



# **ACTION C1-GV-15(IT)**

## *QUALITY AND EXPERTISE WITHIN GROUND VEGETATION ASSESSMENTS*

### ***Indicators of progress:***

- Submission of information on national methods
- Intercalibration courses conducted and evaluated
- Updated version of manual for GV monitoring





# Questionnaire



May 2009

**Filled by** (February 2010)

30 Beneficiaries (out of former 35) + 3 non FutMon Countries

## First evaluation

- Information on national methods



ICP-Forests

- Needs for harmonisation & QA/QC



GV Manual updating

(ex.: 6-7 techniques; Manual & field controls in 4 cases only)

- Missing, uncertain, incoherent answers

- Unclear questions to be reformulated

- Further details needed

Including addenda (schemes, descriptions, etc.)



second round to



specific relevant



persons (running)





# Trans-national training and inter-comparison course

July 20-23, 2009 Pian Cansiglio, Italy

**Field exercises:** herb layer vascular plants (specific cover)

- National/Regional sampling methods and design
- Common method and design

## First evaluation

1) differences between Countries  $\Rightarrow$  sources of error  $\approx$  10%:

Country methods (observer+methods) —

Common method (observer) =

method ( $\approx$  5%)

2) range of comparability

(e.g.: data distribution vs. reference standard)

3) standard of Accuracy

(provisional reference, continuous process)

4) baseline common minimum method

$\Rightarrow$  ICP-Forests  
GV Manual

$\Rightarrow$  updating

consulting &

$\Rightarrow$  National QA/QC



## Consulting & expertise

### »»» QA/QC at National level

*Guidelines for National Training and Calibration Courses on GV Assessments* (delivered)  
(from National Field Manual to field exercises)

### »»» Updating process of the GV Manual

*Draft updated version of manual* (delivered)  
(harmonised definitions, procedure for species code list, QA/QC issues, example NCC and field controls. EP scarce participation)

### »»» Action urged.....

soliciting Q actions at Country level (running, weak reaction)  
contribution to NCC Slovakia (Erasmus stage & placement progr)

