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 Despite their significance in supply chains, SmEs are often not part of policy processes, given their informal status.
Reasons for the informal status of these enterprises vary.



 Informality of this specific group of enterprises has consequences for the enterprises themselves and for governance reform efforts, including FLEGT processes.



• Support for these enterprises is necessary to improve and implement existing regulations aimed at closing the gender equality gap.

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About the EU FLEGT Facility

The EU FLEGT Facility supports the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan with a focus on Voluntary Partnership Agreements (VPAs). The EU FLEGT Action Plan sets out a programme of actions that forms the EU's response to the problem of illegal logging and the trade in associated timber products. The Facility is hosted by the European Forest Institute (EFI), and was established in 2007.



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