



European National Soya Initiatives' Statement: "Towards Conversion-free Soya"

Given the urgency of the climate crisis and biodiversity loss, as explained in the [IPCC](#) and [IPBES](#) reports, we the undersigned commit to working towards:

100% of our (countries') soya consumption is produced according to the law and in a way that protects forests and valuable native vegetation (deforestation and conversion free)

This is in support of the Sustainable Development Goals, in line with the definitions of the Accountability Framework Initiative, and in a way that respects human rights, particularly labour rights as set out in [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#).

The signatory governments of the [Amsterdam Declarations](#) aim to enhance market uptake of sustainable commodities in each of their countries complementary to supporting production side measures in countries of origin. They have been instrumental in the development of national initiatives in their countries. We would like to stress the importance of using the full range of levers available both regulatory and other, as set out in the [European Union Communication on Stepping Up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests](#).

Each of our national soya initiatives and individual organisations support the following aims:

- Achieving our shared commitment on sustainable soya whilst recognising that different solutions/timescales may be needed as each market and landscapes in producing countries have their own unique challenges
- Supporting European supply chain companies to develop and implement ambitious action plans to achieve full sustainability and transparency of their supply chains
- Supporting the development of European policy and legislation in support of sustainable soya including the European Union Communication on Stepping Up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests.
- Exchanging learnings on national monitoring and reporting mechanisms including methodologies and outcomes
- Supporting sustainable European protein production which also meets our shared commitment on sustainable soya above
- Exploring the possibilities to collaborate in supporting sustainable soya production in key producing landscapes
- Supporting cross-commodity dialogue recognising the interaction between soy and other commodities in producing countries

By aligning key principles and approaches in the European soya supply chain, we aim to:

- Create increased synergy and impact by working together
- Send a uniform signal to the market
- Support greater market uptake and demand for legal, deforestation/conversion free soya production, connecting to the overall EU ambition to combat climate change and deforestation
- Increase support for farmers committed to these practices.

We call for all supply chain stakeholders to join us and work towards this goal.

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