



Building capacity for the future

Supporting the growth of sustainability

NEPCon has a 15 year track record of developing training programmes and providing capacity building within our areas of expertise. We have organised and delivered training for thousands of public and corporate sector stakeholders within the scope of our own training programmes, in the framework of projects, and on request.

Our experts

As an organisation delivering certification services under some of the world's most stringent sustainability schemes, we have a natural focus on quality and have built an extensive training programme for our staff, conducted by our own trainers and senior experts.

Our top experts are also regularly involved in training events and workshops organised by other organisations and as speakers at international conferences and meetings. Topics covered include responsible timber sourcing, public procurement of timber products, timber legality and certification.



Competence is a crucial factor in securing the quality and impact of sustainability efforts including certification schemes. That is why NEPCon has built a comprehensive training programme covering our core expertise areas.

– Peter Feilberg, NEPCon Executive Director



Core expertise areas

We offer training and information in conjunction with most of our auditing services, including the following topics:

- FSC™ certification auditing (Forest Management, Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood)
- Timber legality and due diligence
- Carbon footprint management
- Carbon forestry project development and verification

Contact us

If you wish to tap into our expertise, please contact us. Whether you need a project partner, expert input for your organisation or project, or are looking for seasoned speakers for your event, we would be pleased to help you.



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Training on timber legality in Malaysia, Ghana and Vietnam



Our training experience

Selected references

Forest certification and timber legality

- ✓ On-going: We have provided FSC™ Expert training for over 200 participants over the past 5 years. The training is regularly conducted in the English and Russian language and attracts participants of all nationalities, representing the private and public sector as well as NGOs. This intensive five-day course is endorsed as fulfilling the formal requirements of the Forest Stewardship Council™.
- ✓ 2012 onwards: We have organised business seminars including corporate training on topics such as the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) and forestry certification requirements for participants in Europe and Asia.
- ✓ 2014 onwards: We have organised training on timber legality to hundreds of organisations and timber companies in Europe, Asia and Africa, under the scope of international donor-funded projects. Such training courses aim at helping companies better comply with applicable legislations such as the EUTR and FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) requirements.
- ✓ 2012: Contracted by the European Forest Institute and in collaboration with IDL Group and the Rainforest Alliance, NEPCon provided training on FLEGT, REDD, the EU Timber Regulation and other legality policies, and public and private purchasing policies related to legal timber, for 31 public sector professionals from 5 African countries. Ghana.
- ✓ 2011-2012: Contracted by FSC to provide capacity building for FSC National Offices on the conduct of national Controlled Wood Risk Assessments to identify the risk of unacceptable forest management at country or sub-national level.
- ✓ 2009-2012: Training of 700 forest contractors and forest owners in the framework of the CEFCO project jointly implemented by NEPCon, European Network of Forest Entrepreneurs and FSC. Supported by the EU Eco-Innovation Fund. Bulgaria, Denmark, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.
- ✓ 2007: Vocational training on sustainable forestry delivered to over 430 private forest owners and forestry professionals as a core part of two EU-financed projects. Romania and Turkey.

Carbon sequestration and footprinting

- ✓ On-going: We deliver training on carbon footprinting and carbon forestry project verification as part of our own events and on request.
- ✓ 2012: Training on how to integrate FSC forest management auditing and carbon forestry verification. Italy.
- ✓ 2011: Carbon forestry project training for 30 participants from a number of countries. Bulgaria.
- ✓ 2009-2010: Training on REDD for approximately 100 participants in total. Delivered on behalf of the Rainforest Alliance. Brazil, Bolivia and Kenya.

Awareness raising

- ✓ 2009: Training for about 40 public sector professionals on awareness raising and stakeholder inclusion to support Natura 2000 protection of unique nature. Northern part of Cyprus.

Nature conservation

- ✓ 2001-2007: Training needs analyses, planning, execution and facilitation of numerous workshops and training events covering many topics, with the overall aim of implementing the EU Habitats and Water Framework Directives, including mapping and designating Natura 2000 protected areas. Delivered in the framework of projects financed by the Danish Ministry of Environment. Slovakia and Lithuania.

Civil society

- ✓ 2008: Organisation of NGO capacity building for Belarussian NGOs. In collaboration with the Environmental Information Center, Lithuania. Funded by Nordic Council of Ministers. Belarus.

During the period 2007-2012, NEPCon provided training to over 2,000 people from more than 30 countries. Participants in these training events include corporate executives and staff, public sector professionals and NGO representatives.