

## Nestlé response to allegations regarding lobbying of the European Coffee Federation on the EUDR – 14 March 2025

As the European Coffee Federation has outlined in its direct response, it has always been committed to the successful implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and has dedicated significant resources to minimize and mitigate the risk of deforestation in the coffee supply chain. It has never attempted to undermine the EUDR. Concerns regarding the implementation timeline of the EUDR were related to the absence of practical tools and guidelines needed to comply with the Regulation, which subsequently had an impact on the ability of all relevant actors to prepare for its implementation. It was not linked to the industry's willingness to comply.

As Nestlé, **we strongly support the objective of the European Commission to protect the world's forests** and restore forests in a sustainable way. We have consistently advocated for a mix of complementary measures at EU level to address global deforestation in partnership with third countries. Our work to achieve deforestation-free key supply chains started over a decade ago. As of the end of 2024, 93.5% of the total volume of our key ingredients – cocoa, coffee, meat, palm oil, pulp and paper, soy and sugar – are assessed as deforestation-free. Our progress has been recognized by the 2024 Forest 500 report in which Nestlé came out as the top FMCG company.

Thanks to our longstanding work in avoiding deforestation, we remain confident in our ability to comply with the EUDR. Since its entry into force, we have made significant investments to close any identified gaps together with our supply chain partners and we continue to work intensely in this area.

**We have never called for any delay of the EUDR and have always opposed any calls to re-open the substance of the EUDR** for new negotiations. Nestlé remains supportive of the objectives of the EUDR and its successful implementation. We will continue to contribute to discussions on the EUDR implementation to support the achievement of this objective.

**For additional reference on our views and commitment to a successful implementation of the provisions of the EUDR, please find below several public statements clarifying that we have never asked for a delay or weakening of the EUDR:**

- [Reuters article](#) on letter from Cocoa Coalition to Commission President Ursula von der Leyen (July 2024)
- [LinkedIn Post](#) from Bart Vandewaetere, Vice-President ESG Engagement Nestlé Europe “EU Deforestation Regulation: a delay without urgent clarifications won't help!” (September 2024)
- [Statement of NGOs and companies](#) opposing calls to reopen the substance of the EUDR, and urging immediate release of guidance documents and FAQ (October 2024)

- [Cocoa Coalition Statement](#), opposing reopening EUDR (October 2024)
- [Financial Times](#) article with quote from Bart Vandewaetere, Vice-President ESG Engagement Nestlé Europe (November 2024)
- [Wall Street Journal article](#) with quote from Bart Vandewaetere, Vice-President ESG Engagement Nestlé Europe (November 2024)
- [LinkedIn post](#) from Bart Vandewaetere, Vice-President ESG Engagement Nestlé Europe “EU Deforestation Regulation: Adopt the 12-month delay without reopening the law!” (November 2024)