

# *EuroCoppice*

Innovative management and multifunctional utilization of traditional coppice forests - an answer to future ecological, economic and social challenges in the European forestry sector

**WG 2 & 4 Meeting in Brno, CZ**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

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Organization: Alicia Unrau

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# Agenda

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1. Welcome → Participants, Management, Coppice Conference
2. Agenda → Modifications and/or approval
3. Formalities → Participant List & Travel Reimbursement
4. Update status quo → New Member, Publications, Grant Period 2
5. Ongoing activities → STSMs, Website, Publications
6. Upcoming activities → TS, Reporting, Meetings, Glossary, Progress
7. Any other business → Anything to add?

# Welcome to the WG 2 & 4 Meeting of FP 1301 EuroCoppice in Brno

**Radomir – Thank you for hosting us!**

**Participants // New FP1301 Management // Participation in Coppice Conference**



# 2. Agenda

<b>08.04.</b>	9:00 - 10:00 10:00 - 12:00 Lunch 13:00 -16:30 (14:00-15:00) 17:00 17:30	Welcome and all participants meeting WG Meetings (separate groups) WG meetings (separate groups) (Parallel: Steering Group meeting) Departure from Křtiny Arrival to Brno
<b>09.04</b>	08:30 - 9:30 (9:00-10:00) 10:00-11:00 12:00 Lunch 14:00... & 10.-12.04	WG meetings (separate groups) (Parallel: Steering Group Meeting if needed) Reporting from WGs: All participant Meeting ----End of Meeting----  <u>Coppice Conference</u>

# 3. Formalities

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## Participant List

- Please sign the Attendance List today and tomorrow

## TRR (Travel Reimbursement Request)

- Upload invoices & tickets in e-COST
- Original and signed TRRs (hardcopy, ie. paper form);
  - Hand in to Alicia Unrau if you have it with you, or
  - Send via post to Alicia immediately following the meeting
- The sooner we receive the documents, the sooner you can be reimbursed!

# 3. Formalities cont.

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Ms Alicia Unrau Logged in as GH Manager/Administrator Log Out

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## Invitation to COST Event

Ms Alicia Unrau

### Meeting Details

Meeting ID	ECOST-MEETING-FP1301-080415-055873
Title	Silvicultural aspects of European coppice management (WG2) Nature protective functions of coppice forests in Europe (WG 4)
Start Date	2015/04/08
End Date	2015/04/09
Location	To Be Determined, Brno, Czech Republic

**Link to Reimbursement Instructions & Rules**

Step 1/5 Invitation : Accepted

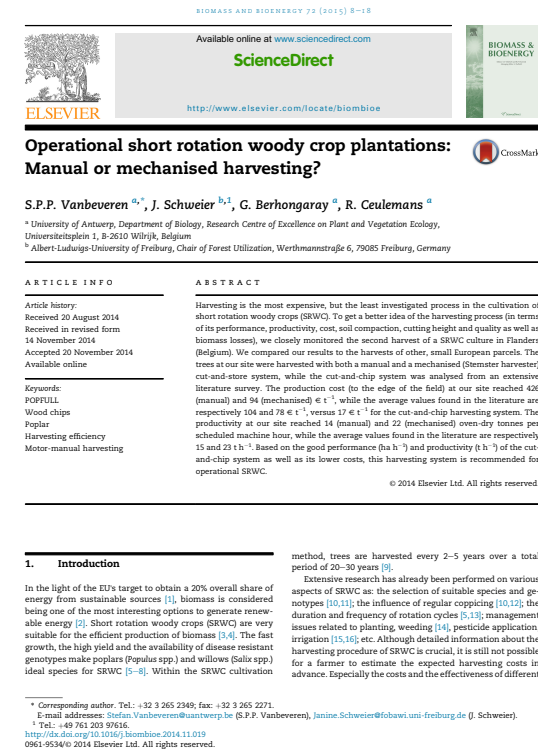
Step 2/5 Reimbursement : Yes

If you decided to NOT submit a claim, please click the 'No' button above.

Step 3/5 Travel information and Expenses  
Please read carefully the [Travel Reimbursement Request \(TRR\) Rules](#) before completing your expenses.

# 4. Update status quo (I)

- **New Member: Request from Israel was approved**  
Ben-Gurion University;  
Orna Reisman-Berman
- **Publication in Biomass & Bioenergy**  
Vanbeverem, S. P. P., Schweier, J., Berhongaray, G., & Ceulemans, R. (2015). Operational short rotation woody crop plantations: Manual or mechanised harvesting?. *Biomass and Bioenergy*, 72, 8-18.



# 4. Update status quo (II) GP2

*Grant Period 2 began with changes due to e-COST & H2020 and a forced budget cut*

## Work- and budget plan of Scientific Expenditures

	Spent in Grant Period 1	Plan for Grant Period 2	Difference GP2-GP1
<b>Meetings</b>	115.868,69 €	112.460,00 €	-3.408,69 €
<b>Training Schools</b>	17.623,80 €	17.340,00 €	-283,80 €
<b>STSMs</b>	22.824,00 €	16.000,00 €	-6.824,00 €
<b>Dissemination</b>	4.000,00 €	1.100,00 €	-2.900,00 €
<b>TOTAL</b>	160.316,49 €	146.900,00 €	-13.416,49 €



Originally 171.900,00 €

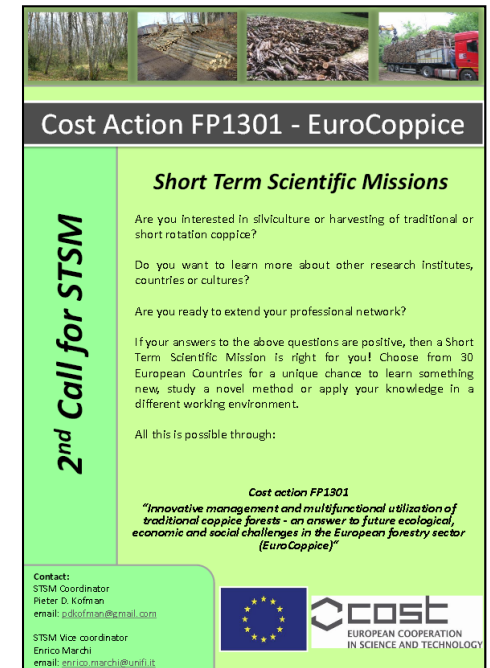


# 5. Ongoing activities (I) STSMs 2015

Date From	Date To	Early Stage	Gender	From	To	Status	Amount approved
15.01.15	15.03.15	y	M	SR	DE	approved	€ 2.500,00
15.01.15	15.03.15	y	M	SR	DE	approved	€ 2.500,00
25.05.15	12.06.15	y	M	CZ	SL	approved	€ 1.820,00
01.07.15	31.07.15	y	M	IT	ES	approved	€ 2.460,00
05.07.15	18.07.15	y	M	CZ	HG	approved	€ 1.380,00
08.04.15	18.04.15	y	M	LV	CZ	approved	€ 1.140,00
01.07.15	15.07.15	y	F	IT	SA	evaluation	€ 1.934,00
01.01.15	30.04.15	y	F	ES	FR	not approved	Lack of relevance to coppice topic
02.02.15	20.02.15	y	M	SL	IT	not approved	
04.05.15	18.05.15	y	M	SB	CZ	not approved	
16.03.15	31.03.15	y	M	SP	IT	not approved	Same applicant; personal reasons
04.06.15	20.06.15	y	M	SP	IT	withdrawn	
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>€ 11.800,00</b>
<b>With pending</b>							<b>€ 13.734,00</b>

# 5. Ongoing activities (I) STSMs 2015

- 6 approved, 1 pending (of 8 scheduled)
- 13 734 € of 16 000 € allocated (=86%)
- Approved participants & reports are on the website



**2nd Call for STSM**

**Cost Action FP1301 - EuroCoppice**

**Short Term Scientific Missions**

Are you interested in silviculture or harvesting of traditional or short rotation coppice?

Do you want to learn more about other research institutes, countries or cultures?



Are you ready to extend your professional network?

If your answers to the above questions are positive, then a Short Term Scientific Mission is right for you! Choose from 30 European Countries for a unique chance to learn something new, study a novel method or apply your knowledge in a different working environment.

All this is possible through:

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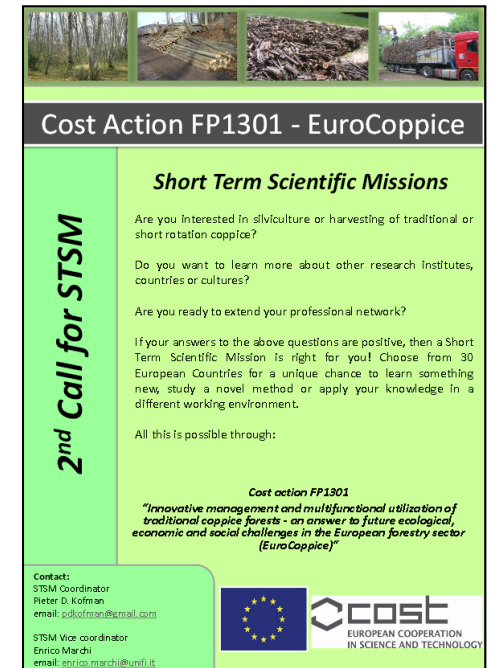
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[www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de](http://www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de)

# 5. Ongoing activities (I) STSMs 2015

- Currently 1 or 2 places left; Make sure applications are relevant to EuroCoppice (!)
- If less spending in other activities, more funds may be available for STSMs
- Clear expectations of aim of STSM & report, as well as WG focus will be discussed with the Steering Group and results communicated soon



The poster is titled "Cost Action FP1301 - EuroCoppice" and features a vertical green bar on the left with the text "2nd Call for STSM". The main content is on a light green background. At the top, there are four small images: a forest, a logging site, a pile of wood, and a truck. Below the title, the section "Short Term Scientific Missions" contains several questions: "Are you interested in silviculture or harvesting of traditional or short rotation coppice?", "Do you want to learn more about other research institutes, countries or cultures?", and "Are you ready to extend your professional network?". It then states: "If your answers to the above questions are positive, then a Short Term Scientific Mission is right for you! Choose from 30 European Countries for a unique chance to learn something new, study a novel method or apply your knowledge in a different working environment." and "All this is possible through:". Below this, it mentions "Cost action FP1301" and a quote: "Innovative management and multifunctional utilization of traditional coppice forests - an answer to future ecological, economic and social challenges in the European forestry sector (EuroCoppice)". At the bottom left, contact information is provided: "Contact: STSM Coordinator Pieter D. Kofman email: p.d.kofman@gmail.com" and "STSM Vice coordinator Enrico Marchi email: enrico.marchi@unifi.it". At the bottom right, there are logos for the European Union and COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology).

Find the STSM Call at:  
[www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de](http://www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de)

# 5. Ongoing activities (II)

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## Website

- Our website is updated continuously  
[www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de](http://www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de)
- Documents which should be put online can be send via e-mail to [eurocoppice@fobawi.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:eurocoppice@fobawi.uni-freiburg.de).

## Publications

- Please remember to acknowledge the Action and COST in relevant publications
- Publication / presentations / dissemination activities are relevant to the website & progress report; please send via email (see above)

# 6. Upcoming activities (I)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Training School in Vallombrosa, Italy

**Topic:** COPPICE HARVESTING AND USE OF PRODUCTS AS A SOURCE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

**Dates:** 10.05.2015 – 15.05.2015

**Location:** Vallombrosa, Florence, Italy

**Venue:** School of Agriculture - Field Training Center, University of Florence

**Trainees:** 16 (increased from 15)

→ The Call closed on March 30th; there were 30 applicants; they will be contacted soon

2<sup>nd</sup> Training School. Vallombrosa (Florence), Italy

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COST Training School  
COPPICE HARVESTING AND USE OF PRODUCTS AS SOURCE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY  
University of Florence, 10.05.2015 – 15.05.2015

### Background

Wood is the oldest source of energy for mankind, and still plays a key role in many countries. The most important energy assortment is still firewood, which is the main product of coppice forests. Firewood market is quite lively in many countries, within the EU and outside. Nevertheless, the role and importance of firewood are rapidly changing, due to the competition with other energy sources, as well as with wood chips. Firewood still has a higher market value than wood chips, due to its recreational and traditional use, and to its huge potential for use in decentralized energy production if appropriate technologies are used. Wood chips originate from the same sources, but are used in more modern plants offering higher conversion efficiency.

This course aims at showing the current trends and optimal solutions for modernizing coppice management and harvesting. Innovation is needed for increasing the economic value of coppice products.

### Objectives and learning outcomes

- To promote awareness about sustainable coppice management and harvesting
- To share knowledge about planning and optimizing harvest operations and logistics
- To provide information about the traditional methods and the potential of modernization in coppice forests harvesting;
- To be capable of analyzing and defining the optimal integration of firewood production with other assortments such as wood chips, poles and small diameter timber;
- To improve knowledge on both environmental impacts and health and safety of forest workers



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# 6. Upcoming activities (II)

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## Progress Report

- Period from Nov 2013 – April 2015 (18 Months)
- Due April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Will be evaluated remotely by Miodrag Zlatic, based on report and web documentation
- \*\*Alicia will ask for relevant publications soon via email\*\*
- Once approved, report will be published on COST website

# 6. Upcoming activities (III)

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**Next MC & WG Meeting and Conference in**

Bucharest, Romania

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2015

Hosted by Noro Nicolescu

Transilvania University of Brasov

Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering

# 6. Upcoming activities (IV)

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## Event Planning:

1) WG 4 Conference pending

→ Spring/sommer 2016...

2) Training Schools: 2016 / 2017

→ Topic?!

→ Location?!

# 6. Upcoming activities (V)

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## Work Plan WG 2

1. Guiding and extensive literature review about ecological and silvicultural aspects of CFM
2. Enquiry with coppice forests resource persons, experts and specialists (in cooperation with WG 1) to collect knowledge which may have not yet been published.
3. Critical review of the collected material from step one and two and identifying contradictive findings and research gaps.
4. Organization of an international conference dealing with ecological and silvicultural issues of CFM.
5. Develop a European coppice forest technology in cooperation with WG 1 and WG 3.
6. Producing report with best practice guidelines.

# 6. Upcoming activities (V)

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## Work Plan WG 4

1. Compiling knowledge on specific protection functions of coppice forests from scientific literature and practical experts.
2. Collecting and comparing legislations about the special treatment of coppice forests close to infrastructures (roads, railways, buildings) and derive technical recommendations for future protection CFM.
3. Compiling and evaluating critically existing literature and knowledge about the specific services of coppice forests to nature conservation (e. g. biodiversity, endangered species).
4. Compile and evaluate legal documents about specific rules and legislation related to coppice forests and conservation and biodiversity issues.
5. Organize an international conference on services, protection and nature conservation and CFM.



# 7. Any other business

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# *Thank you*

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