

From Dry Runs to a Community of Practice:

Lessons from Public-Private Collaboration for
EUDR Implementation



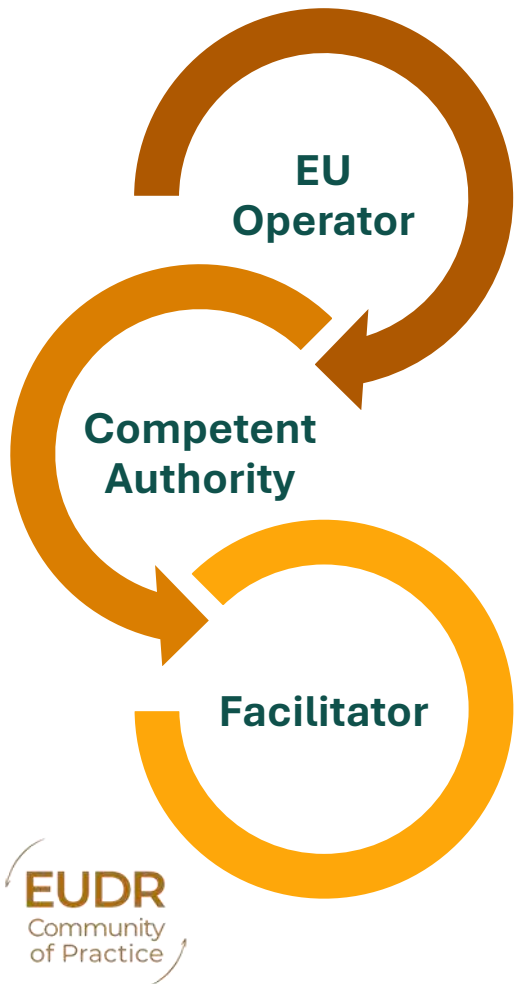
How it started

EUDR introduces a new type of challenge

- New requirements around traceability, geolocation, due diligence and risk assessment.
- Significant uncertainty and evolution in the last 3 years
- Many questions / interpretation despite the guidance and FAQ.
- Practical implementation was crucial - proof of concept

The EUDR Dry Run Approach

Voluntary 'dry run' simulating checks on an operator's DD-System and shipments



Parties in the exercise

EU Operator

Role: Represents an Operator subject to the EUDR requirements

Competent Authorities

Role: Represents the regulatory enforcement side of the EUDR

European Forest Institute

Role: Facilitator & knowledge partner

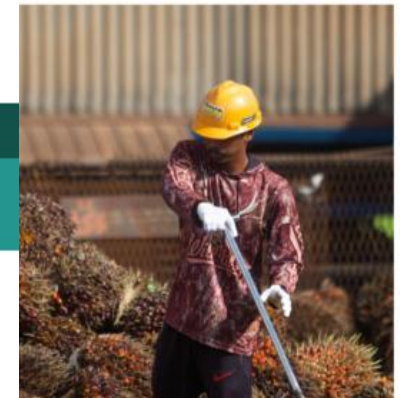
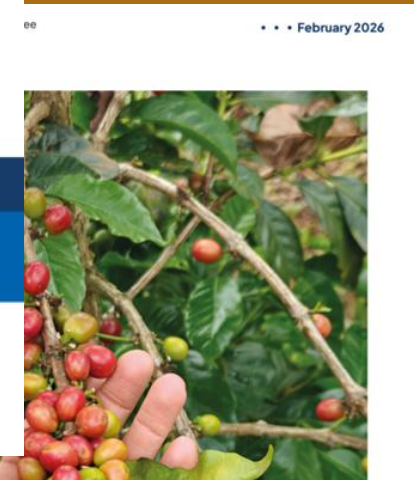
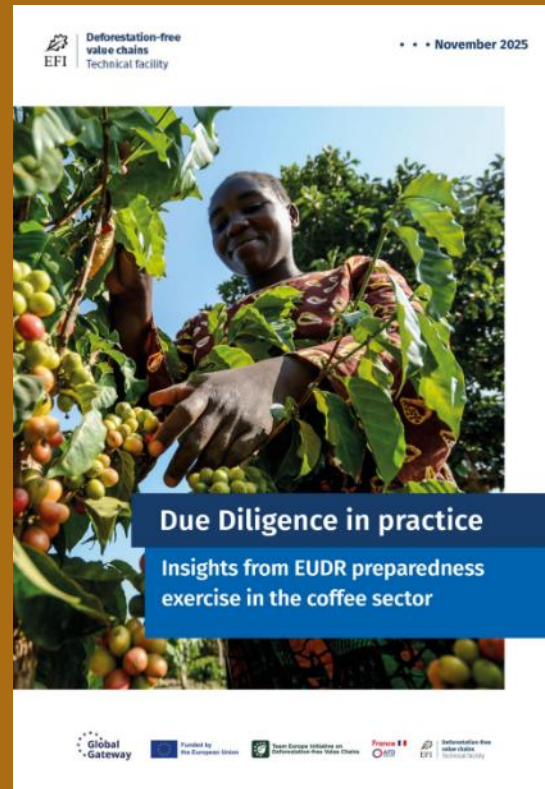
Using real supply chain cases, participants explored:

- How due diligence systems work in practice
- How information flows through supply chains
- Interpretation challenges
- Areas of uncertainty and risk

What Made the Approach Different?

The Dry Runs focused on:

- ✓ Real cases
- ✓ Peer learning
- ✓ Constructive dialogue
- ✓ Shared problem solving
- ✓ Wide dissemination of learnings



Key insights from the dry run

1

**Everyone Was
Learning**

2

**Trust Enables
Better
Discussions**

3

**Common
Challenges Are
Often Shared**

From Dry Runs to Community of Practice

A Call for Broader Knowledge Sharing

As discussions progressed, participants increasingly asked:

- Can these discussions continue?
- Can we hear how others are addressing similar challenges?
- Can lessons be shared more broadly?

EUDR Community of Practice

A joint initiative of the **Sustainable Supply Chains Coalition** and the **European Forest Institute**

Launched 11 March 2026

1200 subscribers

EUDR CoP - Objective

To promote **collaborative engagement** between **businesses**, EUDR **Competent Authorities** and the **European Commission**, focusing on the exchange of practical solutions and the identification and resolution of implementation challenges.

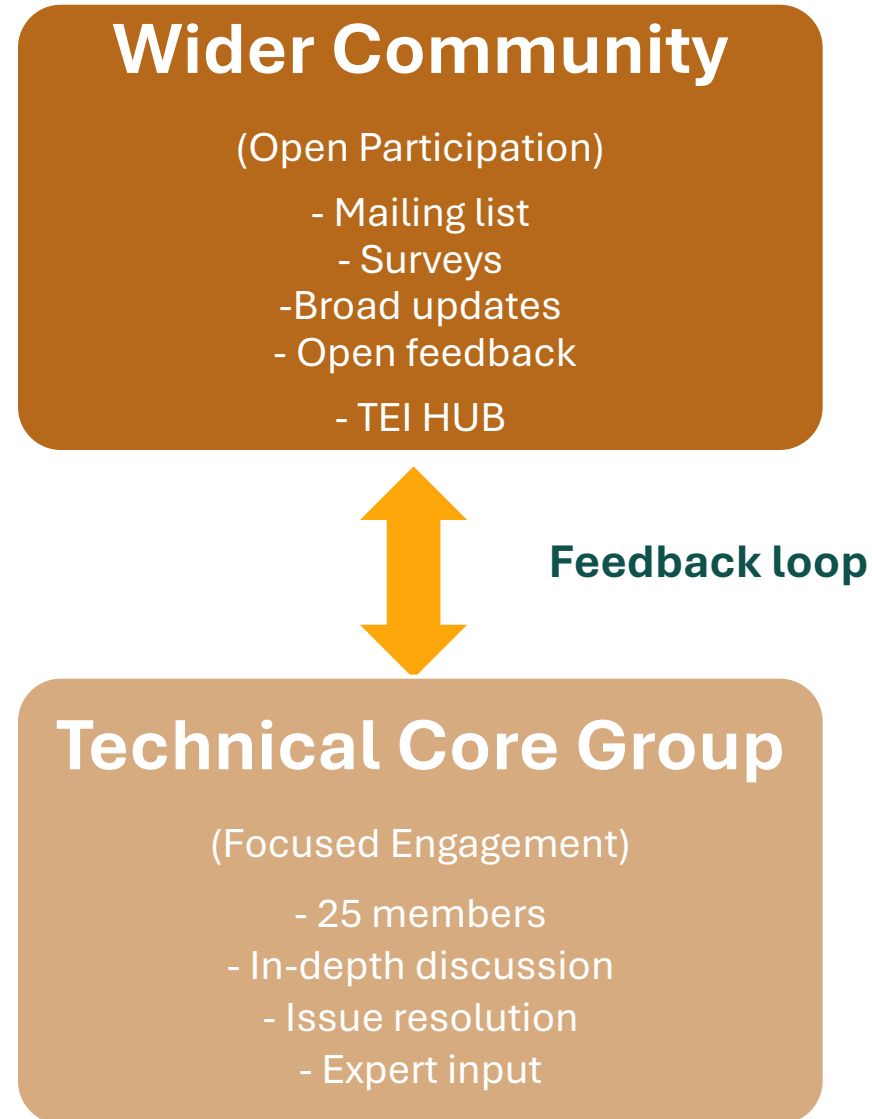
What the Community of Practice is

A neutral forum advancing the effective implementation of the EUDR by convening key stakeholders for in-depth technical exchanges

What the Community of Practice is NOT

- An advocacy initiative
- A decision-making body
- A commercial platform
- A platform for formal endorsement of specific methods or approaches

EUDR CoP Structure: wider community + core group



EUDR CoP Core Group

Category (seats)	Organisation
Operators (7)	Sucafina, Ferrero, Bunge, Corrie MacColl Europe, Mars , IKEA, AAK
Traders, SMEs, Producers (8)	Walter Matter, Tony's Chocolonely, Marks & Spencer, Tatwin , Nestlé, Danzer, Grupo Garnica Plywood SAU, Lipsa
NGOs (3)	EarthSight, EIA, WWF, FERN (rotational) Voice Network
Competent Authorities (12)	Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Italy, Denmark
EC (observers)	DG ENV and DG INTPA
Co-facilitators	EFI and Sustainable Supply Chains Coalition

Core Group: How we work

6 Technical Sessions

Starting 31 March

Frequent & Flexible

3–4h virtual + 1 in-person (EFI, Barcelona)

Co-Facilitated

Coalition & EFI

Focused Deep Dives

Ad hoc sub-groups by topic/sector

Fast Insights

Key takeaways shared after each session

Learn & Adapt

End-of-year review (2026)



But we got to meet to and
created real connections

Reflection on a Public-Private Collaboration

The Dry Runs and CoP demonstrate that:

- Complex regulations benefit from collaborative implementation.
- Public and private actors bring complementary expertise.
- Trust-based dialogue improves understanding.
- Learning networks can be as valuable as formal guidance.
- Communities of practice can help transform uncertainty into shared solutions.

Key takeaway - Beyond EUDR

The greatest outcome may not be individual answers to specific EUDR questions.

It is the creation of a learning ecosystem where regulators, companies and technical experts can continue to learn together.

In Their Own Words: Core Group members' experiences



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Thank you!

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