



*Implementing criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management*

*Regional Workshop in*

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### **Concept Note**

Criteria and indicators (C&I) have emerged as a powerful tool to promote sustainable forest management (SFM). Since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, several different international processes and initiatives have developed C&I as a policy instrument. For the European forest sector, the FOREST EUROPE process has adopted a [pan-European C&I set](#) which is already in place since 10 years. The FOREST EUROPE also provided the structure for the State of Europe's Forest Reports in 2003, 2007 and 2011. It also provided a basis for regional and national policy formulation, analysis and monitoring. However, the picture of how this pan-European C&I set has been implemented remains rather vague. The "[Implementing criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management](#)" project (CI-SFM) aims to fill this gap.

In 2012, the Project Team worked with FOREST EUROPE signatory states and interviewed experts to gather first-hand information on C&I implementation. Following this phase of extensive data collection, a series of workshops will take place in the spring of 2013 to provide platforms for discussion on the pan-European C&I set.

The workshops aim to:

- define and understand the various aspects of the implementation of both criteria and indicators at national and regional levels;
- share experiences about national applications and identify common regional issues;
- propose recommendations on fostering C&I implementation at national and pan-European levels

The workshop outcomes will support the work of the FOREST EUROPE "Expert Group to Propose Improvements in Tools for SFM" and will be considered during the preparations for the CI-SFM pan-European Forum on C&I implementation.

For registration and practical information, please visit the [CI-SFM project's website](#).