

## Announcement – Call for Interest

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As an international cooperation enterprise with worldwide operations, the German government owned Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH operates on behalf of German ministries, the governments of other countries and international clients to provide tailor-made, cost-efficient and effective services for sustainable development. We are looking for **an expert/consultant (legal entity)** to provide consultancy service for **the studies on EUDR in Thailand** as part of **the Engagement with Indonesia, Malaysia, Laos, Thailand and Viet Nam to raise awareness on and to promote better understanding of the EU approach to reducing EU-driven deforestation and forest degradation (EUDR Engagement) Project**

### **consultancy service for the studies on EUDR in Thailand**

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In 2023, the European Union together with BMZ commissioned the project “Engagement with Indonesia, Malaysia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam to raise awareness on and to promote better understanding of the EU approach to reducing EU-driven deforestation and forest degradation (EUDR Engagement)”. The project EUDR engagement will support the EU delegations in Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand and Viet Nam with enhancing the understanding for and alleviate concerns about the EU Regulation on deforestation-free products (EUDR) in particular on its core elements (i.e. mandatory due diligence rules, traceability, benchmarking), on the EU’s flanking measures to create an enabling environment for compliance by operators and the opportunities the EUDR implies.

The project is implemented by GIZ and integrated into the BMZ funded global program, which is part of the special initiative “Transformation of Agricultural and Food Systems”. On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the program promotes the sustainability of selected agricultural supply chains in partner countries. The GIZ “Initiative for sustainable agricultural supply chains” (INA) is responsible for operational steering and technical coordination while GIZ projects in the five partner countries lead the implementation in the respective country.

The GIZ team will provide relevant sectoral expertise through production of targeted analytical material related to the EU Regulation on deforestation and forest degradation, including on relevant flanking measures and the interplay with the relevant Southeast Asian producer countries (Output 1), support the EU Delegations in the five partner countries with engaging with key stakeholders in targeted countries

to present and discuss the EU regulation on deforestation-free products (Output 2), and support the five EU Delegations with public diplomacy and communication initiatives to improve the understanding of the requirements and the expected impact of the upcoming EU regulation on deforestation-free products (EUDR) in the targeted countries (Output 3).

The contractors shall provide the following work/service: Develop studies and analyses of existing standards and tools relevant to EUDR in Thailand. These analyses serve as the foundation for identifying gaps and requirements within specific commodity sectors to ensure deforestation-free value chains. The objective is to identify and present information on EUDR-relevant commodities and the respective existing methodologies and tools to ensure stakeholders can legally produce deforestation-free commodities. The studies will focus on three key areas:

- 1. Assessment of Thailand's Existing Standards and Tools for EUDR Compliance:**
  - Overview and assessment of existing certification schemes, monitoring tools, and systems related to rubber, palm oil, and timber.
  - Gap analysis on their alignment with EUDR requirements for deforestation-free and legal production.
  - Recommendations for improvement.
  
- 2. Value Chain Analysis of Thailand's Rubber Products Exported to the EU:**
  - Mapping rubber value chains exporting to the EU.
  - Assessing costs for various actors (producers, traders, etc.) to implement EUDR requirements like traceability and certification.
  - Identifying opportunities, risks, and recommendations.
  
- 3. Cross-Sectoral Analysis and Stakeholder Engagement for Palm Oil and Timber:**
  - Comparative analysis of environmental and social impacts in the palm oil and timber sectors.
  - Evaluating stakeholder roles and potential collaborations.
  - Recommendations for effective stakeholder engagement and capacity-building for EUDR compliance.

Applicants/consultants are welcome to apply for one topic each. This will be an assignment-based contract, with a period of 6 months from August 2024 to 31 December 2024 tentatively, with possibility to change period in case delay of tender process.

If you are interested, please confirm your interest via email to [TH\\_Quotation@giz.de](mailto:TH_Quotation@giz.de) within 27 July 2024. Kindly put **email Subject: "Call for Interest 83468275"** and attach your expert CV/ company profile.

Tender bidding process will be carried out after the Call for Interest. Invitation for Bidding will be sent out by end of July.