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Hi Ciaran, Marie, Anne,

Please see below.

Was it your understanding from the last meeting of WG3 and the presentation by Auxilia Consultants (and Forestry Services Ltd and Western Forestry Coop etc.) that it was their intention / they wanted their survey to be -

- a. Completed by the representative body of the profession being canvassed, that body having itself consulted with its membership and in particular members actively working in the forestry sector; or
- b. Completed by the individual members of the profession being canvassed, irrespective of whether those members were actively working in the forestry sector or not?

Regards,

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Dear member,

Please see below a survey from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) targeted at Ecologists and Archaeologists in relation to the forestry licencing system. In June this year DAFM awarded a contract to a team comprising Auxilia Consultants, Forestry Services Ltd and Western Forestry Coop to undertake a training needs analysis (TNA) around the licencing process for afforestation, forest roads and tree felling and also the Native Woodland Conservation Scheme application process. As the the Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland is listed as one of the stakeholders the membership have been invited to complete the below survey.

Kind regards



Ecologists/Archaeologists Survey

In June of this year, DAFM awarded a contract to a team comprising Auxilia Consultants, Forestry Services Ltd and Western Forestry Coop to undertake a training needs analysis (TNA) around the licencing process for afforestation, forest roads and tree felling and the application process for the Native Woodland Conservation Scheme (NWCS).

The target groups for this TNA are (a) foresters, (b) forest owners, (c) ecologists and (d) archaeologists. The main task involves identifying what training is currently provided in the sector, assessing any training gaps and obtaining views on training and training opportunities from the four target groups. As part of this work we are conducting a survey seeking your input regarding:-

Your understanding of the application and licensing process

The areas / topics where you believe that training is required;

The design of training to provide clear guidance and a shared understanding of processes involved in licensing of afforestation, roads and felling and the NWCS application process;

The types of training that will be most appropriate, e.g., face-to-face, on-site, online, e-learning and blended approaches, according to needs;

The effectiveness of how DAFM communicates through its guidance documents, circulars and the DAFM website and how this might be improved;

Based on the survey findings and on discussions with the stakeholder representative organisations, we will develop a comprehensive series of recommendations for training to support a common understanding of the application and licensing process and the submission of high quality applications resulting in speedier approvals and licensing.

The closing date for the survey is Friday 19th August. If you have any questions in relation to the TNA or require clarification on any of the points above, you can contact Henry Phillips (mobile 087 2808921 email hprphillips@gmail.com)

[Begin Survey](#)

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