

## Implementing C&I for SFM in Europe

### Kick –off meeting

### Meeting minutes

Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz (BMVEL)

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### Participants in the meeting: the project team and BMVEL representatives

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- I. **Introductory part:** Mathias Schwoerer and Thorsten Hinrichs (welcome words, concerns about the delay of the project)
  
- II. **The C&I project and the FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference in 2014**
  - How to link the project to Forest Europe? How to feed in the results into the preparations for the next FOREST EUROPE conference?

The C&I project as a preparatory project of the FOREST EUROPE Working Programme (See paragraphs below from the draft work programme activities):

### Expert group to propose improvements in tools for sustainable forest management

*A group of experts should explore improvements in sustainable forest management guidelines and other existing tools, to better serve new knowledge and emerging issues, e.g. legality issues. The work should build on former and on-going work (e.g. the working group on sustainability criteria and the EFI project on implementation of criteria and indicators) and take into account experiences from preparation of the State of Europe's Forests 2011, including the sustainability assessment and the pilot reporting by European Forest Types .*

*A roundtable (**before the ELM 2013, first half of 2013**) should be called to explore proposals for improvements in Sustainable Forest Management guidelines and other tools, to be brought to the Expert Level Meeting (ELM) dedicated to consolidated pan-European policies and tools, including legislation and National Forest Programmes, for sustainable forest management, cf. next activity (Draft Work Programme, 2012).*

If the results from the C&I project to be integrated and presented on the next FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conference, **the project must be finalized by the end of 2013**, at least most of the work. Interim results need to be ready in order to be included in the preparations for the FOREST EUROPE conference in Madrid (6 months before the Ministerial Conference event). Consider two types of results: a. from investigation and analysis, and b. recommendations .

**Proposal:** A second roundtable (particularly on C&I for SFM) to be organized in the second half of 2013 in combination with the Pan-European Conference on C&I implementation!

Fig.1 Time line of project work packages (to be adjusted accordingly)

Year	2011			2012												2013												2014			
Month	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
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### III. The C&I project and the FOREST EUROPE ELM in Madrid ( 14-15 February, 2012)

The project leader (Hubert Inhaizer) will present and announce the launch of the project (support to the FOREST EUROPE Work Programme activities-see Hubert ´s Presentation)

### IV. The project team, external senior experts and the Advisory Group members

- Project team set up
- External senior experts ( already contacted by Andreas and Hubert):
  - Prof. Dr. Michael Köhl (University of Hamburg)
  - Prof. Dr. Jari Parviainen (METLA Joensuu, Finland)
- Advisory group members: the external senior experts + Roman Michalak (UNECE/FAO), Matthias Schwoerer (BMVEL) and Myriam Martín (FOREST EUROPE LU) – Hubert will talk with her during the ELM in Madrid

### V. Project implementation

#### WP2: progress in literature review (Tanya´s presentation on WP2 activities)

- 7 major topics identified, first and most important what is C&I implementation (analyzing various C&I functions at the different levels) – theoretical framework; **MCPFE**

**documents** on C&I implementation- for monitoring, assessing and reporting and for policy formulation; **C&I for SFM at national level vs their use at FMU level;**

- Analyse C&I uses at pan-European and national level, what about the FMU level? WP3 enquiry- simple, but requires sophisticated thinking
- Linkages of the pan-European C&I to other regional processes ( The Montreal process have met last week in Japan, search for outcomes)
- C&I for SFM and indicator sets from other sectors (biodiversity indicators, EEA indicators)- C&I for SFM quite good, comprehensive, coherent ; building contacts and initiate a constructive dialogue with respective experts at EEA is of importance for our project (proper contacts need to be identified: it is most likely Annemarie Bastrup-Birk, Project Manager (Forests and Environment) at EEA) .

### **WP3: National reporting and assessments (Hubert Inhaizer)**

- Elaboration of the enquiry in collaboration with the Advisory Group; input from WP2
- Full assessment (aiming for all pan-European signatory states)- best practices to be selected and to find out which countries do not implement C&I and why ( e.g. Eastern European countries more problematic and more challenging to investigate, but of great importance)
- Options of METLA joining the project e.g. with input to WP3 , are currently being investigated by the project leader (first contacts and discussions have already taken place in Joensuu with Jari Parviainen and Markus Lier)
- Fund raising options by FAO in Budapest are also currently being explored by the project leader (first contacts are made and discussions are already taking place) – Hubert visited the FAO office last week; FAO interested in supporting the project and add then an activity to their work programme 2012/13. Task: Support to initiating targeted workshops in different eastern European regions.

**WP4: Regional workshops** must take place before the ELM 2013 (proposed for spring of 2013)

**WP5: The pan-European Conference** will take place in the second half of 2013 together with a second roundtable (See proposal, p.2)

**WP7: C&I information platform:** how to organize it, input from WP2, links to the EFI policy portal; drafting portal structure and type of contents will start during February 2012

## VI. Next meetings and events

Meeting	Time and location	Project team presented
FOREST EUROPE Expert Level Meeting	14-15 February 2012 (Madrid, Spain)	Hubert Inhaizer
First session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Legally Binding Agreement on Forests in Europe	27 February - 2 March 2012 (Vienna, Austria)	Hubert Inhaizer
UNECE/FAO Team of Specialists on monitoring of sustainable forest management (core group meeting)	21-22 February 2012 (Geneva, Switzerland)	Andreas Schuck (will meet Jari Parvianinen, Roman Michalak)
EFICIENT-OEF Advisory Group meeting	28 February (Nancy, France) <b>Side-event: meeting on C&amp;I on 29 February</b>	(Andreas Schuck) Kit Prins and Tanya Baycheva
Project team meeting ( online conference meeting )	March date?	Hubert Inhaizer, Kit Prins, Tanya Baycheva, Paul Rougieux
First Joint Advisory Group and Team Meeting	March or early April? date?	Matthias Schwörer, Roman Michalak, Myriam Martín, Jari Parviainen, Michael Köhl Project team