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## From National Certificates to an European Standard

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### Starting Point:

- A vision for „good contractors“  
The Guide to Good Practice in Contract Labour in Forestry
- A concept for a European contractor certificate **EFECT**

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### The Vision:

#### Good Contractors

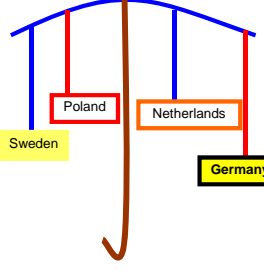
- are competent,
- offer high quality at competitive costs,
- are specialized in equipment, skills and work organisation,
- are capable of continuous development,
- offer attractive jobs and stable employment,
- offer safe and healthy workplaces.

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### EFECT *the concept*

- will define the **core criteria** for good practice for forest entrepreneurs in Europe.
- will **accredit national certification schemes**, which meet the core standards and have a clear track record of audits
- will be **endorsed and controlled** by a mutual certifying body



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ENFE   **EFECT**  - Core criteria for an "EFECT enterprise"

#### Approved Core Criteria

- Compliance with all applicable national legal requirements and international agreements (e.g. ILO)
  - Registration according to national legal requirements,
  - Taxes, pension payments, wages,
  - written labour contracts
- Employment of qualified staff – (needs definition, criteria)
- Maintain skills of work force
- Adequate and safe equipment (has to fulfil applicable requirements)
- Have systems in place to ensure:
  - Work quality
  - Environmental standards
    - e.g. Fuel oil waste handling
    - „forest related issues“
  - Health & Safety
    - At the workplace
    - Prevention

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**EFFECT**  - Core criteria for an "EFFECT enterprise"

**Criteria which need further discussion**

- Provisions to respect local community interests

Extra obligations

- **Qualified business management**  
*This is more like a precondition to become certified rather than a criterion*
- Forest management skills
- Tracking System

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**EFFECT**  can be a solid basis for the **CeFCo** contractor standard

We achieved:

- A mutual agreement on core criteria for certified contractors
- Agreement on how to move forward towards an International Standard
  - Work to be done: Synopsis of certification standards and national contractor certificates
  - Set up a working group (approx 6 people) to develop the EFFECT standard

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**Criteria for a contractor certificate - template for a synopsis**

Criterion	FSC	PEFC	Smart-log	.....	Generic indicator
Compliance with all legal requirements					
Employment of qualified staff					
Maintain skills of work force					
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