Prioritisation of issues

- ISSUE 1: CONNECTIVITY AND FRAGMENTATION
- ISSUE 2: CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES
- ISSUE 3: FOREST MANAGEMENT OPTIONS
- ISSUE 4: FINANCING MECHANISMS

Priority ranking in the Group: 2-3-4 (but 1 to be integrated in 2 and 3)



Conservation status assessments and conservation objectives			
Action	Outputs / mechanisms	Who	When / where
Actions on clarification of conservatio n objectives and translation into silvicultural practices	Preparatory work (assessment of conservation status, methods for setting CO at site level)	MS and NGOs collect and transmit; EC contractor starts compiling	2014 (exact timeline tbd)
	Workshop (outcomes of preparatory work, draft recommendations, input for guidance)	Host MS to be identified, preferably authority; support by scientific actors, BIOSA, PRO SILVA, EHF, N2000 users Forum	2014 (exact timeline tbd); location dependent on host MS
	Guidance (good practices and recommendations on 1/ assessment of conservation status, 2/methods for setting CO at site level)	MS + scientific institute, assisted by experts, EC	2015



Different forest management options and instruments			
Action	Outputs / mechanisms	Who	When / where
Actions on investigating pro's and con's of different sustainable forest management options, management schemes and conservation measures	Preparatory work (best practice on how to achieve FCS, integrated management instruments, socio-economic costs and benefits, effectiveness of measures)	MS and NGOs collect and transmit; EC contractor starts compiling	2014 (exact timeline tbd)
	Workshop (outcomes of preparatory work, draft recommendations, input for guidance)	Host MS to be identified, preferably authority; support by BIOSA, PRO SILVA, EHF, N2000 users Forum, scientists	2014 (exact timeline tbd); location dependent on host MS
	Guidance (management options, step-by-step approach on socio-economic assessments, good practices, recommendations)	MS + institutes, assisted by experts, NGOs, EC	2015



Funding of Alpine N2000 forests conservation and restoration			
Action	Outputs / mechanisms	Who	When / where
Actions to improve financing for restoring and protecting Alpine forests	Preparatory work (optimised use of diverse EU Structural Funds, innovative funding mechanisms)	MS and NGOs collect and transmit; EC contractor starts compiling	2014 (exact timeline tbd)
	Workshop (outcomes of preparatory work, draft recommendations, input for guidance)	Host MS to be identified, preferably authority; support by BIOSA, EHF?, N2000 users Forum, EC (link to EC expert groups)	2014 (exact timeline tbd); location dependent on host MS
	Guidance (improving uptake available funding, how to apply innovative funding)	MS + institutes, assisted by experts, NGOs, EC	2015

