FSC ALIGNED FOR EUDR
DIGITAL LANDSCAPE
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Supporting compliance – FSC Aligned for EUDR

FSC Aligned Certification for EUDR

Components:
- FSC Regulatory Module
- FSC Risk Assessment Framework

Supported by FSC Risk Hub

FSC Certification

Forest Management & Chain of Custody Certification

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FSC Aligned Reporting for EUDR

Components:
- Due Diligence Report
- Due Diligence Statements

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Connects forest data to intermediate & final products.

- Tracking a product from one CH to the next
- Supporting FSC Certification compliance
- Managing data sharing of key data points such as geolocation and time of harvest.

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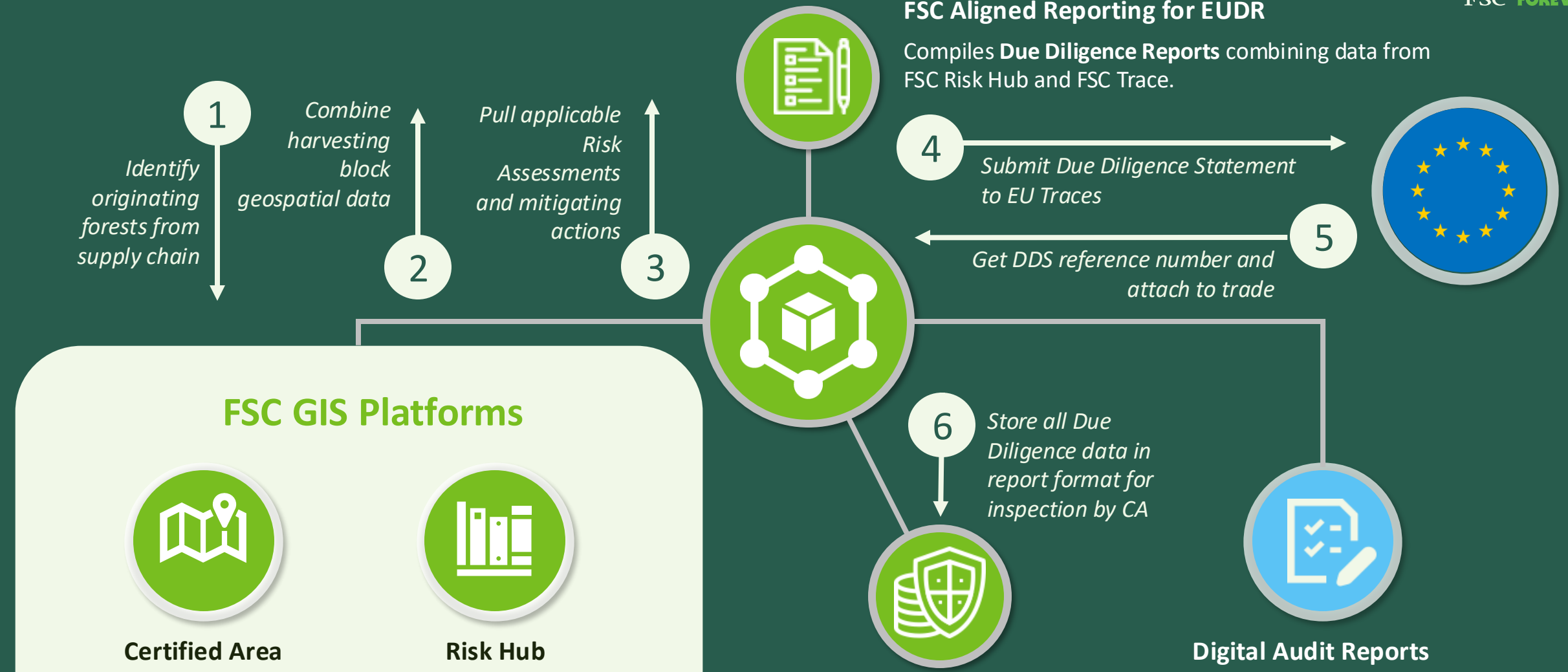

FSC CERTIFIED AREA SUBMITTAL TOOL

Digital Mapping of FSC-Certified Forests

FSC is launching a GIS tool to improve transparency in forest certification.

In **2026**, Forest Management Certificate Holders will be required to submit digital maps of their certified lands as part of **Motion 61/2021**, aligning FSC with **growing demands for openness and credibility.**

This is the **Certified Area Submittal Tool –** this tool is **voluntary** and only mandatory after the Advice Note.

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CERTIFIED AREA SUBMITTAL TOOL

Certificate holders are **not** obliged to allow FSC to publish their maps publicly.

Public map to show FSC-certified areas for those who **consent to have it published.**

@ FSC / Ben Beech

Public Web Map: What it could look like

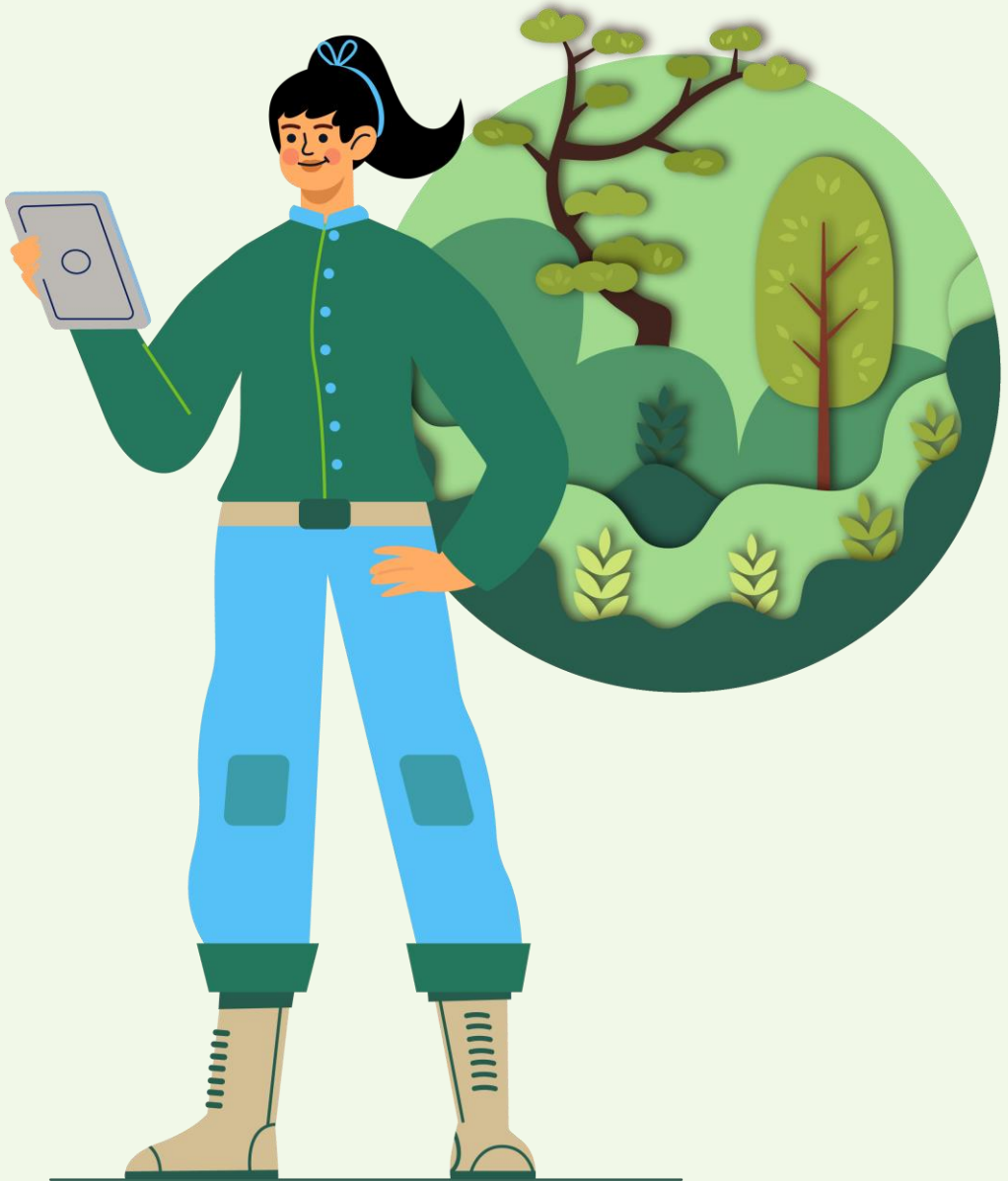
WHY IT MATTERS

FSC Trace will **“speak”** with this tool

FSC Trace will ping to check that area is within certified area before accepting the claim

NEXT STEPS

- **Testing** of the tool to enhance features and ensure usability. Join the testing!
- Explanatory material and features to **support users unfamiliar with GIS**
- **Release Advice Note** after tool is ready



FSC RISK HUB

FSC Risk Assessment Framework

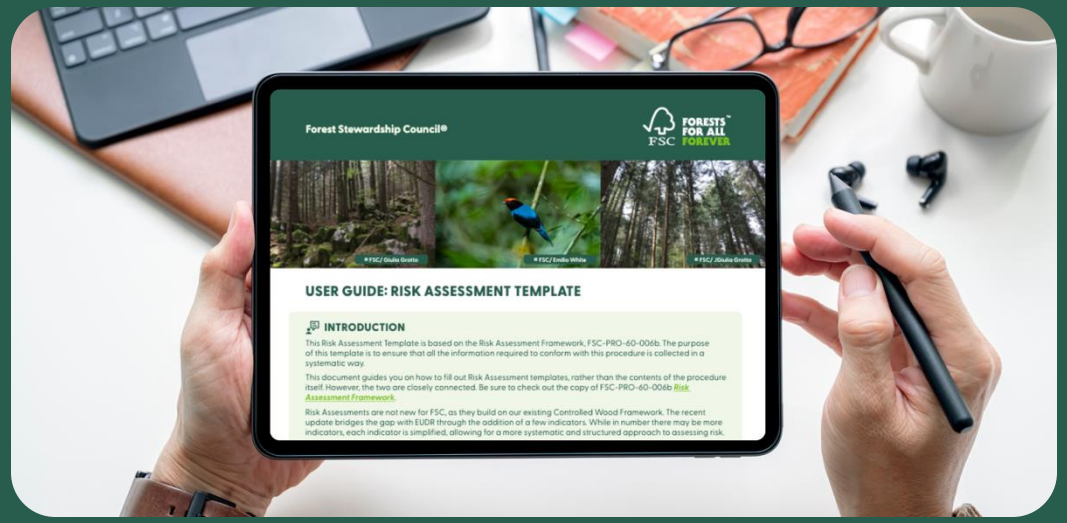
Reminder that FSC has published a **new Risk Assessment Framework**

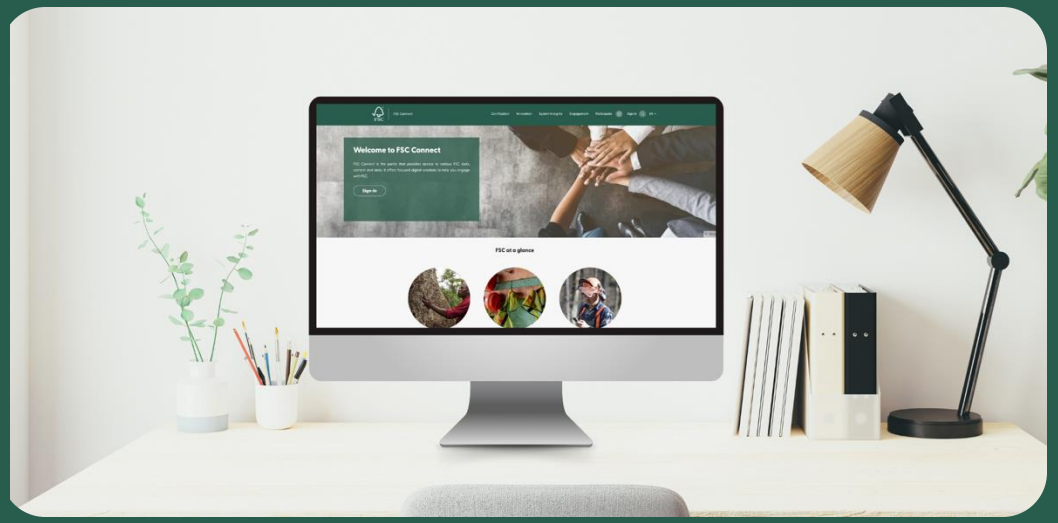
It sets the framework for how to **assess and mitigate risk of sourcing**

FSC Risk Assessment Framework

The updated FSC Risk Assessment Framework is now also for **users of FSC's Regulatory Module** to support sourcing in compliance with EUDR

FSC Risk Assessment development is underway



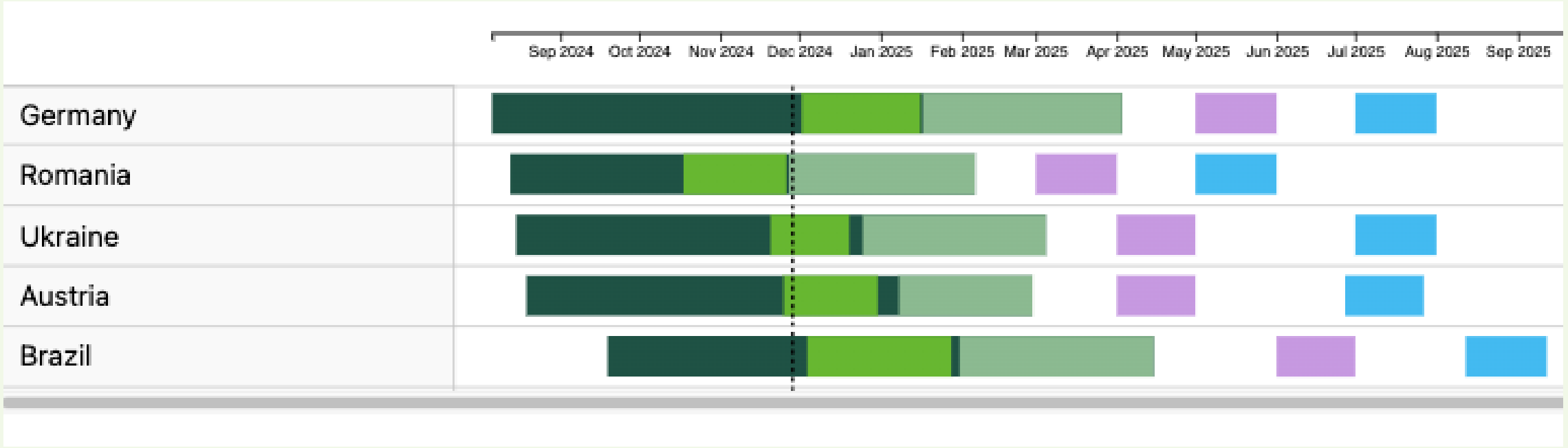


We have **40 FSC Risk Assessments** already underway with more to come

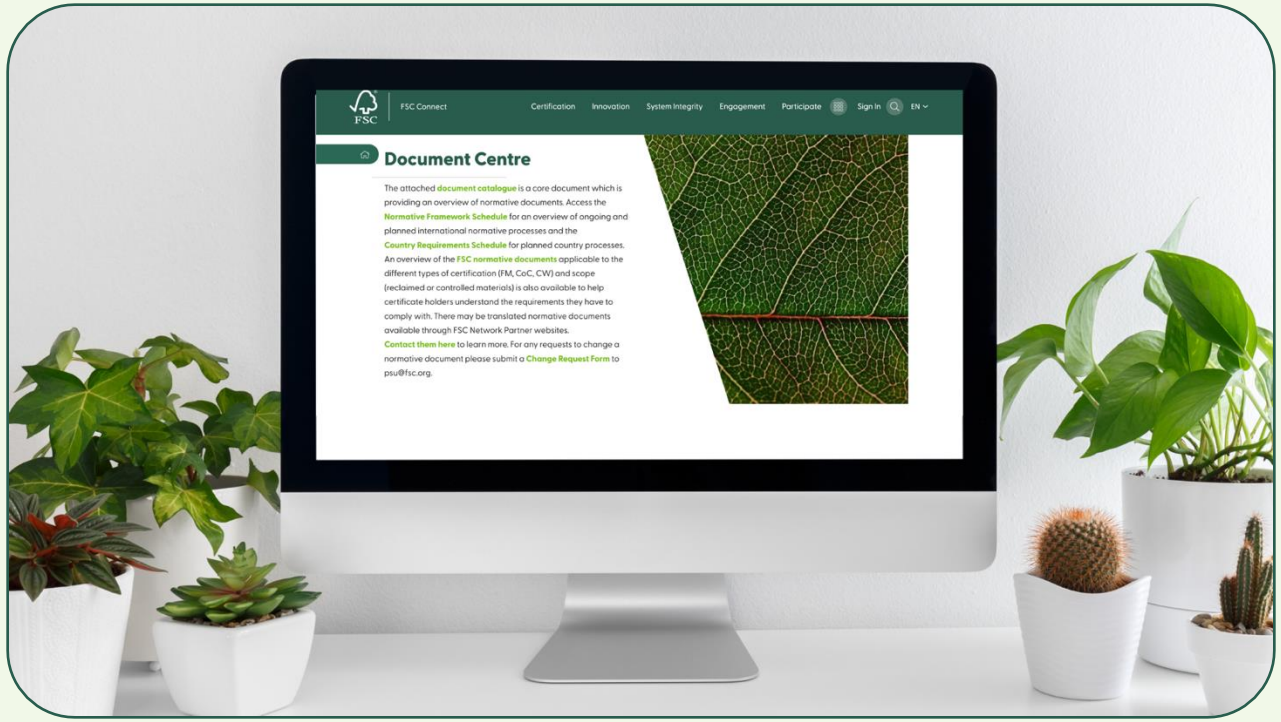
We have a dashboard on **FSC Connect** to track this development

FSC Country Requirements Schedule

The public can see **the progress of FSC Risk Assessment development.** In addition, interested stakeholders can sign up to stay informed on upcoming consultations.



Where will finished FSC Risk Assessments go?

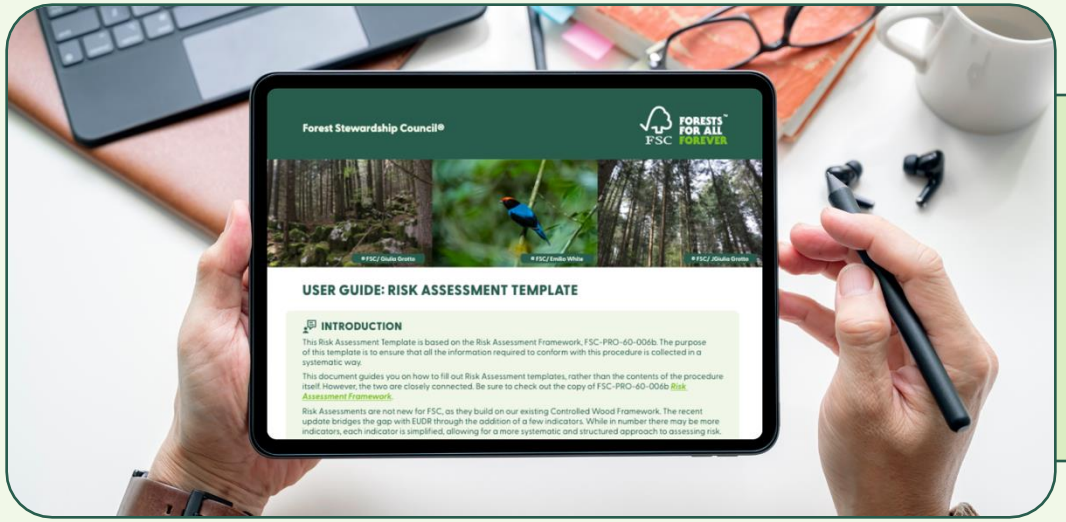


FSC Risk Assessments will be published on the **FSC Document Centre.**

They will also be more interactive and accessible in the **FSC Risk Hub**

FSC Risk Hub

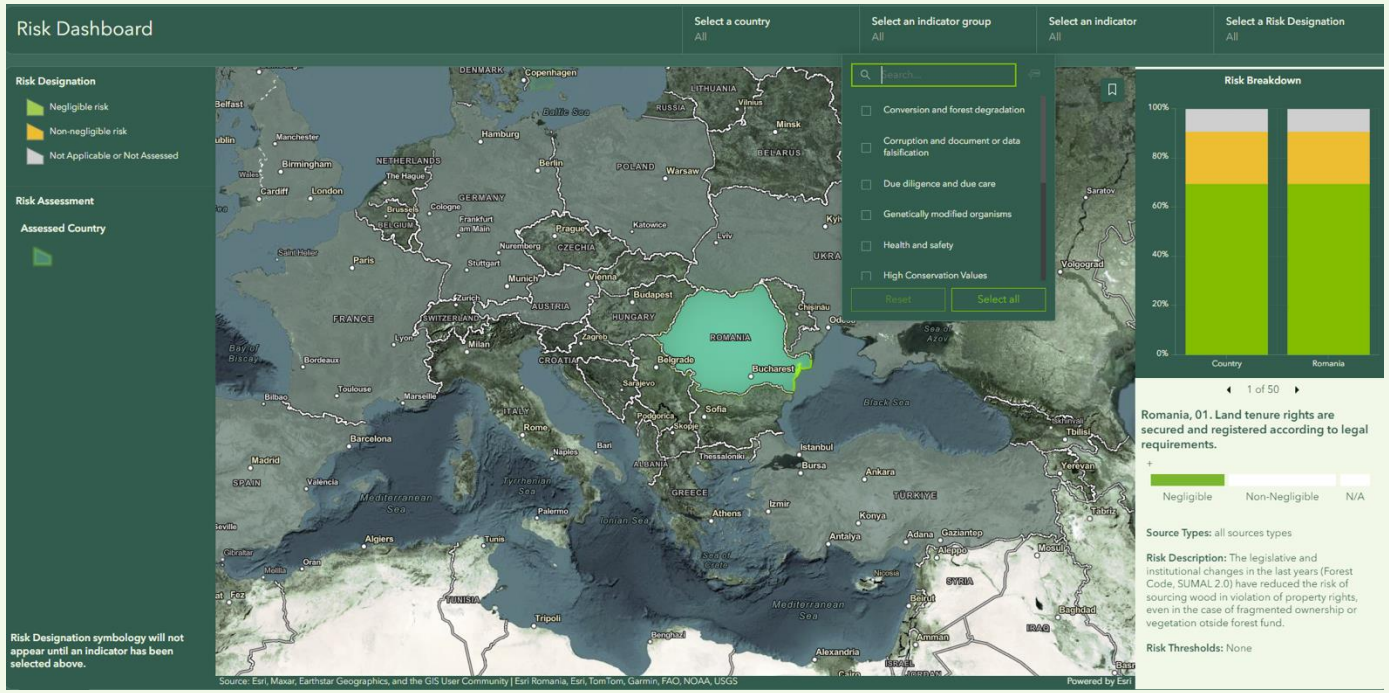
The **FSC Risk Hub presents Risk Assessments** based on the **FSC Risk Assessment Framework.**



It is a **visualization** of the results from the **Risk Assessment Template.**

FSC Risk Dashboard: How it looks

Will include at least two view features: **Map and Table view**



The Map View

provides a general overview of the data using maps and basic charts to show an overview of risk at a national and subnational scale.

FSC Risk Dashboard: How it looks

The Table View

provides a spreadsheet like visualization of the data and allows for users to download the data for their own use.

Risk Dashboard

Select a country	Select an indicator group	Select an indicator	Select a Risk Designation
All	All	All	All

Geographical scope (country/countries)	Geographical scope (Subnational)	Commodities Impacted (from EUDR Annex 1/HS Code/FSC Product Classification)	Indicator Coverage	Specific Indicators (if applicable)	
Romania	N/A	WOOD PRODUCTS	All Indicators		Fores
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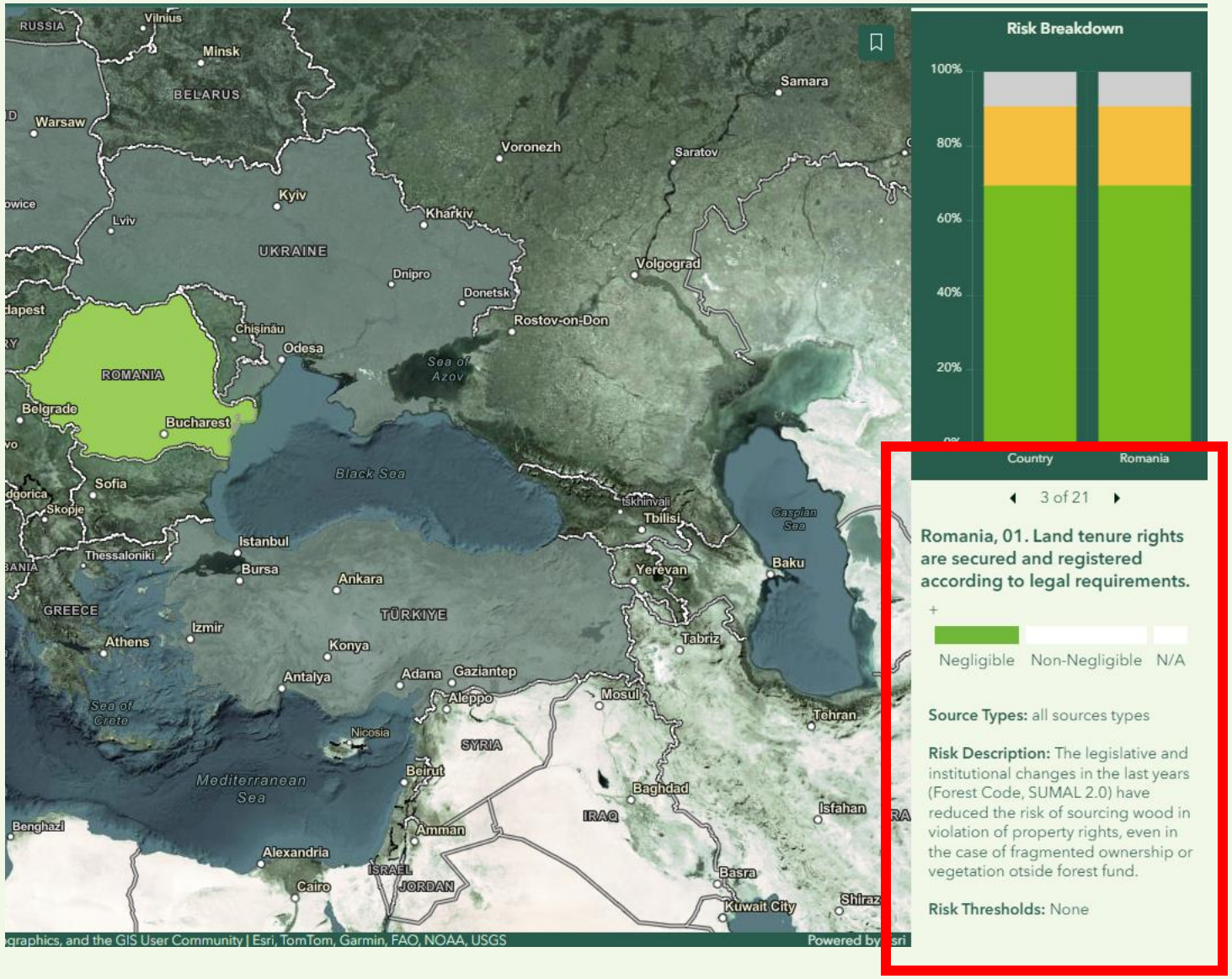
FSC Risk Hub: Sample data

Looking at Romania as an **example** with sample data, you can see how **risk is presented per indicator.**



What about certificate-holder Risk Assessments?

FSC is prioritizing
FSC-led Risk Assessments

Generating and uploading data to the FSC Risk Hub by certificate holders is **to be re-assessed based on final EUDR outcomes.**

FSC Risk Hub: Presenting confirmed data

The FSC Risk Hub is presenting data only from FSC Risk Assessments that have been consulted. The FSC Risk Hub will be available after Q2 2025 when the first FSC Risk Assessments are published. The Risk Dashboard will be publicly available.

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The biggest question first:
when will I have access?

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Extra time means translates into quality build

Extra time means extra time for testing

Scaled back to start with simple supply chain setups.

Moved to iterative releases.

Regular release of features in sprint cycles.

Feature roadmap will be publicly available.

Survey before onboarding will help assess platform readiness.

Want to provide input on which features are most important first?
Feel free to take this survey

What does that mean for roll out of FSC Trace?

1

We are **onboarding early adopters** and their supply chains now.

They can still grow organically.

2

Onboarding **freeze** beyond these until we have final approval of EUDR.

3

Expected onboarding restart **early 2025.**

Onboarding order for FSC TRACE

We will onboard in groups. Each group can invite trading partners.

1. Priority access list
2. Forest managers
3. Traders
4. Everyone else

Anticipated full access Q1 2025.

Key knowledge points

VOLUNTARY IMPLEMENTATION

The use of FSC Trace will be **voluntary** for all FSC license holders.

FSC TRACE CORE IS FREE OF CHARGE

FSC will not charge for the use of the core functionality of FSC Trace.

We do not set audit costs, but it is intended that FSC Trace will make CoC auditing more efficient.

PREMIUM FEATURES LIKELY

Some premium features may be made chargeable in the future. Which features may be chargeable and their price is as yet undetermined.

FOCUS ON FSC CERTIFIED PRODUCTS

FSC Trace is intended to be used for FSC certified products.

It can handle all types of FSC products (FSC 100%, FSC MIX, FSC CW, FSC MIX Credit, etc.)

WORKING ON INTEROPERABILITY

We aim to support inter-operability with other traceability platforms and with the EU platform Traces.

How you might get involved as soon as possible

Invitation from companies already in the trials

Current trial participants may invite up to 3 partners each.

During roll out each invited certificate holder can invite their trading partners.

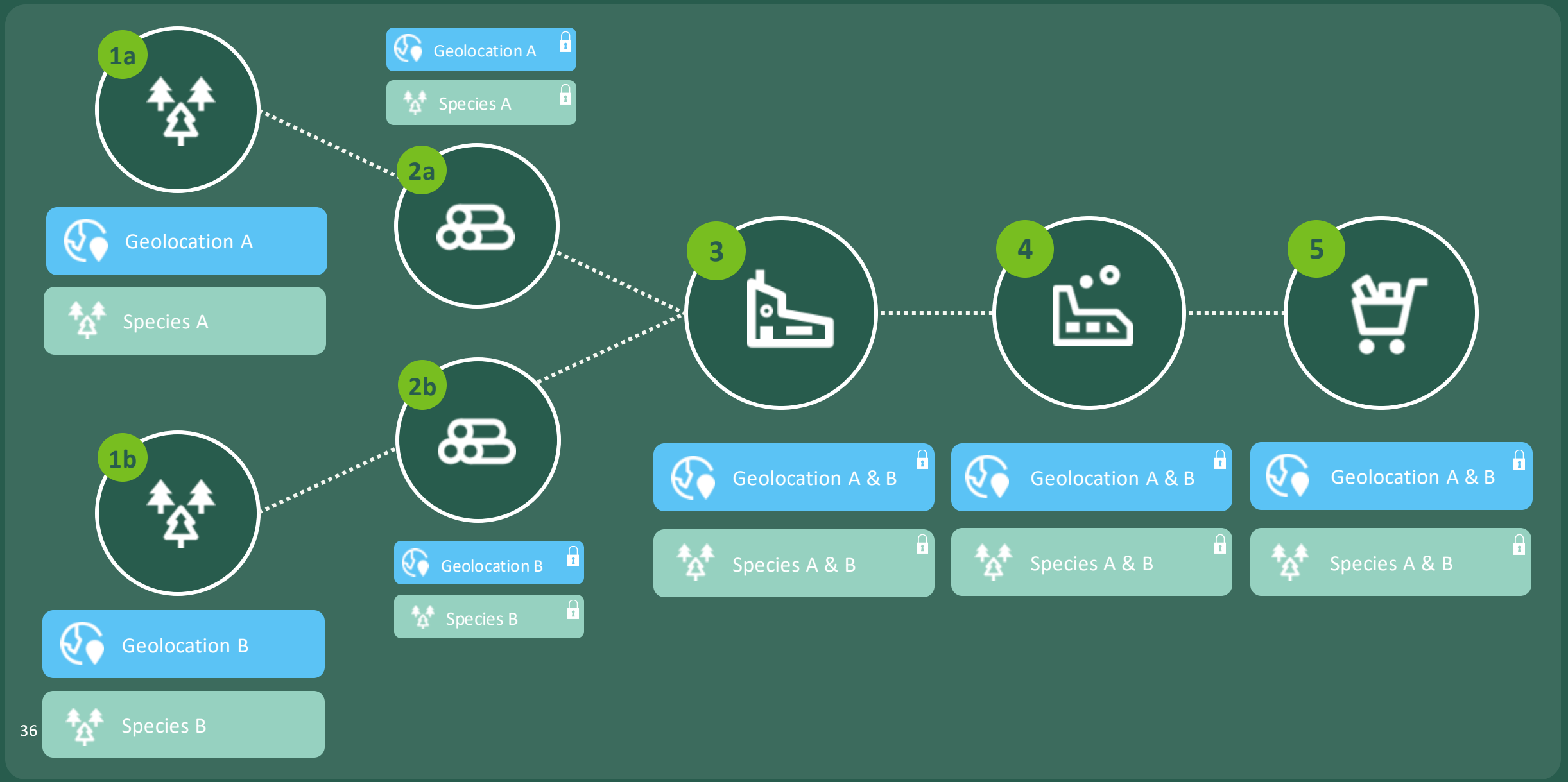
Sign up for priority access

Indicate interest in access via our online form.

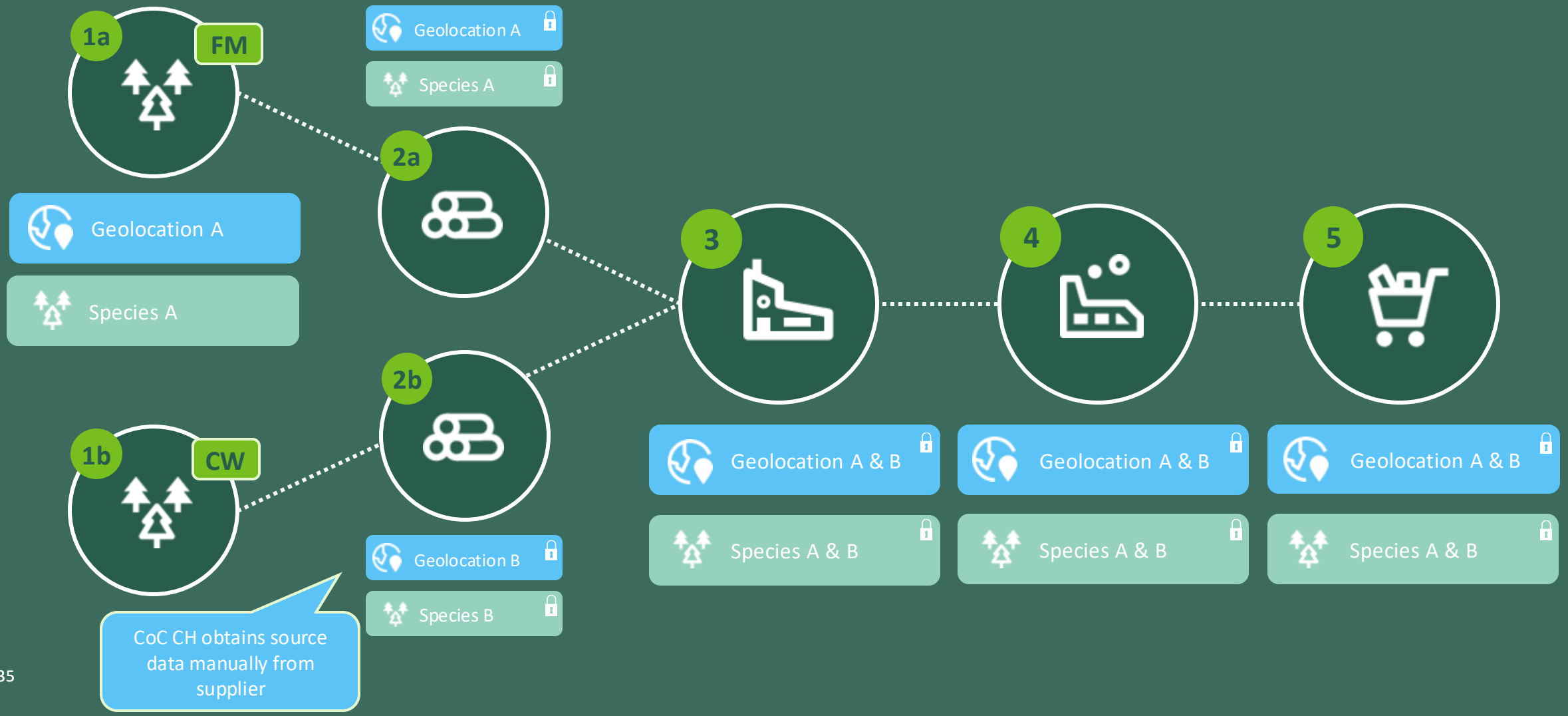
Exploring integrations

Info sessions for potential tech partners. Register interest here. (Tech partners only)

We can combine data in composite products



For FSC Controlled Wood
we capture the source data later in the chain



NB: Similar setup will be possible for FSC Recycled input.

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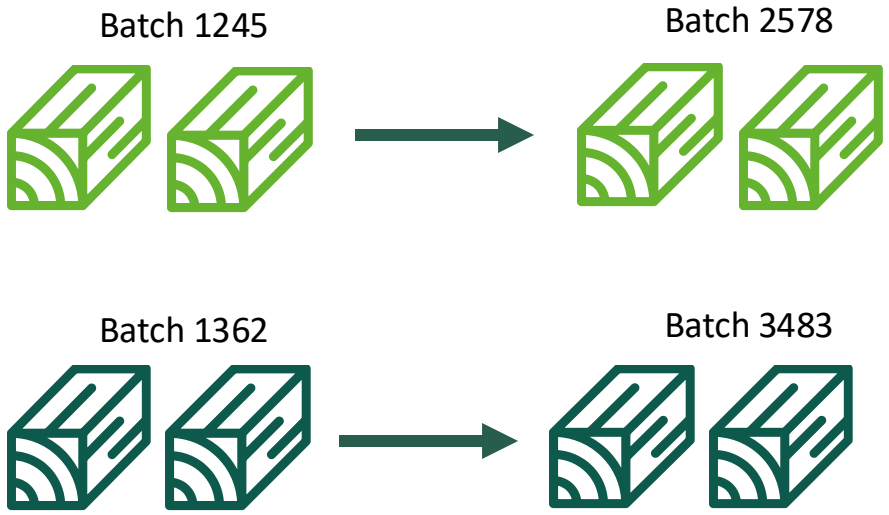
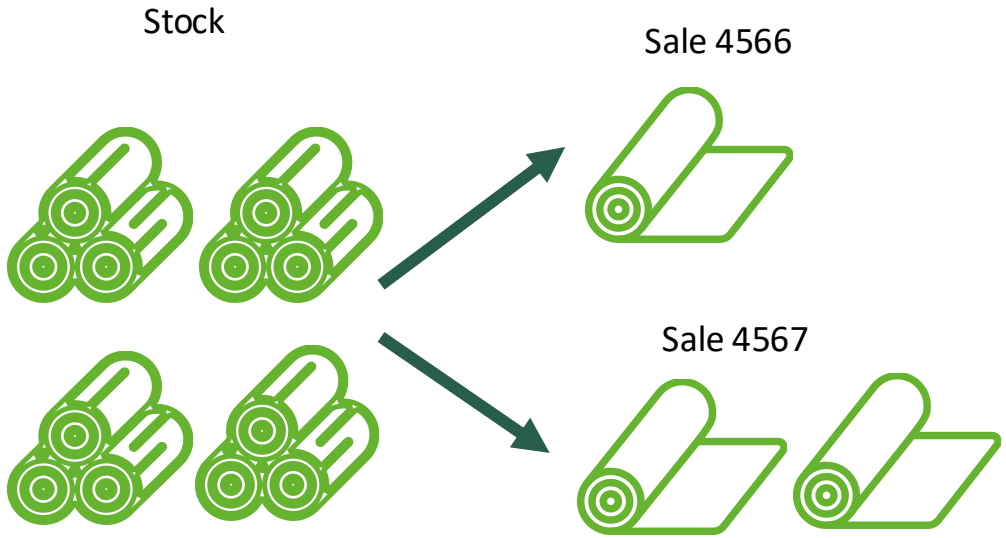




Batched Operations

(typically use Transfer materials accounting system)

- Apply mainly to discrete products – you do not sell half a table
- Can track exactly which inputs (delivered batches) feed into which outputs (manufacturing batches)

Continuous Operations

(typically use either Percentage or Credit systems)

- Apply mainly to sub-dividable products – you could buy 0.675l of liquid rubber
- Inputs all mixed in together so exact traceability not possible
- Instead use date range to track possible input sources

Benefits of using FSC Trace

STATUS OF CERTIFICATION

Automatic verification of certification status of suppliers & their certificate scope.

AUTOMATED COC REPORTING

FSC Trace will create reports on

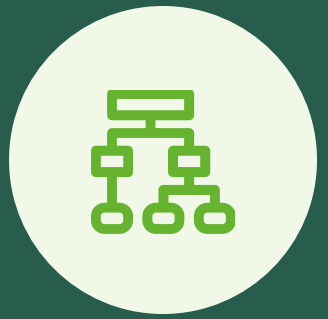
- Volume summary
- Species list
- Product group list

CREATE SPECIAL FIELDS

Users can create special fields and upload documents to attach to any given transaction.

EASY DATA SHARING

FSC Trace makes it easy to share data, e.g. harvesting location, with your downstream trading partners.



ALL DUE DILIGENCE DATA IN ONE PLACE

Everything you need to demonstrate due diligence collected together in one system.

Only one company on FSC Trace

All of a supply chain on FSC Trace

Sandbox mode avaliable

We are making you able to play around and practice before you start uploading

1

DO INITIAL SETUP OF PRODUCTS AND TRADING PARTNERS

Your products and trading partners will carry over to the sandbox. We recommend that you upload your real ones, so you don't have to set your account up twice.

2

TEST WITH DUMMY TRADING PARTNER

The sandbox will contain a dummy trading partner, which you can test with.

You can also test with your real trading partners without trades being sent to them in real life.

3

TEST FUNCTIONALITY AND UPLOAD

Create dummy data and trades to play around with functionality.

None of it will be recorded to your actual blockchain. It therefore also will not be in your volume summary.

4

MOVE TO THE LIVE VERSION ONCE YOU ARE READY

When you have tested functionality and are ready, you can switch to the real blockchain and start uploading real transactions.

These will be part of your volume summaries and be submitted to trading partners who are also on FSC Trace.

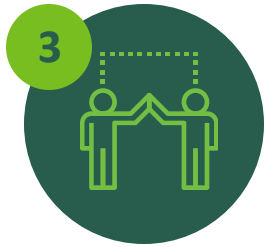
How do I make best use of the time between now and my invitation to join?

Ensure you've signed the eTLA

- Identify who is the owner of the FSC certificate in your organisation.
- They will be the one receiving the invitation.
- Ask this individual whether an eTLA has been signed. If not, ask your CB to initiate the process.

Test the bulk upload templates

- The 5 different data bulk update templates are available.
- You can prepare by filling the templates for product definitions and trading partners, so they are ready to upload.
- Test your internal data gathering for transaction templates.



Talk to your supply chain

- Coordinate with your supply chain on how you are each planning to get ready for EUDR.
- Check with the getting started steps on fsc-eudr-journey.org.

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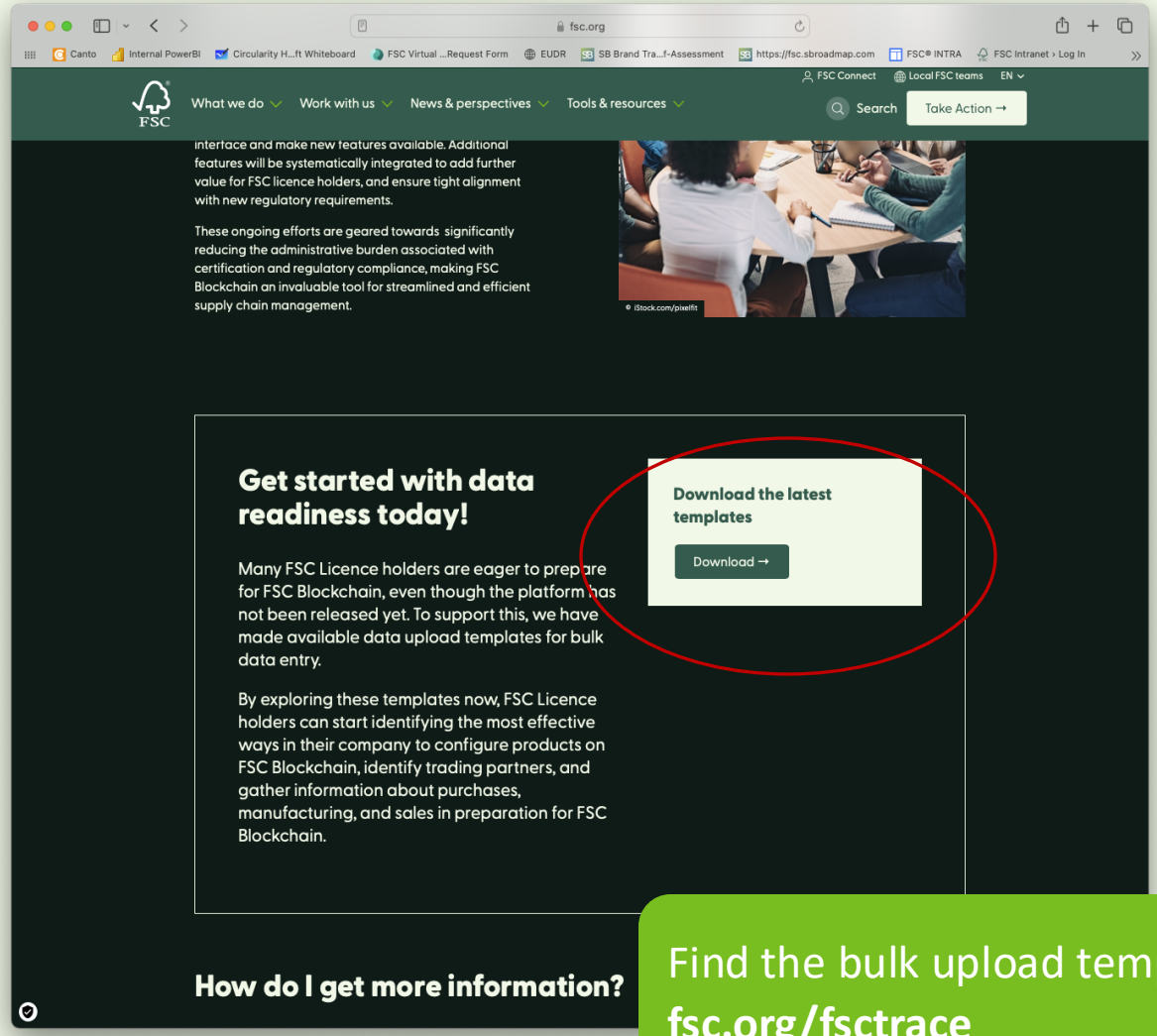
Bulk templates are released now on our website.

Using the templates companies can start preparing data structures.

We recommend downloading and testing against own data structures to ease onboarding later.



Find the bulk upload templates on **fsc.org/fsctrace**

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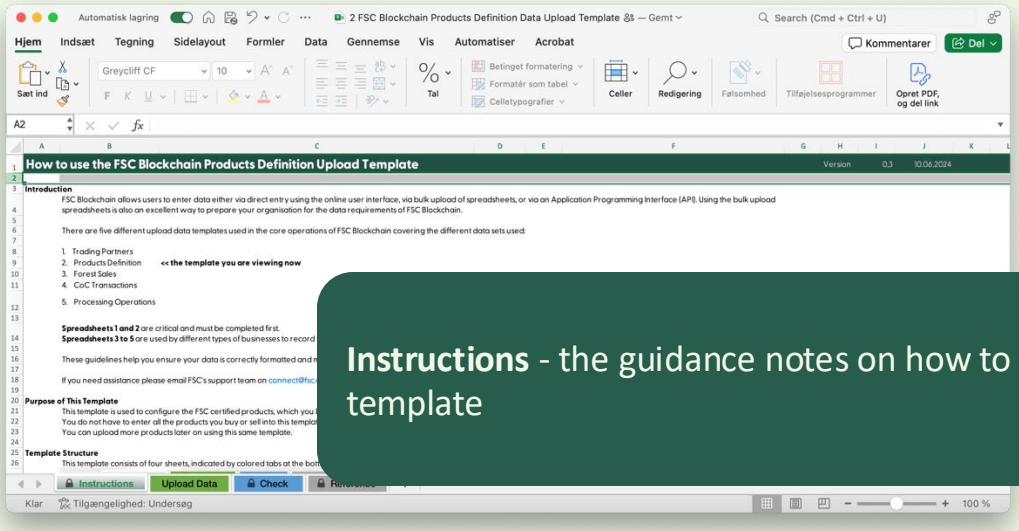
The package contains five templates and an instruction

The templates are

1. Trading Partners
2. Products Definition
3. Forest Sales
4. CoC Transactions
5. Processing Runs

Bulk upload templates

All files are structured the same way



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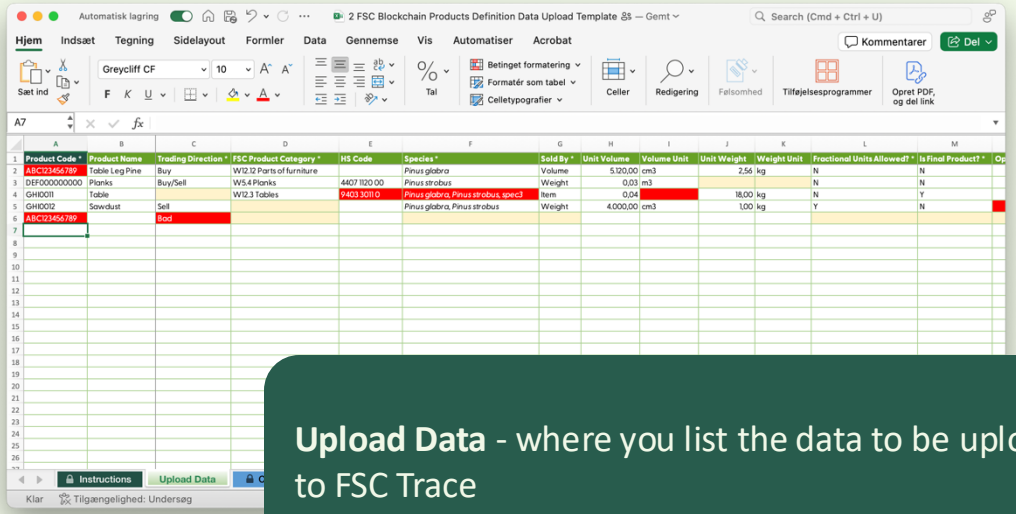

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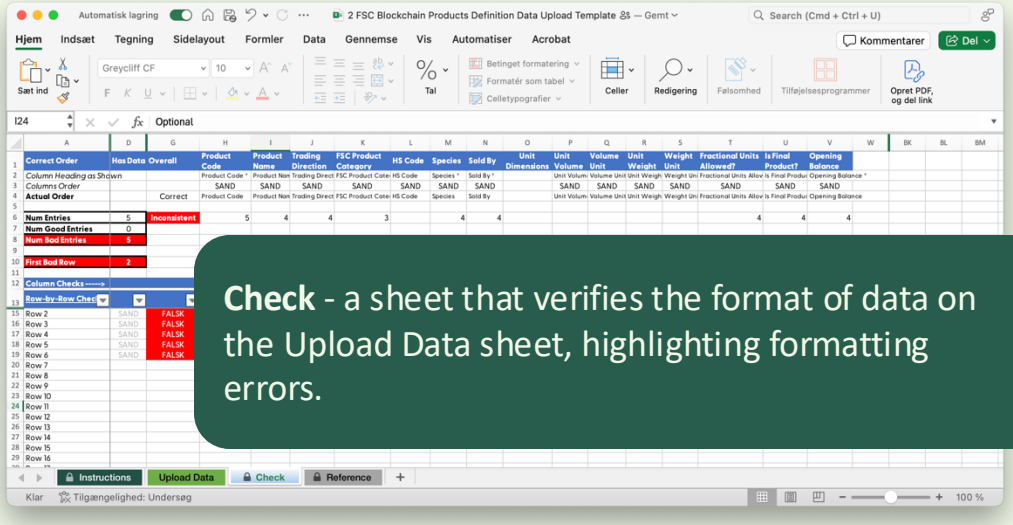

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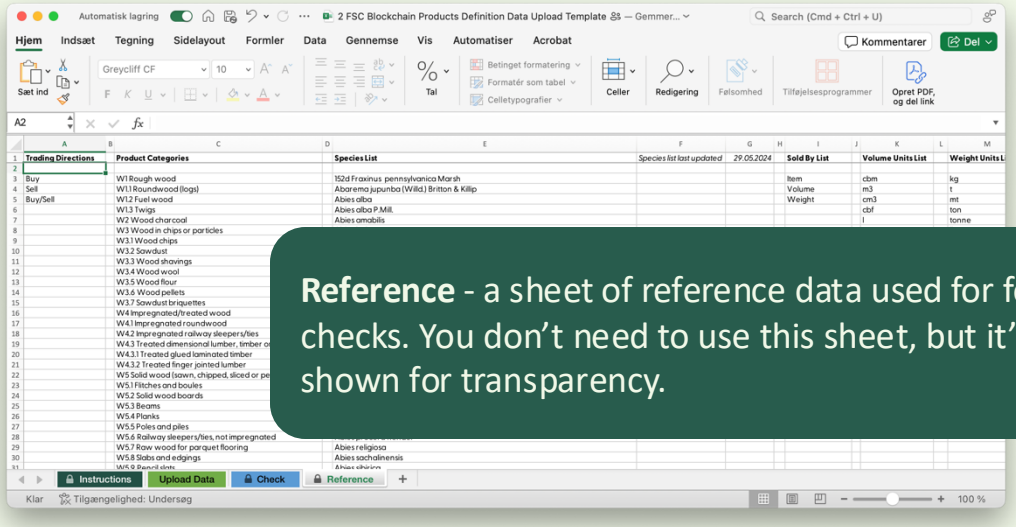

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Support and training

REOCCURRING WEBINARS WITH EVOLVING CONTENT

Interactive live webinars provide real-time insights and expert answers to bring you up to speed with FSC Trace, other FSC digital solutions and updates.

Content will be updated as we finalize new features.

GUIDANCE AND TRAINING MATERIALS

Training videos and comprehensive guides ensure you have the knowledge and skills to navigate FSC Trace confidently.

Will be available in multiple languages.

DEDICATED HELPDESK AND COMMITTED TO UPTIME

Our dedicated helpdesk ready to assist users with technical or operational queries they may encounter. (connect@fsc.org)

As we are aware that this is a business-critical tool, we are aiming for 99% uptime and have dedicated technical support to facilitate this.

Q&A

Thank you

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