



FSC® project certification

Certify your use of responsible timber in construction

Project certification helps you to demonstrate that your construction project supports sustainable forest management through use of certified timber.

Sustainability is a key theme in construction, and timber is gaining ground as a climate-conscious choice of building material. Architects and developers are increasingly aware of the options for using wood materials in modern and eco-friendly building design. This naturally leads to increased focus on the responsible origin of the timber.

What is project certification?

You can FSC certify your project under FSC's special chain of custody requirements for single construction projects. Any type and size of project may be certified, from a TV set to a large-scale housing complex.

There are two types of project certification:

- ✓ **Full project certification**, where all wood-based material used for construction is either FSC certified or post-consumer reclaimed material.
- ✓ **Partial project certification**, where only certain parts of the timber used for construction are eligible for FSC certification. This might apply to, for example, doors, windows, or staircases.

Why choose FSC project certification?

FSC is widely recognised as a credible scheme that provides assurance for responsible timber. FSC project certification is a good choice if you wish to demonstrate to your clients, investors and the wider society that you are serious about responsible timber sourcing.

In addition, you will gain the opportunity to:

- ✓ Document the share of certified timber used for a construction project, in support of the world's forests.
- ✓ Communicate in public about your use of certified timber.
- ✓ Use FSC's logo and trademarks throughout the project and as long as the construction exists.



Knowing that the material is sustainable adds an extra quality dimension on top of stylish design, modern architecture and good craftsmanship. An FSC certified project helps you to tell a good story about the construction.



Who owns the project certificate?

The certificate is issued for the project via the project manager, who is responsible for ensuring that the project follows FSC's requirements. The project manager may be a construction company or developer, and may be a company or an individual person.

Suppliers of FSC certified timber used for the project are included as "project members". The project manager ensures that the project members meet FSC's requirements.



Project certification in brief

1. In dialogue with NEPCon, you decide on the scope of the project certificate. We assign a NEPCon contact person for your organisation.
2. You provide instructions and training to all suppliers of FSC-input material for the project, explaining how to handle certified material.
3. At project start, we conduct an audit to verify that you have adequate systems in place to ensure traceability of the FSC material. If we approve your project, you will gain access to use of FSC's logo and trademarks in promoting the project.
4. At the end of the project, we conduct a second audit and prepare a report.
5. Based on a positive result, we issue an FSC project certificate. The certificate remains valid as long as the construction exists. However, significant reconstruction requires a new certificate.

We are experts on responsible timber

NEPCon is an international non-profit organisation working to mainstream sustainability. We do this through development projects, and by helping companies to take responsible approaches to their impact on the world's forests and climate.

As a seasoned FSC certification body working across more than 20 countries, we are specialists in FSC certification. Many of our customers are suppliers to the construction industry.

Green services for the construction sector

Beyond FSC certification, we can also PEFC certify your project. You can also have your project certified according to both schemes.

In addition, we are experts on timber legality and help companies to tackle their obligations under the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR). If you import timber or timber products from countries outside of the EU, it may be relevant for you to understand the EUTR and how you can meet its requirements for due diligence.

In addition, we can help you to take a systematic approach to climate impact mitigation, so that you can effectively measure and reduce your carbon footprint.

Contact

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