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C&I implementation at Sub-National level case study: Italy

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Forest sector in Italy

Administrative decentralization of Forest sector

The first National forest programme has been established in 2009

19 Regions (15+4) + 2 autonomous Provinces

Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies

Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea

Legend

Italian Administration

- Ordinary Region
- Autonomous Region
- Autonomous Province
Methodological approach

January
- Sent the enquiries

February
- Sent the reminder
- Start with phone calls

March
- Collect the answers
- Data extraction

April
- Data elaboration

50 Enquiries have been sent

1 Enquiry came back filled out

15 Enquiries came back filled out

- no opinion
- not at all
- minor extent
- moderate extent
- great extent
C&I implementation in Italy

Sub-national C&I set in Italy

16 Enquiries filled out

14 Regions
2 Provinces

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Sub-national C&I set existing
Based on PE set
- Yes
- Partially
- PEFC
- No
- Planning

Veneto PEFC
Friuli Venezia Giulia PEFC
Campania PE at Criteria level; Standard for Appennine and Mediterranean (SAM) forests
C&I implementation in Italy

Framework for dialogue and communication

Respondents use C&I to support forest policy and decision makers to a great extent (20%), and a moderate extend (37%).

The use of C&I set for dialogue and communication is still limited, both within and without forest sector.

C&I set is seen as a tool for communication between researchers and with general public.
C&I implementation in Italy

Monitoring and reporting

C&I set is considered of great help for monitoring and reporting on the state and trends of forests

Providing information for SoEF
In Italy the National Forest Services, which manages the NFI at national level, was involved in the provision of information for SoEF.
C&I implementation in Italy

Assess progress towards SFM

Great extent in the Regions which have adopted the PEFC.
Not used at all in most of the other Regions

C&I set is used as tool to identify emerging issues in many Regions (55%).
**C&I implementation in Italy**

**Formulate Sub-national forest policies and instruments**

Forest policies and instruments are different between the regions.

3 Regions use C&I set to formulate, monitor, implement and evaluate forest programmes and plans; Other regions use C&I only in some context.

There is broad agreement among the responders that C&I can be of great help to formulate Sub-national forest policies and instruments.
Conclusion

**Weaknesses**

- C&I implementation in Italy remains a **complex issue**;
- The *knowledge* of C&I set is still limited;
- Forest policies and instruments are different among the regions;
- Lack of communication between the responsible institutions within and outside the forest sector, as well as among different administrative levels (National and sub-National);
- Often the C&I set is seen as simple tool for communication between scientific community and other forest stakeholders

**Strengths**

- Acknowledgement of the important role of C&I set for supporting forest decision makers
- One emerging issue from the survey is the need to develop new indicators in order to assess and improve the forest management of coppice forests which are very common in Italy
Thank you!

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