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## **FOREWORD**

This document provides all related information and description of the methods, means, tools and practical guidelines regarding the coordination, management, communication and quality control of the BIOPROSPECT project.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Assessing the key aspects of interaction between stakeholders and ecosystems, such as the protected forested ecosystems (D.3.6.1a), is one of the first and key actions of WP3-Tool box for the economic valuation and sustainable capitalization of biodiversity-ecosystem services. D.3.6.1a provides guidance for the identification and categorization of stakeholders and their interactions between them and the ecosystem based on the available scientific knowledge. D.3.6.1a also provides the basis to build the engagement guidelines for stakeholders (D.3.6.1b).

Section 1 (Introduction): In Section 1, the central aim and specific objectives of the project are briefly described and the terms “forested ecosystem”, “ecosystem services” and “stakeholders” are carefully defined and described. The reasons behind the need for assessing the interactions between the stakeholders and forested ecosystems are briefly discussed and the methodology for stakeholder analysis is introduced.

Section 2 (Stakeholder Analysis): In Section 2, the stakeholder analysis framework is defined based on an extensive literature review. Stakeholder analysis steps, relevant tools and approaches are described towards stakeholder identification, differentiation between and categorization of stakeholders, stakeholder relationships, and issues to consider during stakeholder analysis are selectively given.

Section 3 (Case studies): In Section 3, case studies of the use of stakeholder analysis in identifying, differentiating, categorizing, analyzing the relationships between stakeholders and the importance of stakeholder analysis in ecosystem management and ecosystem services research are given.

Section 4 (Outcomes & Further Steps): In Section 4, the general outcomes and further steps in the procedure of stakeholder involvement are briefly discussed.