



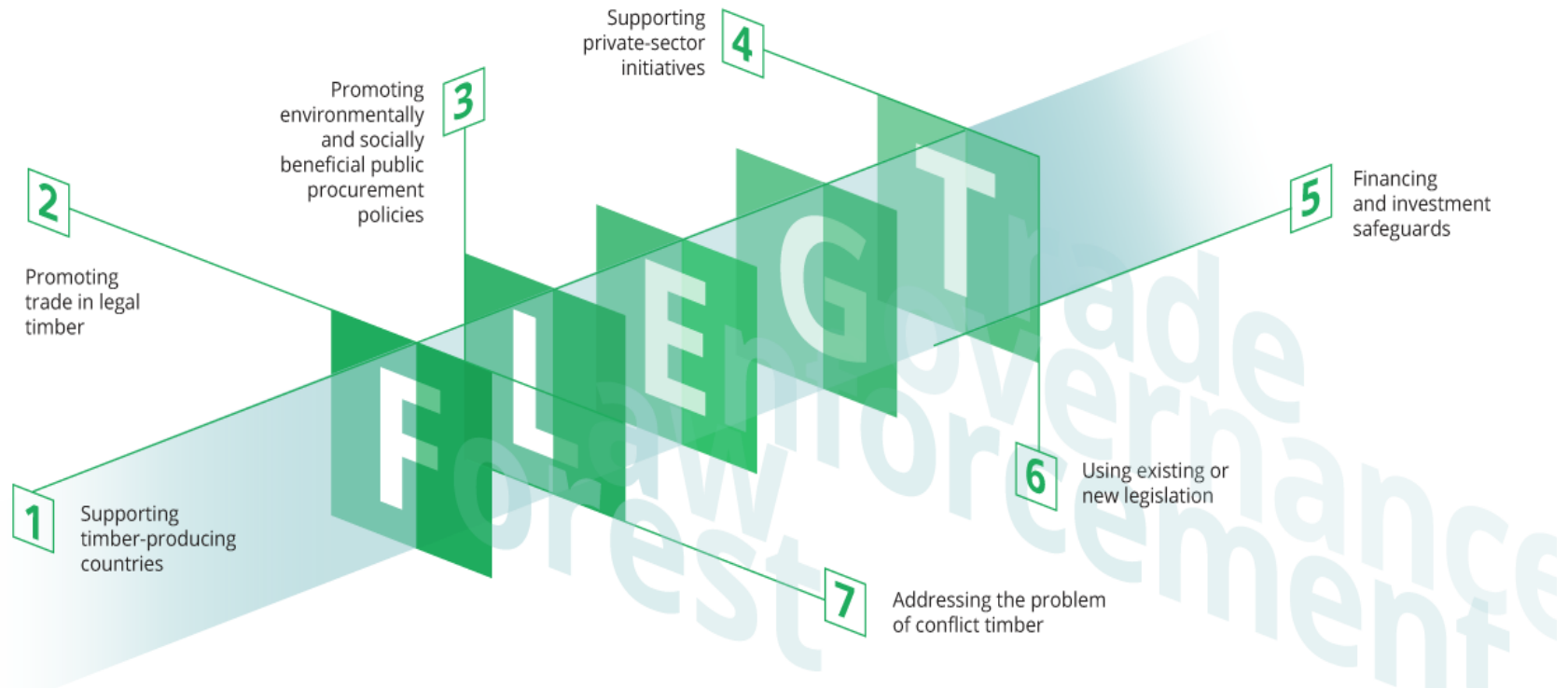
EU initiatives for assuring timber legality and promoting sustainability

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The EU FLEGT Action Plan



FLEGT addresses legality

Demand side measures

EU Timber Regulation

- Prohibits the placing of illegal timber on the EU market
- Operators required to exercise due diligence
- Keep records

Supply side measures

Support to timber exporting countries

- Voluntary Partnership Agreements to assure export of legal timber to the EU (and potentially other markets)

FLEGT supports sustainability

Economic	Environment	Social
Forest Management Plan approval	Internal regulations inc. to prevent poaching	Consultation council
Forest tax receipts	Waste disposal report	Health, Safety, Salaries

Advancing timber legality in consuming countries

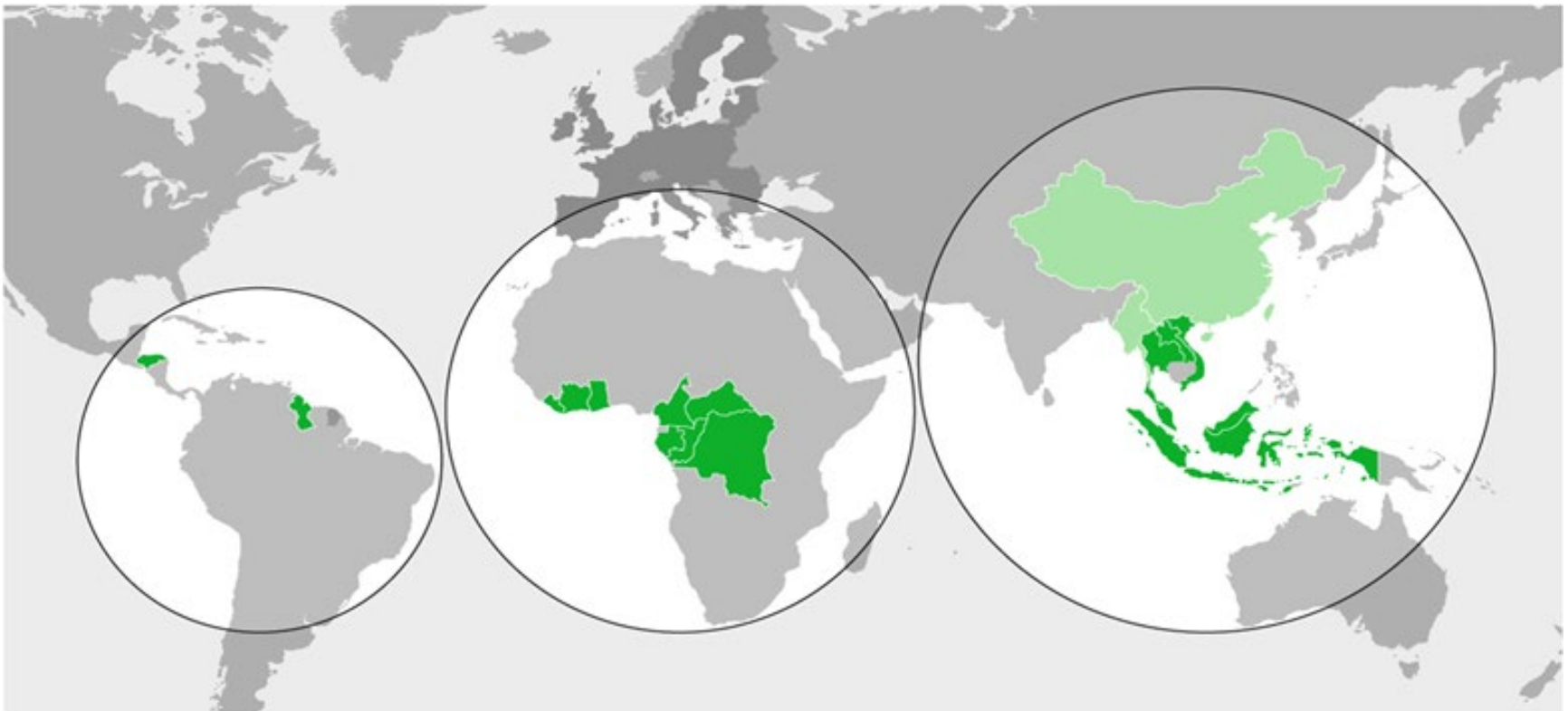
	Controls for import of legal timber
USA	2008: Lacey Act amendment
Australia	2014: Illegal Logging Prohibition Act effective
Japan	2016: Clean Wood Act adopted
South Korea	2018: Forest Legislation includes requirement for the importer to declare legality of wooden products
China	Taking steps on timber legality. Since 2009 Bilateral Coordination Mechanism on FLEG with EU



EU's work with China on FLEGT

- Main market for (all) VPA countries
- EU-China Bilateral Coordination Mechanism
 - Annual forum for policy dialogue and information exchange
 - Annual work plans to advance on timber legality
- MS active on FLEGT in China

FLEGT in the world





Further progress towards sustainability



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Thank you

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