments

- **European Green Deal:** “The Commission will take measures, both regulatory and otherwise, to promote imported products and value chains that do not involve deforestation and forest degradation.”
- **EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and Farm to Fork Strategy:** “The Commission will also present in 2021 a legislative proposal and other measures to avoid or minimise the placing of products associated with deforestation or forest degradation on the EU market.”
- **2019 Communication** revamping commitments to halt global deforestation





New legislation in the making: options being assessed

- Voluntary and mandatory labelling
- A deforestation-free requirement or standard to access market
- Certification and verification
- Due diligence
- Agreements with third countries
- Approaches inspired by the EU rules against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU)
- Build benchmarking, country assessments or black lists
- Corporate disclosure and non-financial reporting tools
- Voluntary commitments from the industry
- Consumer information campaigns



Timeline

August - November	Open Public Consultation online (FC & IA)
Autumn	(invited) Stakeholders Consultation
October 2	First Session of the Deforestation Platform
2021 (1Q)	Final results of the Impact Assessment and Fitness Check
2021 (1Q)	Final results of Study on Certification
2021 (2Q)	Legislative proposal

Further info on EU ACTIONS ON DEFORESTATION:

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/forests/eu_comm_2019.htm



A long history of international and EU efforts to curb illegality in the forest/timber sector and global deforestation

- International concerns already in the **'60s!**
- **FAO Global Forestry Action Plan, 1985**
- **FLEG processes in the '90s**
- ***EU FLEGT Action plan in 2003***
- ***EU Due Diligence legislation adopted 2010, applicable 2013***