

# Public Consultation on Stepping up EU Action against Deforestation and Forest Degradation

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## Introduction

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The overall objective of this initiative is to step up EU action against tropical deforestation and forest degradation by developing a more coherent and comprehensive approach to the problem.

This public consultation aims at gathering information and views on potential EU action against deforestation and forest degradation to achieve the abovementioned objective. All interested stakeholders are invited to respond to the questionnaire regardless of their level of expertise.

The questionnaire takes about 20 minutes to complete. You can save your replies as a draft and finish the survey later. It is accessible in 23 EU languages and you are free to submit your reply in any of these languages. Questionnaires sent by e-mail or on paper will not be analysed.

Your responses will be taken into account in the European Commission's future work on deforestation and forest degradation. It is therefore important that you complete this questionnaire as fully as possible. Your replies will be used exclusively to help the European Commission develop its policy on the issue in question.

The survey is available online for 6 weeks.

Before responding, we advise you to read the background information (roadmap and consultation webpage). The results will be published on the consultation page.

Your opinion matters to us. Thank you very much for taking the time to contribute to this consultation.

## About you

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\* Language of my contribution

- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch

- English
- Estonian
- Finnish
- French
- Gaelic
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Latvian
- Lithuanian
- Maltese
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Slovak
- Slovenian
- Spanish
- Swedish

\* I am giving my contribution as

- Academic/research institution
- Business association
- Company/business organisation
- Consumer organisation
- EU citizen
- Environmental organisation
- Non-EU citizen
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Public authority
- Trade union
- Other

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\* Organisation name

255 character(s) maximum

WCS EU

\* Organisation size

- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- Large (250 or more)

Transparency register number

255 character(s) maximum

Check if your organisation is on the [transparency register](#). It's a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.

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\* Country of origin

Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.

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- Cayman Islands
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- Chad
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- China
- Christmas Island
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**\* Publication privacy settings**

The Commission will publish the responses to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would like your details to be made public or to remain anonymous.

**Anonymous**

Only your type, country of origin and contribution will be published. All other personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number) will not be published.

**Public**

Your personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number, country of origin) will be published with your contribution.

\* I agree with the [personal data protection provisions](#)

## Section I: Specific information about the respondent

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**\* 1) Please specify again in what capacity you are replying to this questionnaire. According to your reply, you may be guided to a different sub-question.**

- 1. Business association
- 2. Company/business organisation
- 3. EU farmer
- 4. Non-EU farmer
- 5. Forester
- 6. Consumer organisation
- 7. Academic/research institution
- 8. EU citizen
- 9. Non-EU citizen
- 10. Environmental organisation
- 11. Non-governmental organisation
- 12. Public authority
- 13. Trade union
- 14. Other

**\* 1.2) Please indicate your main field of activity or interest.**

*at most 3 choice(s)*

(Multiple entries possible)

- Agriculture
- Climate change
- Consumption

- Development cooperation
- Education/science
- Energy
- Environment
- Food/beverage industry
- Forestry/timber
- Health
- Human rights/labour rights
- Indigenous peoples
- Investment and finance
- Media and communication
- Mining/extractive industry
- Nature
- Trade
- Transport
- Urban planning and development
- Other

**\*2. So-called 'forest risk commodities' are commodities whose production contribute significantly to tropical deforestation and forest degradation. Which of the following commodities are you and /or your organisation most familiar with and/or interested in?**

*at most 6 choice(s)*

- Bio-diesel
- Bioethanol
- Charcoal
- Other wood-based fuels
- Cocoa
- Coffee
- Extractive materials
- Maize
- Meat (including leather)
- Palm oil
- Paper
- Pulp
- Rubber (natural)
- Soy
- Wood
- Wood pellets
- Wooden products
- Other

If you selected "Other", please mention the commodities here.

*100 character(s) maximum*

**\* 3. How well informed are you about the problem of deforestation and forest degradation?**

- Very well informed
- Well informed
- Somewhat informed
- Not well informed
- Not informed at all

**\* 4. What are your main sources of information on deforestation and forest degradation?**

- National newspapers
- Regional or local newspapers
- Magazines
- Television news
- The radio
- Films and documentaries on television
- Family, friends or neighbours
- Colleagues
- Professional contacts
- Brochures or information materials
- Books or scientific literature
- Events (conferences, fairs, exhibitions, festivals, etc.)
- Museums, national or regional parks
- Online social networks
- The internet (other websites, blogs, forums, etc.)
- Other

If you selected "Other", please specify your sources here.

*100 character(s) maximum*

Professional field experience

## Section II: The role of forests and the problem of deforestation and forest degradation

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**5. In your opinion, how important...**

	Indispensable	Important	Relatively important	Not important	I don't know /no opinion
* ... are forests for human well-being?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* ... is the role of forests in natural systems?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* ... are forests to absorb CO2 and prevent global warming?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* ... are the environmental, social and economic services forests provide?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* ... are forests for the sustainability of rural livelihoods?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* ... are forests for our food security?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* ... is it to protect forests for their intrinsic and cultural value?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* ... is it to protect forests for future generations?	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\* 6. In your opinion, the problem of deforestation and forest degradation is:**

- Alarming
- Serious
- Moderate
- Negligible
- I don't know/no opinion

**7a. Deforestation and forest degradation are caused by several drivers. Please indicate how important you consider the following direct drivers.**

	Very important	Important	Relatively important	Not important	I don't know /no opinion
* Expansion of large-scale commercial agriculture	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Expansion of small-scale and subsistence agriculture	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Industrial logging/industrial forest products extraction	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Fuelwood extraction	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Illegal logging	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Infrastructure development	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Urban expansion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Mining/extractive industry	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Natural causes (forest fires, climate change, pests and diseases)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you selected "Other", please specify the direct drivers here.

*100 character(s) maximum*

Deforestation driver: Land grabbing. Degradation driver: Unsustainable wildlife hunting

**7b. Please rate the following indirect drivers of deforestation and forest degradation.**

	Very important	Important	Relatively important	Not important	I don't know /no opinion
* Low productivity at farm, plot or plantation level or in the processing chains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Low resource efficiency resulting in waste and loss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Weak governance of land and weak enforcement of law	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Weak forest protection law and adequate enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Poor forest/land management practices	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Lack of public policies promoting commodities produced with less impact on forests	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Lack of incentives for private sector to source commodities produced with less impact on forests	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Lack of private sector policies, commitments and engagements in deforestation-free supply chains	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Low consumer awareness of risks of deforestation related to commodities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* High consumption levels of forest risk commodities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Increasing demand for forest risk commodities due to population growth and increasing standards of living	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* High consumer country dependency on feed imports	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Policy driven increase in demand for commodities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* High dependence of countries on agriculture and forest sector	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Insufficient finance for investments in sustainable agriculture in producer countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Finance and investment flows from the EU and other countries	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Trade agreements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Low social and economic development of large part of local population in producer countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Climate change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you selected "Other", please specify the indirect drivers here.

*100 character(s) maximum*

Corruption which leads to land grabbing and illegal commodity production

**\* 8. In your opinion, what are the main reasons to address deforestation and forest degradation?**

- Protecting the rights and livelihoods of forest communities and indigenous peoples
- Protecting biodiversity, ecosystems and their services
- Mitigating and adapting to climate change
- Ensuring good governance of land and addressing corruption
- Strengthening efforts towards sustainable development and ensuring sustainable use of natural resources
- Reducing investment and trade risks, fostering business opportunities, and/or securing long-term commodity supply
- Other

## Section III: How to address the problem of deforestation and forest degradation

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**9. In your opinion, how much should the efforts to address deforestation and forest degradation be stepped up at the following levels?**

	Considerably	Somewhat	Not at all	I don't know/no opinion
* International	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* EU	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* National	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Regional	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Local	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\* 10. In your opinion, is the current EU policy and legislative framework against deforestation and forest degradation adequate?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know/no opinion

**\* 10.1 In your opinion, what would be the best option to step up EU action against deforestation and forest degradation?**

- Better implement existing legislation and policies
- Develop an initiative to create a coherent framework to address deforestation and forest degradation, including measures that support and enhance the coherence of existing commitments and initiatives by EU Member State governments, civil society and private sector
- Explore possible new initiatives building on existing policies
- I don't know/no opinion
- Other

If you selected "Other", please specify your reply here.

*200 character(s) maximum*

Develop an EU Action Plan to enhance coherence of existing initiatives, with new legislative measures to address gaps. This should address EU consumption impacts and support interventions on the ground

**\* 11. In your opinion, which of the following forest risk commodities should be addressed by an EU initiative against deforestation and/or forest degradation?**

*at most 6 choice(s)*

- Bio-diesel
- Bioethanol
- Charcoal
- Other wood-based fuels
- Cocoa
- Coffee
- Extractive materials

- Maize
- Meat (including leather)
- Palm oil
- Paper
- Pulp
- Rubber (natural)
- Soy
- Wood
- Wood pellets
- Wooden products
- Other

If you selected "Other", please mention the commodities here.

*100 character(s) maximum*

Beef is also important. But equal EU rules should apply to all commodities.

**12. In your opinion, which of the following EU policy areas have the biggest potential to better address deforestation and forest degradation?**

	Very important	Important	Relatively important	Not important	I don't know/no opinion
* Agriculture	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Climate	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Consumer	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Development cooperation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Environment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Finance and investment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Foreign affairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Human rights	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Research	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Trade	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other EU policy area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

**13. What are the most important ways of stepping up EU action against deforestation and forest degradation?**

**13a. Potential supply-side actions, which may include:**

	Very important	Important	Relatively important	Not important	I don't know/no opinion
*Support the uptake of sustainable/deforestation-free agriculture practices by stakeholders in tropical forest countries	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Promote better forest law protection and land use planning, governance and law enforcement	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Support forest policies, sustainable forest management, better protection, conservation and restoration of ecosystems	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Strengthen forest monitoring and improve transparency and traceability in the supply chain	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Promote research/innovation activities, and knowledge sharing	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Work in partnership with producer countries to increase the share of sustainably produced commodities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you selected "Other", please specify the action here.

200 character(s) maximum

Ensure EU actions support deforestation-free and degradation-free activities in 'at risk' areas. Increase support for forest frontier landscapes and conserve intact forests.

**13b. Potential demand-side actions, which may include:**

	Very important	Important	Relatively important	Not important	I don't know /no opinion
* Support deforestation commitments and national dialogues on sustainable forest risk commodities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Encourage the use of voluntary certification schemes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Encourage the consumption of sustainable and deforestation-free products through improved transparency and information	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Address EU consumption of unsustainably produced forest risk commodities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Consider initiatives to promote sustainable and deforestation-free products on the EU market.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you selected "Other", please specify the action here.

200 character(s) maximum

New legislative measures to: prevent commodity imports linked to deforestation; prevent investments financing deforestation; and support a global transition to deforestation-free commodity production.

**13c. Potential finance and investment actions, which may include:**

	Very important	Important	Relatively important	Not important	I don't know /no opinion
* Increase sustainability, availability and access to finance (including to smallholders)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Increase sustainability and transparency in financing of high deforestation and forest degradation risk sectors	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Improve disclosure of information on deforestation proofing in financial investments	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Ensure the EU or the European Investment Bank do not, even indirectly, finance projects contributing to deforestation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Increase performance-based support and access to finance for stakeholders/smallholders in frontier areas to prevent deforestation and incentivize forest conservation.

**13d. Potential actions on strengthening international cooperation/dialogue, which may include:**

	Very important	Important	Relatively important	Not important	I don't know /no opinion
* Work in partnership with consumer countries to step up action, including increasing the flow of sustainable forest risk commodities from tropical countries to the EU	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Work on an ambitious multilateral agreement that could focus on or integrate deforestation and forest degradation considerations into e.g. a Convention of the Parties	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Develop partnerships with other consumer regions and countries (e.g. China) to close markets for imports of commodities associated with deforestation and forest degradation.

**13e. Potential mainstreaming actions, which may include:**

	Very important	Important	Relatively important	Not important	I don't know /no opinion
* Better integrate deforestation and forest degradation considerations through relevant public policies, such as public procurement and corporate social responsibility	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Discourage consumption of unsustainable and non-deforestation-free products	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Better implement, coordinate and communicate actions in EU Member States	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Include the issue of deforestation and forest degradation into EU trade agreements signed with tropical countries	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Fully incorporate actions to conserve and restore forests within EU's climate change policies.

## Final remarks

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**If you wish to add further information or suggestions for the initiative - within the scope of this questionnaire - please feel free to do so here.**

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