



Amsterdam Declarations Partnership

Towards deforestation-free
sustainable commodities

OVERVIEW

European National Soya Initiatives with a focus on ADP countries Living document, version 9 April 2019

The aim of the Amsterdam Declarations Partnership is deforestation-free, sustainable commodities by lending public sector support to the implementation of existing private and public sector commitments.

There is/was no comprehensive overview of national soya initiatives in Europe. In this document a first overview is presented. This is still work in progress and stakeholders are invited to provide information about on-going initiatives in their country or provide updates on national initiatives to the ADP Support Unit (info@mekonecology.net).

The overview of activities will also be presented on the ADP website (AD-Partnership.org) and updated when new information becomes available.



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OVERVIEW of European national SOYA initiatives with a focus on ADP countries

Country	1 Name of soya initiative	2 Commitment (statement, cut-off date, target date)	3 Starting date	4 Participants (#, estimated share of market)	5 Chair contact	6 Role of government (participation, hosting, funding etc)?	7 Monitoring (Indicators, if standards which ones)
Austria	Donau Soja Association <i>(not really the Austrian national initiative but dominant in Austria)</i>	Donau Soja promotes a sustainable and European protein supply. With respect to deforestation we have 01.01.2018 as cut off date. But we generally allow cultivation only on land that is dedicated to agricultural use since minimum 2008.	Founded in 2012	280 members in 22 countries, no figure of market share available, but list of members: http://www.donausoja.org/en/become-a-member/presentation-of-members/	Chair: Matthias.kroen@donausoja.org Additional contact: fromwald@donausoja.org Director of standard and value chain development	No official role by governments. 18 ministers signed the Europe Soya declaration	All 3 standards (Donau Soja, Europe Soya and Danube Region Non GM standard) are controlled by independent certification bodies accredited to ISO 17065
Belgium	?						
Denmark	Working group on responsible soy	No commitment. Sub- working group has just been established (January 2019) to look into potential models for further development, incl. potentially a commitment.	Working group was established summer 2017.	Approx. 15 participants, including retailers, business associations, NGOs, ministry of food and environment, etc.	Danish Ethical Trading Initiative, Mikkel Stenbæk Hansen, ms@dieh.dk	Participating.	None.

France	Alliance pour la préservation des forêts https://www.alliance-preservation-forets.org/	'Charte d'engagement ' under development	2018	Membership: 8 private companies (Unilever, Nestle, Ferrero, Cerelia, ...) and 2 federations (ANIA, Alliance7)	Laure d'Astorg, ldastorg@huiledepalmedurable.org	NA	At least once a year, starting with palm oil and considering extending to other commodities, the Alliance collects from its members information regarding non-deforestation.
Germany	Dialogforum nachhaltige Eiweißfuttermittel (Dialogue forum on more sustainable protein feed)	100% certified soya. No agreement yet on certification systems to accept (all accredited under FEFAC or less).	2014	App. 60 actors from feed and food industry, agriculture, NGOs, retailer, administrations; Market share not known yet.	Dr. Luiz Perrone Massucati Luiz.Massucati@ble.de	Funding the forum, participation in steering committee and plenary (no voting right)	Not yet
Italy	-						
Netherlands	Dutch Soy Working Group	Dutch consumption is covered by RTRS.	2010	All supply chain stakeholders	Discontinued	Supporting and convening.	Dutch Soy Barometer: In 2013, 100% RTRS soya for Dutch direct consumption, covers 25% of total import. Rest is FEFAC Soy Sourcing Guidelines.
	Dutch Soy Platform Initiative	Achieve further uptake of responsible deforestation free soy within Dutch use and use of European/international connections of Dutch based actors.	2018	Retail, feed sector, farmers association, trade initiatives, traders, government, NGOs dairy,	Heleen vd Hombergh, IUCN Heleen.vandenhombergh@iucn.nl	Co-hosting and participating: Ministries of Agriculture Nature and Food Security (co-host), and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.	8 million tons of deforestation free soy by 2023 is a symbolic indicator for our influence as this volume enters the Dutch harbors. However, it is not yet possible to certify this as physical soy. Bridge building between different streams of work is an important function of the Dutch Platform. Further actions and indicators of progress to be developed during

							2019 and further.
Norway	Norwegian Soy Initiative	Zero deforestation supply chains: "Effective immediately, we pledge our soy supplies originating from South America and any other rainforest country to be deforestation-free as per reputable certification standard such as ProTerra. The zero deforestation pledge applies to rainforests as well as other high conservation ecosystems."	2015	Five major Norwegian food and feed companies	Bjarne Rask Thomsen bjarne.rask.thomsen@denofa.no , Denofa, Head of the Soy Initiative		100% ProTerra by the committed companies. Seems to be 80% of total import.
Spain	?						
Sweden	The Swedish Soy Dialogue	Members ensure that all soya used directly or indirectly (i.e. "embedded soya" in feed) for which the company can be held accountable (i.e. private labels), shall be responsibly produced.	2012	Approx. 50 Swedish feed companies, food companies, food retailers, association organisations and NGOs. See: www.sojadialogen.se	Hanna.skoog@axfoundation.se Coordinator	Non First and foremost a business/company network.	Certification standards RTRS or ProTerra. Verification method developed by Swedish Soy Dialogue. The commitment is voluntary and progress towards the commitment is publicly reported on the members' websites and in their sustainability reports.
Switzerland	The Swiss Soya network	The association supports the cultivation, the purchase and use of certified and responsibly produced soy. The aim of the network is for at least 90% of soy for the Swiss market to be responsibly produced.		See: https://www.sojanetzwerk.ch/en/	Katrin Oswald, WWF Katrin.Oswald@wwf.ch		Network sourced 99% from sustainable sources in 2017. This accounted for 96% of the Swiss market.
United Kingdom	UK Roundtable on Sustainable	Commitment being formulated.	Launched on 12 th July	See website.	Jonathan Gorman, Efeca	UK's Department for Business,	Annual report.

	Soya	The RT aims to provide a pre-competitive space for companies and industry associations to work together to achieve a shared goal of a secure, resilient, sustainable supply of soya to the UK, with joint progress monitoring and reporting.	2018 See: http://www.efeca.com/the-uk-roundtable-on-sustainable-soya/	jonathan.gorman@efeca.com	Energy and Industrial Strategy alongside DFID and Defra Involved	
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