



COLLABORATIVE SOY INITIATIVE

convened by RTRS

THE WORKING GROUPS

During the preparation period and based upon the initial workshop in 2016, 12 important challenges and 34 actions were identified. In 2019, these actions were bundled into 4 actions fields, showing the actions which may have the biggest impact. The translation of the action clusters into concrete actions with a measurable impact will be worked out in **separate working groups, with feedback loops to the multi-stakeholder Steering Committee**, who will take the final decisions on strategy, actions and alignment with other initiatives.

On 11 June 2019 the Collaborative Soy Initiative was presented at 50 experts of the soy sector, with representation of NGO, Industry, Trade and Finance and Producers. **Today, 35 representatives, ranging from civil society, NGO, producers, roundtables & standards, private companies and sector federations, showed an interest to participate actively in one or more of the working groups.**

For each working group **a first kick-off Call will be organized early 2020** in order to: (1) to set up the organisation and process (select chair, the CSI project manager will moderate the WGs); (2) discuss and prioritize the pre-defined actions, (3) define new actions when needed, (4) discuss potential synergy and overlap, and (5) define the follow-up of each action (who does what). In order to fulfil its "information" mission each working group will organize **at least 1 webinar per year and link to the annual RTRS conference**. The kick-off call of each working group will be prepared, structured and organised by the Project Manager/Steering Committee, as this call will set the fundamental basis for defining the concrete actions for the future. Each working group will have a content-wise workgroup chair. Ownership and support of actions by the working group will be insured.



A dedicated **Project Manager will coordinate/facilitate the roll out** of the working groups and ensure the feedback to the Steering Committee (organise the preparation, minutes, outreach, follow-up, etc.).

The first kick off calls are planned at:

- **Working Group Engage: 19 February 2020**
9 participants: producers (1), demand (2), NGO (2), finance (2), CS/RT (2)
- **Working Group Make It Practical: 3 March 2020**
19 participants: producers (3), demand (6), NGO (4), finance (2), CS/RT (3), consultant (1)

Table: action clusters/working groups as presented during the launching event June 11th 2019

WG 1 COME TOGETHER	WG 2 REACH OUT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join the Collaborative Initiative • Determine further its governance structure • Show the necessity to work collaboratively with narratives • Publish proven success and impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share resources with other roundtables and platforms • European and global lobby, collaboratively, for systemic policy changes • Engage jurisdictions to promote conversion-free, integrated area approaches.
WG 3 ENGAGE	WG 4 MAKE IT PRACTICAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With a clear understanding of embedded soy • Drive a pull market with frontrunners • Facilitate access to capital with the finance sector • Channel money towards zero deforestation and zero conversion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical step for scaling up deforestation/conversion free soy • Assess with existing monitoring systems • Create synergies between actors working on area/jurisdictional approach • More awareness for existing global mapping tools