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An overview of 2 IMM studies

- Private timber procurement policies
- Public sector procurement policies

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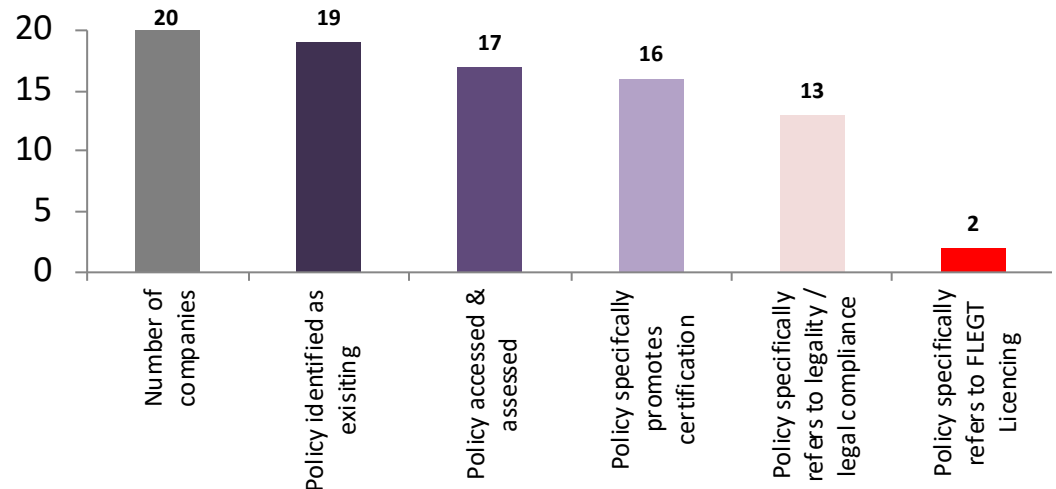
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Private sector study – key findings:



- 65 influences assessed – 70% support certification / 40% support FLEGT
- 20 major buyers of timber across EU - policy assessed

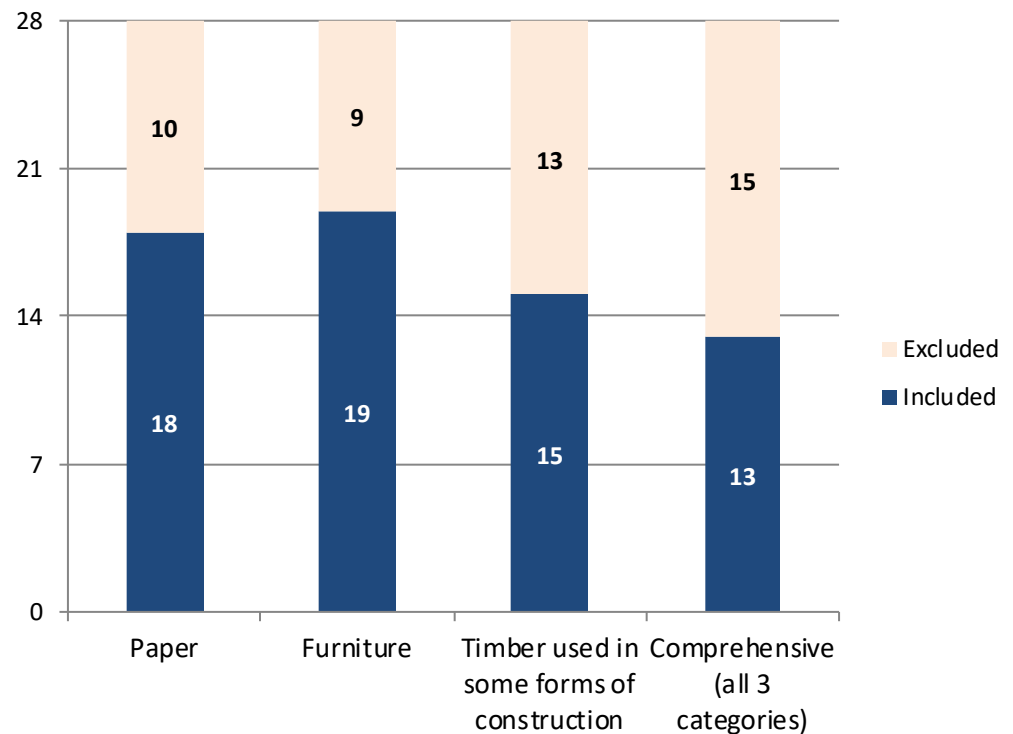
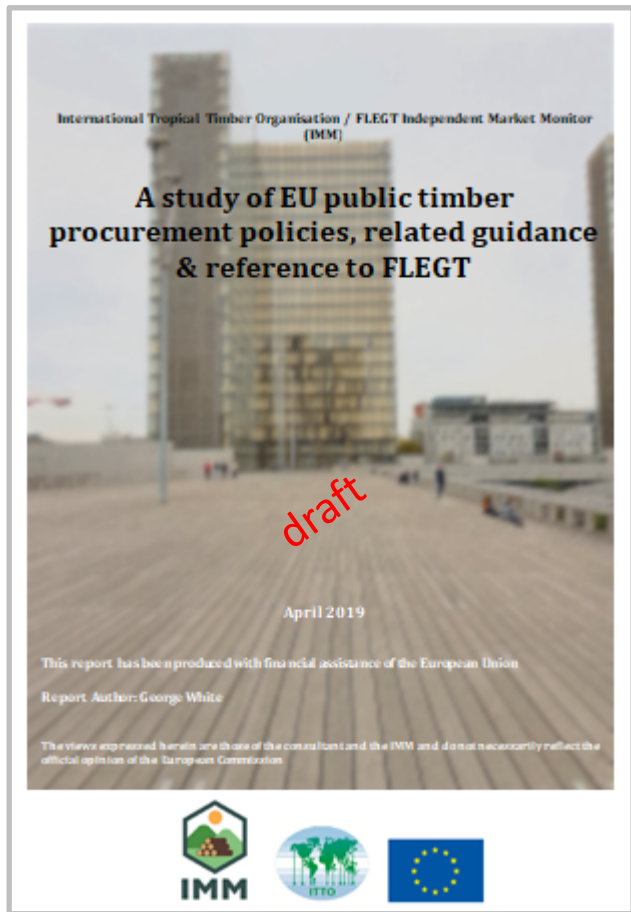


Recommendations

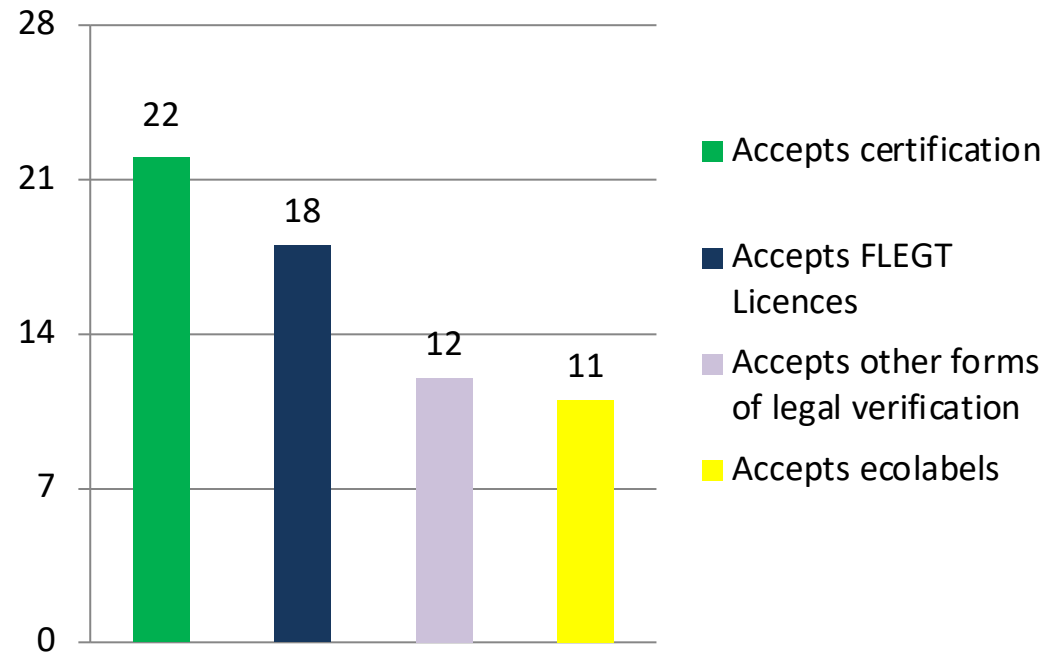
- Communicate relevant results of independent monitoring and evaluation of systems underlying FLEGT-licenses in a timely manner and in a format that is appealing to the private sector.
- Actively engage those civil society organisations and private sector organisations that seek to influence private sector procurement policies.
- Support the efforts of the private sector within FLEGT countries, especially those with active TLAS systems, to promote the benefits and positive impacts of these systems.
- Speed up the introduction of FLEGT-licensed timber supplies from other VPA countries.

Public sector study – key findings:

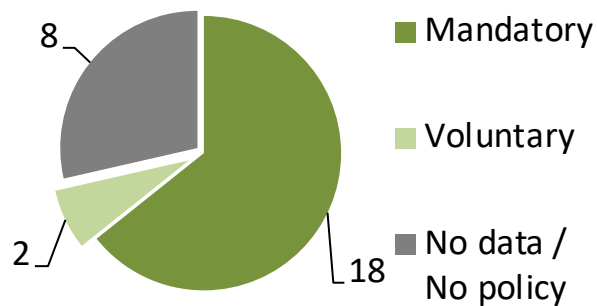
- All 28 member states policies assessed for central & local government timber purchasing policies
- 22 out of 28 states have a government procurement policy
- Policy coverage varies!



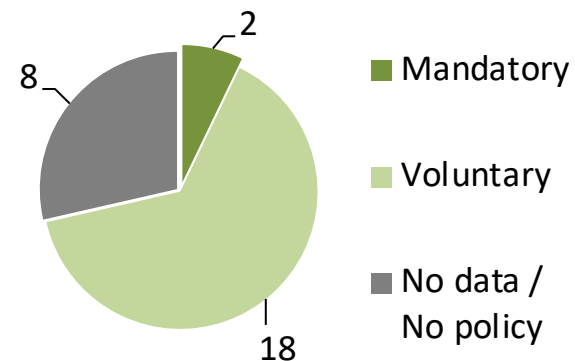
- The forms of “acceptable proof” vary
- 22 out of 22 accept certification
- 18 accept FLEGT licences (specific mention)



Central Government Policy



Local Government Policy



- 70% of purchasing by value is done at local government level

The disappearing FLEGT cake...

The cake represents the EU market for tropical wood which could be used in Public Procurement contracts

There are
Member States
with **no**
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public
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with policies
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procurement
that are
voluntary

There are
Member States
do not
monitor their
performance

70% of Public
Procurement
is done by
Local
Governments
& Most of
these only
follow the
policy
voluntarily – if
at all



On paper it looks good for FLEGT Licencing to satisfy the needs of government buyers.

But interviews reveal this is not always the case....

Points for discussion on Public Procurement

- Do you have experience of supplying government contracts?
- Have you tried to sell FLEGT Licenced timber in to government contracts?
- Can FLEGT Licencing play a stronger role in public procurement?