

<b>Donor country</b> European Union
<b>Project/programme title</b> Improving the productivity of SME's in the industrial forestry sector, 2004 Argentina
<b>Project duration</b> 48 months
<b>EC contribution to Project budget</b> €3.8 million
<b>Main proposer</b> Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Alimentos. (SAGPyA)
<b>Technology transfer element</b> <p>This Project aims to provide the technical assistance, capacity building and equipment needed to improve the competitiveness, environmental performance and skills base of companies operating in the forestry sector. These objectives are all targeting an improvement of the standing of Argentinean companies in the international market and are complemented by a certification scheme. In order to achieve these objectives, the following measures were put in place: y Improve the competitiveness of the small and medium enterprises. Strengthening of relevant institutions and technological centers. Developing the professional bodies and associations. Implementation of a certification system for forest products and the encouragement of sustainable practices.</p>