

Assessment form for MC members to aid in objective assessments:

Answers: "yes" and "no" applies to the first question only; if "no", the applicant has to be notified that his/her application has to be withdrawn and renewed after taking care of following the COST - STSM rules.

For all other answers, evaluators should give points, ranging from "high" or "very good" with three points to "low" or "unsuitable" with zero points. Point 4: Points should be awarded to a) and b) and the sum of both multiplied by 0.5; remarks can, but must not, be put in to explain an evaluators' decision, or to propose improvements (e.g. host, methods).

(White cells should be filled, grey cells should not be filled.)

	Yes/high (3)	High – med. (2)	Medium (1)	No/low (0)	Remarks/ recommendations
Formalistic criteria					
1. COST - STSM rules (Vad. B) and criteria fulfilled?					
Quality of R&D topic					
1. Topic new/original/timely?					
2. Contribution to biochar understanding & -technology?					
3. Appropriate methods?					
4. Excellence & suitability of a) the applicants' background b) the hosts' institutions?					
Working plan & time schedule					
5. Work plan & time schedule realistic?					
6. Costs applied for realistic & justified?					
<i>Sum of points achieved (maximum 18 points):</i>					