Expert Group to propose improvements in tools for sustainable forest management

Madrid, Spain 26 November 2012
Objectives

- Analyse the implementation of C&I for SFM in the 46 signatory states of the FOREST EUROPE process and

- Strengthen the process and the use of C&I, not only as a tool for monitoring and reporting, but also for policy making at national and European level
Building partnerships
WP1: Project management

WP2: State of the Art
WP3: National Assessments
WP4: Regional Workshops
WP5: pan-European Workshop
WP6: Final report and Recommendations
WP7: Networking and web platform
To provide a comprehensive overview of the current situation and resulting challenges for implementing criteria and indicators (C&I) for sustainable forest management (SFM) in Europe.
Working definition of "Implementing C&I for SFM"

1. 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.
2. **Monitor and report** on the state and trends of the forest sector.
3. **Assess progress** towards sustainable forest management and identify emerging issues.
4. Formulate, implement, monitor and evaluate **national or subnational forest programmes**, policies and/or plans.
5. 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.
Expert interviews

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WP3: National Assessments

- Gather first hand information from the 46 signatory states, including sub-national level in Belgium, Germany and Spain
- Explore alternative national applications
- Facilitate national level discussions
- Not to duplicate efforts (e.g. SoEFR), but to complement the available data
62 contributing national experts...

...from 29 signatories
WP4: Regional Workshops

- Highlight specific, regional issues related to the implementation
- Stimulate dialog on implementation of C&I
- Regional events are planned between March-May 2013
- Three events are scheduled:
  • 26-27 March, Zagreb - Western Balkans
  • 23-24 April, Budapest - Central and South-Eastern Europe
  • 20-21 May, Lisbon - Western Europe
- One additional event is in the pipeline
WP5: pan-European Workshop

- Present the outcomes and the results of the project
- Joint planning and implementation of the conference
- Preliminary scheduled for October 2013 in Vienna
- Final report will include recommendations on C&I further development and implementation
- Final report is planned to be released in **November 2013**

WP6: Final report and Recommendations
WP7: Networking and web platform

- Information dissemination
- Events, proceedings and project documents
- Expert directory
- Link other C&I related initiatives
Timeline

- 2011 Nov – Kick-Off and initiate WP2
- 2012 Apr – Prepare the National Assessments (WP3)
- 2012 June – Approach the signatory states (WP3)
- 2012 July/October – Expert interviews (WP2)
- 2012 Nov/2013 Feb – Information analysis (WP2-3)
- 2013 Mar/May – Regional workshops (WP4)
- 2013 July – Release the draft report ((WP2)
- 2013 Oct – pan-European Workshop (WP5)
- 2013 November – Final report (WP6)
Thank you for your attention!

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