Annex 1: Interview questions

The interview questions are structured according to the working definition of "Implementing criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management" (see Box 1), which was developed to be used during the project:

Box.1 Working definition of Implementing criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management

Use the pan- European criteria and indicator set, or a national set derived from it, and specifically the information structured according to it, to achieve one or more of the following applications:

A. Provide a framework for dialogue and communication between policy makers, inside and outside the forest sector, and other relevant stakeholders, on SFM and forest policy development
B. Monitor and report on the state and trends of the forest sector
C. Assess progress towards sustainable forest management and identify emerging issues
D. Formulate, implement, monitor and evaluate national or sub-national forest programmes, policies and/or plans
E. Provide information and/or assessment to indicator sets outside the forest sector e.g. for sustainable development or biodiversity, or the forest sector in other regions e.g. Montréal Process

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1. Would you agree to include your contact details in our web C&I for SFM expert network[1]? (*Optional*)

2. In which stakeholder category would you place yourself?

International organisation	Forest administration (forest agency, extension services)
Research/Academia	Land owner/forest manager
Non-governmental organisation	Forest industry
Policy maker	Other (please specify)

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[1] The web **C&I for SFM expert network** will be established as a part of a networking and web platform on C&I for SFM. The platform has the objectives to facilitate information exchange on the key issues and developments related to the pan-European C&I for SFM. For more information, please go to: http://ci-sfm.org/.

3. Which of the following categories best describe your experience with the pan-European C&I for SFM?

	Pan-European level	National level	Sub-national level
Development of C&I for SFM set			
As a framework for dialogue and communication			
As a tool for monitoring and reporting on the trends and state of the forest sector			
As a tool to assess progress towards SFM and indentify emerging issues			
As a tool for formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation national or sub-national forest programmes, policies and/or plans			
As a tool to provide information/or assessment to indicator sets outside the forest sector			
Research, modelling, outlook studies, impact assessments			
Certification			
Further development of the pan-European C&I for SFM			
Other regional C&I for SFM processes			
I am familiar with the pan-European C&I for SFM			
Other (please specify)			

4. According to your experience, has the pan-European C&I set been <u>useful*</u> to achieve one or more of the applications defined in our working definition?

Please elaborate your answer and set a rating for each of the applications:

The pan-European C&I for SFM applications	Rating			
A	1. Yes	2. rather Yes	3. rather No	4. No
B	1. Yes	2. rather Yes	3. rather No	4. No
C	1. Yes	2. rather Yes	3. rather No	4. No
D	1. Yes	2. rather Yes	3. rather No	4. No
E	1. Yes	2. rather Yes	3. rather No	4. No

*To be considered useful, the C&I for SFM have to be **relevant**, **valid**, **easily understandable**, **cost-effective**, and **easy to measure**.

5. How would you evaluate the impact of the pan-European C&I set on the following aspects? Please set a ranking [between 0 (not at all), 1 (very low), low (2), moderate (3), high (4), and 5 (very high)] and elaborate your answer.

    A. Increased awareness and political commitment to SFM

    B. Stimulating/assisting discussions/negotiations about SFM

    C. Monitoring on the changes and trends of the forest sector

    D. Reporting on the changes and trends of the forest sector

    E. Assessing progress towards SFM

    F. Identification of emerging threats and weaknesses

    G. Decision-making processes

    H. National or sub-national forest policies, programmes and laws

    I. Indicator sets outside the forest sector e.g. for sustainable development or biodiversity, or the forest sector in other regions e.g. Montréal process

    J. Forest management practices at forest management unit level

    K. Strategic planning of public forestry organisations (orientation of activities)

    L. Public/stakeholder participation

    M. Research, modelling, outlook studies, impact assessments

    N. Other (please specify)

6. Can you think of any factors (supporting and/or hampering) that influence the implementation of the pan-European C&I for SFM at pan-European and/or national level? Please elaborate your answer in general and/or for one or more of the applications defined in our working definition.

The pan-European C&I for SFM Applications	Factor	Supporting (+)/Hampering (-)	Level (pan-European, national, or sub-national)
A			
B			
C			
D			
E			
The pan-European C&I for SFM in general			

7. Can you think of three (3) major activities/means that could strengthen the implementation of the pan-European C&I for SFM? Please elaborate your answer in general and/or for one or more of the applications defined in our working definition.

The pan-European C&I for SFM Applications	Activities/Means	Level (pan-European, national or sub-national)
A		
B		
C		
D		
E		
The pan-European C&I for SFM in general		

8. In your opinion, are any changes in the structure and content of the pan-European C&I set necessary to ease the further implementation? Please elaborate your answer in relation to one or more of the following:

    A. Relevance- applicability/reflecting important issues/aspects
    B. Validity – measure what they contend to measure
    C. Practical – affordable and available
    D. Clarity – understandable, easily interpreted
    E. Completeness - add/remove indicators
    F. Other (please specify)

9. What do you think about the clarity of the relevant MCPFE (Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe) resolutions and decisions on C&I for SFM?

10. How do you see the visibility (publicity and awareness) of the relevant MCPFE resolutions and decisions on C&I for SFM ?

11. Would you add another application to the working definition on "implementing C&I for SFM" being used for this project (Annex 2)? Do you have any other comments or proposed changes?

12. What topics would you like to see discussed at the C&I for SFM regional workshops[2]?

13. Is there anything you would like to add to the topic?

14. Who else do you think we might interview?

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[2] Regional C&I for SFM workshops will be organised in order to help increasing awareness at the national and sub-national level about the development and use of C&I for SFM, and facilitate exchange about relevant experiences.