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SECTORAL COMPONENT

Forests, Biodiversity and Ecosystems



BACKGROUND

Latin America is the home of 57% of all primary forests and the region with the greatest biodiversity on the planet. However, despite significant progress in reducing deforestation, the region continues to lose primary and secondary forests at an alarming rate.

As a whole, Latin American countries emit about the same amount of greenhouse gases (GHG) as the EU (each region contributes around 9% of the world's GHG emissions) and almost half of GHG emissions in Latin America are the result of changes in land use, forestry and agriculture.

There is huge potential to help reduce CO² emissions through more suitable policies related to land use, governance and sustainable management of ecosystems and forests.

The Forests, Biodiversity and Ecosystems Component is an opportunity to promote political dialogue and provide technical and financial support for the development and implementation of climate change adaptation and mitigation policies based on Latin American ecosystems.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

It has a budgetary allocation of Euro 10 M.

IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

The agencies delegated by the European Commission are:

- Expertise France (EF)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

IMPLEMENTATION CALENDAR

Implementation of the component is scheduled for a period of 52 months, from 01/09/2016 to 31/12/2020.

OBJECTIVES AND RESULTS

Specific objectives

- Strengthen the resilience of forests, ecosystems and local communities facing climate change and environmental degradation within the framework of NDC contributions or national climate change action plans.

Expected results

- Strengthen regional cooperation, dialogue and learning on innovative approaches for the mitigation and adaptation of forests, biodiversity and ecosystems to climate change with a special emphasis on the resilience of ecosystems and local communities;
- Investigate effective and useful forms of action through the implementation of "new" projects, (focusing on local, national and international priorities);

- Strengthen institutional capacities for intersectoral and regional cooperation, with a systemized analysis of experiences and foster an evaluation and monitoring system for useful adjustments;
- Foster multi-actor collaboration for the design and implementation of local actions, develop a holistic vision and a multidisciplinary focus;
- Generate and inform about successful experiences that can be replicated in other countries, especially in the implementation of NDCs and the Paris Agreement and advances on the 2030 Agenda (SDGs).

ACTIVITIES

- Funding of selected projects after a transparent call for proposals.
- Providing technical assistance related to the resilience of forests, ecosystems and local communities facing climate change.

PROGRESS TO DATE AND FUTURE STEPS

- A seminar was held in Cartagena (Colombia) from **26 to 29 June 2017** with the aim to discuss details of the selection process for the call for proposals. The meeting defined the types of projects that would receive funding (objectives, duration, budget), the eligible participants, members of the Selection/Assessment Committee and the role of Latin American countries in this process.
- The launch of the call was published at the end of **August 2017**.
- The date for submitting summary documents was **26 September 2017**.
- The deadline for receiving completed application forms is **12 January 2018** and the projects will be awarded in **March 2018**.



POTENTIAL BENEFICIARY PROFILES

Multinational actors and consortia with headquarters in one of the 18 Latin American countries or member states will be eligible to participate in the process. Specifically:

- Institutions, government bodies (national and sub-national), Latin American regional public organisations, academic and research institutes;
- Civil society organisations and/or civil society organisation networks (international, national and local);
- Indigenous organisations and/or networks and/or their representatives (regional, national or sub-national);
- The private sector and/or its representatives.

TOPICS PROMOTED

- Improved knowledge regarding the impact of climate change on the forestry, biodiversity and ecosystem sector;
- Promotion of ecosystem services/functions and assets, definition of an institutional framework and execution of pilot projects;
- Pilot projects with a specific focus based on the participation of all interested parties;
- Creation and development of networks, capitalisation on and dissemination of information.

EJEMPLOS DE ACCIONES POTENCIALES

At a regional level:

- Implementation of an integrated focus in the sustainable management of forests with experiences that may differ by country;
- Strengthening of learning at a regional level regarding innovative approaches of mitigation and adaptation based on ecosystems;

At a national level:

- Support for the development of strategies and implementation of public policies regarding sustainable land use (restoring degraded areas in terms of landscape, establishing and expanding protected areas, networking and establishing biological corridors);

At a local level:

- Strengthening the involvement of actors in participative processes.

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