



## How to finally end deforestation in the EU's supply chains?

The European Union's (EU) high demand for livestock feed and beef still causes deforestation and nature degradation of large areas in their countries of origin. International campaigns against deforestation in recent years have focused on rainforests as the Amazon rainforest, which have been cleared for the production of agricultural commodities. The production of livestock feed and beef for Europe have critically decimated and threatened other critical ecosystems too such as the tropical dry forests of the Gran Chaco region or savannas like the Brazilian Cerrado.

Several policy instruments are currently being discussed to finally set effective regulations at the EU level against deforestation. The European Commission has announced the publication of two legislative proposals this fall - one that sets regulatory measures especially for forest-risk commodities such soy and beef and the other one to regulate corporate due diligence generally in global supply chains. Nevertheless, there is a risk that these instruments will not address impacts on rights of local communities and non-forest-ecosystems. Therefore we invited representatives from civil society organisations and policy makers to discuss in an interactive panel debate what is needed in EU legislation to end EU-driven deforestation and ecosystem degradation in South American countries.

### LOCATION

Online. Registered persons will receive the link to the digital venue by email. Please register here:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/ztwct-6tqT4iHNfhNisCH35gh2ZAVdmR9p1L>

### TIME

Thursday, 14 October 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (CET)

### Program

WELCOME AND SPEECHES	
2:00 p.m. (10')	Welcome remarks, <b>Katharina Brandt</b> , Policy advisor, Germanwatch e.V.
2:10 p.m. (20')	'Why we depend on intact forests and biodiversity conservation. Impacts of the EU's supply chains on communities of Gran Chaco' + Q&A <b>Alejandro Brown</b> , President, Fundación ProYungas
2:30 p.m. (20')	'The impact of EU-Mercosur trade agreements on climate, human rights and ecosystems.' + Q&A <b>Alfredo Romero Muñoz</b> , researcher, Humboldt University of Berlin <b>Laura Kehoe</b> , researcher, University of Oxford and the Nature Conservancy
2:50 p.m. (20')	'EU regulations needed to guarantee deforestation-free agricultural supply chains' + Q&A <b>Barbara Hermann</b> , legal consultant, Climate Focus
PANEL DISCUSSION	
3:10 p.m. (50')	'Will we finally end deforestation in the EU's supply chains?' + Q&A session <b>Alejandro Brown</b> , Fundación ProYungas <b>Alfredo Romero Muñoz</b> , Humboldt University of Berlin <b>Annette Schmidt-Räntsch</b> , policy officer, Unit Environment and Economy, Sustainable Corporate Governance, German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety <b>Barbara Hermann</b> , Climate Focus <b>Hugo Schally</b> , head of the Multilateral Environmental Cooperation Unit at DG ENVI, European Commission <b>Laura Kehoe</b> , University of Oxford and The Nature Conservancy

The webinar will be moderated by **Mareike Britten** and held in **English** and **Spanish** with simultaneous translation.

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