



Common Code for the Coffee Community

Milestones of the initiative from 2002 up to now

October 2006	8th Steering Committee Meeting
May 2006	Expert Working Group meeting on Communication
April 2006	Dissemination workshops and information activities in Peru, Vietnam and Bolivia
March 2006	7th Steering Committee Meeting, Egmond aan Zee, The Netherlands Decision upon the future operational and governance system, membership and fee structure, verification structure and future role of the 4C Support Component. Way forward for operationalization of 4C still in 2006.
March 2006	2nd Meeting of the Support Platform, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Discussion on integration, application and delivery of 4C Support Services in practice.
January 2006	Expert working group meeting, Geneva, Switzerland. Discussion on the governance and operational system, institutional set-up with the Management Unit.
November 2005	Dissemination and consultative workshops in Kenya, Ecuador, India, Costa Rica, Indonesia.
October 2005	1st Meeting of the Support Platform, Bonn, Germany Focus on the analysis of existing knowledge and tools and facilitation of the exchange of lessons learnt.
September 2005	6th Steering Committee Meeting, Salvador de Bahía, Brazil Discussion on verification system, benchmarking, membership structure, terms and guidelines for the different 4C components. Decision to create the 4C Support Platform , offering a learning network and promoting sustainable practices and relevant tools. The role of producers is emphasized. Agreement on the Rules of Participation , the 4C Code of Conduct for Trade and Industry.
August 2005	Workshop and dissemination activity at Cenicafé, Colombia
July 2005	Meeting with key stakeholders of Brazilian coffee sector, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
April 2005	5th Steering Committee Meeting, Arusha, Tanzania Discussion on the Rules of Participation, the Support Component, the approach to Antitrust authorities and the operational and governance structure.
February 2005	Dissemination workshop in Livingstone, Zambia Presentation and discussion of the concept with local stakeholders and members of the Management Unit.



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January 2005	Start of the 2nd project phase Objectives: finalization of the concept and testing of the code on field level. Partners of the 2 nd phase: European Coffee Federation 4C group, funded by ECF, and GTZ commissioned by BMZ and SECO.
September 2004	4th meeting of the Steering Committee in Hamburg, Germany. Agreement on a draft of the 4C Code Matrix. Discussion on the Rules of Participation, with which Trade and Industry commit themselves to support the 4C concept. Agreement upon the list of Unacceptable Practices as basis of the Code. Decision to test Code in pilot projects. Presentation of the finalized document at an international press conference.
June/August 2004	Third series of Expert Working Group Meetings on the Social, Environmental and Economic Dimension
May 2004	3rd meeting of the Steering Committee, Bad Soden, Germany. Continuation of the formulation of the 4C Code and the setup of the project. Implementation of the concept of continuous improvement and the focus on mainstream applicability.
November/ December 2003	Second series of Expert Working Group Meetings on the Social, Environmental and Economic Dimension.
September 2003	2nd meeting of the Steering Committee, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia Mandate to the three Expert Working Groups to elaborate a code with suitable criteria for mainstream sustainability. Decision to implement pilot projects with support of individual partners, combined with capacity building activities.
May 2003	1st series of Expert Working Group Meetings on the Social, Environmental and Economic Dimension Constituent meeting of the 4C Steering Committee, London, UK.
January 2003	Start of the 1st project phase Project partners in the first phase: the German Coffee Association (DKV) and the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
September 2002	Presentation of the initiative to the International Coffee Organization (ICO) in London by Dr. Uschi Eid (German Parliamentary Secretary of State).