



## **COST ACTION FP1301**

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

### **Management Committee (MC) Meeting MINUTES**

**Ramada Majestic Hotel, Bucharest, Romania, 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2015**

**Rapporteur:** Alicia Unrau

#### **Participants:**

- Chair: Gero Becker
- Action Manager: Alicia Unrau

#### **MC Members & Substitutes:**

- Austria Karl Stampfer
- Belgium Stefan Vanbeveren
- Bulgaria Ivaylo Tsvetkov
- Czech Republic Radomir Klvac, Petra Stochlova
- Croatia Miljenko Zupanic
- Denmark Pieter Kofman
- Estonia Katrin Heinsoo, Indrek Jakobson
- Finland Jyrki Hytönen
- FYRO Macedonia Ljupco Nestorovski
- Germany Patrick Pyttel
- Greece Giorgos Mallinis, Ioannis Mitsopoulos
- Italy Raffaele Spinelli, Enrico Marchi
- Latvia Dagnija Lazdina
- Poland Piotr Mederski
- Portugal Abel Rodrigues
- Romania Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu, Florian Borlea
- Slovakia Pavol Otepka, Alexander Feher
- Slovenia Matevz Mihelic, Nike Krajnc
- Spain Eduardo Tolosana, Ruben Laina
- Turkey Halil Baris Özil, Murat Ertekin
- United Kingdom Debbie Bartlett, David Rossney

#### **MC Observers:**

- Albania Vasillaq Mine
- Ukraine Ivan Sopushynskyy
- South Africa Keith Little, Andrew McEwan

#### **Other Guests:**

- United Kingdom Peter Buckley (WG 4 Leader)
- France Philippe Ruch (Conference in France 2017)
- Sweden Blas Mola (Sweden MCs not attending)

## **Agenda:**

### **PART 1: Reporting & Administration (30 min)**

#### **1. Welcome & organisational items**

- a. Chair Gero Becker welcomes participants
- b. Nomination of the Rapporteur
- c. Quorum fulfilment (2/3 = 21 Member Countries)
- d. Approval or modification of the Agenda

#### **2. Update on Action Members**

- a. New NNC: Ukrainian National Forestry University
- b. MC Members and Substitutes
- c. Working Group Members

#### **3. Activities since the last MC meeting in Chatham, UK, Nov 2014**

- a. Events in 2015 (chronological); gender & ECI will be discussed for each point
  - i. STSM – Organisation, Applications & Missions
  - ii. WG 2 & 4 Meetings and Conference in Brno, CZ
  - iii. Training School in Vallombrosa, IT
  - iv. Steering Group Meeting in Frankfurt, DE
  - v. Country Reports
  - vi. Conference & MC Meeting Bucharest
- b. Grant Holder
  - i. Progress Report
  - ii. MC e-votes

#### **4. Budget**

- a. 2015 Grant Agreement split by the COST Association
- b. Dec 2014 – Sept 2015
- c. Oct 2015 – Dec 2015
- d. Preliminary budget 2016 (?)
- e. Preliminary budget 2017 (?)
- f. Final Action Dissemination (FAD)
- g. Strategy for end of Grant Period spending
- h. Required MC decisions

### **PART 2: Future Activities and MC votes (30 min)**

#### **5. Meetings**

- a. Types of meetings
  - i. WG Meetings
  - ii. Task Meetings (across multiple WGs)
  - iii. Steering Group
  - iv. Options: stand-alone / combined with a Conference
- b. Proposals & decisions for Nov / Dec 2015
- c. Outlook for 2016 & 2017

#### **6. Conferences**

- a. 2016 – Antwerp, BE (organised by WG4, with MC meeting)
- b. 2017 – France (organised by WG3, with MC meeting)
- c. 2017 – Final Conference (in Freiburg, DE?)

## 7. STSMs

## 8. Training Schools

- a. 2016 – Topic & Location?
- b. 2017 – Latvia – Working Title: "Regeneration of coppice forests in managed and protected forest sites"

## 9. Dissemination

- a. Printing/publishing Action Deliverables
- b. Editing/publishing Scientific Articles: co-authored by at least 2 researchers from at least 2 countries
- c. Website
- d. Final Action Dissemination
  - i. Format
  - ii. Proof-reading
  - iii. Editing
  - iv. Publishing
  - v. Dissemination

### **PART 3: WG Reporting (30 min)**

#### **10. Working Group Reports → 5 minutes / WG Leader**

#### **11. Modifications to WG 4 & 5 MoU Work Plans (Deliverables)**

#### **12. Closing remarks**

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## **Minutes**

### **1. Welcome & organisational items**

Gero Becker opened the meeting and welcomed participants to Bucharest.

Alicia Unrau volunteered as Rapporteur.

Meeting quorum was met with 21 countries in attendance (from 32 total).

The agenda was accepted without modification.

The ppt. presentation was the basis of the meeting and provides more detailed information.

### **2. Update on Action Members**

Members who have joined the Action (or changed their status) since the last MC Meeting in Chatham (Nov. 2014) were introduced:

- Alicia Unrau (Action Manager)
- Ivan Sopushynskyy (NNC Ukraine)
- Marius Aleinikovas (MC Member Lithuania)
- Lina Beniusiene (MC Substitute Lithuania)
- Stefan Vanbeveren (became an MC Substitute for Belgium)

In case someone is interested in joining the Action in the future, they are asked to contact Gero and/or Alicia either themselves or through the relevant WG Leader. After considering expertise still needed in Action, as well as COST aims (gender and country balance, supporting young

researchers), the corresponding MC Members from the country in question and WG Leader(s) will be contacted for any comments they might have. The individual will then be asked to provide a CV and very short letter of motivation. Thereafter, the information regarding the “application” will be sent to the MC for a vote.

Individuals currently interested in joining the Action are:

- Martina Tijardovic (Croatian Forest Research Institute)
- Axel Weinreich and NN (UNIQUE forestry and land use GmbH; Freiburg, DE)
- Viktor Bruckman (Austrian Academy of Sciences (OAW), Vienna, Austria)

An MC vote on these persons will be sent within the coming months, following the procedure above.

### 3. Activities since the last MC meeting in Chatham, UK, Nov 2014

The Chair presented the Activities carried out in the Action between Nov 2014 and the current meeting:

- STSMs;
- WG 2 & 4 Meetings and participation at the Coppice Conference in Brno, CZ;
- Training School in Vallombrosa, IT;
- Steering Group Meeting in Frankfurt, DE;
- Country Reports;
- Conference & MC Meeting Bucharest

Details can be taken from the ppt presentation. The gender balance, country representation and young researchers were highlighted in each point and discussed. In general, the Action is doing very well in all three categories. Women especially are encouraged to apply for STSMs as those numbers are rather low at the moment, which is, however, to be expected in the forestry sector.

In addition, the **progress report review** by Rapporteur Miodrag Zlatic was presented. He made a very positive review of the Action. The summary has been sent to Action Members and will be posted by the COST Association on their website. For further details contact Gero or Alicia or WG Leaders. The few improvement suggestions were:

1. Gender balance, particularly in STSMs
2. More publications authored by 2+ country members
3. Continuing and finalising Deliverables due in Y 3 & 4

Members should strive to take these points into consideration for the remainder of the Action.

Furthermore, a **list of the MC e-votes** since Chatham were presented – the details of each e-vote can be found in the appendix of this document.

### 4. Budget

The budget of most COST Actions had to be **split this year** to be in sync with the COST Association’s GA with the EU

→ GP2a: 02.12.2014 – 30.09.2015

→ GP2b: 01.10.2015 – 31.12.2015

GP2a funds have been spent, with very little unspent funds. In GP2b there will be funds left over since there have been less participants in Bucharest than originally planned and some of extra

STSM funds (left over from the Brno Meeting) were not spent. Extra activities for 2015 were discussed in the next point “meetings”.

We have been warned by the Officer that there will likely be a similar situation in the beginning of 2016: the grant period is likely to be extend to April 30th, 2016.

The budgets for 2016 and 2017 are not yet available, but news will follow asap (UPDATE since the meeting: details for the beginning of 2016 will be sent soon). The Officer has assured the Chair that funds will be available for activities after Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, which is the end of the current GP.

It was also noted by the Chair that one difficulty in the current system is that the GPs are only one year long and funds cannot be transferred to the coming year.

→ It thus makes sense to have activities that would make a valuable contribution to the Action as “back-up” in case there are funds left. This will be kept in mind in future GPs and plan for such situations.

Information on Final Action Dissemination (FAD) is available in the final point of this document.

## 5. Meetings

The Chair encourages smaller “Task-meetings” in the coming years, which are attended by more than one WG. He also proposes to continue to have SG meetings, as the first SG meeting in Frankfurt was very productive.

Three meetings were proposed to take place before the end of the year:

### **WG1**

Output: Glossary/Terminology and Factsheet on coppice forests

Location: Riga, Latvia

Participants: approx. 6 (+?); members from other WG will be invited

Days: 1-3. Dec (3 days)

### **WG2**

Output: Guidelines and review

Location: Barcelona, Spain

Participants: 10-15 (update: 11)

Days: 30. Nov - 1. Dec (2 days)

### **WG5**

Output: Coppice factsheet on coppice governance

Location: Madrid, Spain

Participants: max 8

Days: 9-11. Dec (3 days)

**MC VOTE**: the MC approves these proposals (all votes in favour).

Alicia will send a template to the respective WG Leaders regarding the details of each proposed meeting.

A detailed version of each meeting will be sent around to the MC for a vote once they become available (within the coming weeks).

All meetings will be funded (pending positive feedback from the Officer & detailed e-votes), but financial support will be capped if there are not enough funds available to cover all costs.

## **6. Conferences**

### **Conference organised by WG 4: Antwerp, Belgium, June 15-17, 2016**

Peter Buckley presented details on the planned conference in Antwerp in 2016. There will be three themes in the Conference:

- Coppicing and Biodiversity Conservation
- Coppicing and Ecosystem Services (other than provisioning)
- Coppicing and Policy/Legislation

The first Call for abstracts will be sent out within the coming few weeks and the deadline will be around the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Peter emphasised that although WG 4 is hosting the Conference, related topics from other WGs are very welcome and encouraged. Action Members are grateful for this proposal.

### **Conference organised by WG 3: Limoges, France, Early 2017 (dates tbd)**

Philippe Ruch presented the location of the Conference organised by WG3 in early 2017. The area around Limoges has much sweet chestnut coppice forests. Details will follow in the coming months. Action Members are grateful for this proposal.

**MC VOTE:** The MC supports this proposal (all votes in favour).

### **Final Conference: Freiburg, Germany, Sept (17) 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The Chair proposed to have the final conference in Freiburg in Sept 2017, holding it directly prior to the IUFRO 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will be held in Freiburg from Sept 19-22. It has been discussed with the organiser of the event and it will be possible to advertise the conference as an IUFRO side event on Monday Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Chair suggests that the Action actively takes part in a technical session during the IUFRO conference.

It was discussed that this is a difficult time for a number of members, especially from WG 3, since FORMEC 2017 will be held the week before, Sept 10-14<sup>th</sup>. However, since the Action will end in October 2017 and anytime prior to that is still in the summer break, this is really the only time to hold the conference.

**MC VOTE:** The MC supports this proposal: 19 member countries voted in favour, while two MC countries (Estonia and the Czech Republic) voted against it because of the close dates to FORMEC.

## 7. STSMs

The Action will continue to support STSMs and especially encourages young female researchers to apply. The next Call has since been posted on the website:

<http://www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de/intern/pdf/stsm/3-call-stsm>

MC Members are requested to disseminate the Call through all relevant channels. Applicants should read the Call thoroughly before applying and contact the STSM Coordinator Pieter Kofman for advice before they upload their application in e-COST.

## 8. Training Schools

### Training School in 2016

Despite numerous requests from the Chair there is currently no set location or topic for the TS in 2016.

Karl Stampfer will ask Eduard Hochbichler about hosting a Training School in Austria. There was also the idea of combining it with the COST Action FP1203 on Non-wood forest products:

<http://www.nwfps.eu/>

Radomir Klvac has a colleague in the COST Action FP1203 on NWFP and could potentially organise a TS in coordination with the colleague.

Both members will look into the above-mentioned options.

Other alternatives for a TS in 2016 will be elaborated by the Chair.

### Training School in 2017

Dagnija Lazdina proposes to hold a TS in 2017 in Latvia on "Regeneration of coppice forests in managed and protected forest sites" (working title).

**MC VOTE:** the MC approves the proposal for the TS in 2017 (all votes in favour).

The proposal was well received and Dagnija was asked to define learning outcomes and possible time schedules for the TS.

## 9. Dissemination

The Chair clarified that the Action can **provide financial support in 2016 & 2017** for the following dissemination activities:

- Printing / publishing Action Deliverables
- Editing / publishing Scientific Articles → co-authored by at least two researchers from at least 2 countries (includes buying open access)
- Website

→ Members should **contact the Chair & Grant Holder** well in advance if they have a proposal and request for funds for one of these items (it requires an MC vote).

In addition, information on the COST Instrument “**Final Action Dissemination**” (FAD) was presented:

- Funding is available for Dissemination (“FAD”) after the end of the Action (Oct. 15, 2017)
- Format examples: Website, Publications, Multimedia
- Funds for: Proof-reading, editing & publishing
- Max. 10 000 €, to be spend within 12 months after the end of the Action

The application from these funds is due 6 months before the end of the Action at the latest (beginning of 2017) and requires an MC vote.

## 10. Working Group Reports → 5 minutes / WG Leader

Each WG Leader presented the results of their WG meetings: see the presentations on the website for details. A summary of the most important points is as follows:

**WG1:** The group discussed the definitions, legal framework and typology. A survey was sent to 39 Members in the past months, but only 10 responses were received. The survey will be sent again to the others with a deadline: Members are urged to reply.

**WG2:** The Country Reports were presented & it was announced that there will be a second edition – those Member Countries that haven’t contributed are urged to do so. The other work plan points were briefly discussed and it was determined that the mention of “technology” in the MoU (page 18, point 5 under WG2) was actually meant to be “typology”. In addition, it was stated that the work within WG2 and 3 (silviculture and utilisation) cannot be separate and they must work together (e.g. on the factsheets).

**WG3:** A factsheet on utilization and future products is currently being produced and will be finished in December 2015. Dissemination efforts for “AP5 – Database of traditional coppice harvesting productivity” are currently underway. It was mentioned by the Chair that it would be useful to have economic data on coppice, for example how one is able to make a profit by managing coppice; it was discussed that case studies could be a good approach for this. For Italy there are already figures for this in the IUFRO Salt Lake City presentation.

**WG4:** Has mainly focussed on coppice-related Natura 2000 issues up until now (e.g. what is required by law? do management plans exist?) and intend to extend it to include further countries. They are currently looking at potential coppice forest-related species in the Habitat Directive Annexes. In addition, they will be looking at relevant laws and regulations.

**WG5:** The group discussed the newly formulated deliverables (see point 11 below) and they have collected some reports from different countries pertaining to the deliverables. The next point will be a factsheet on coppice forest governance, for which members will prepare in the meeting in Madrid (Dec 2015) and finalise in the beginning of 2016.



## 11. Modifications to WG 4 & 5 MoU Work Plans (Deliverables)

Now that work in the Action has progressed over the past years, it has become apparent that some of the MoU Work Plans (Deliverables) require some modification in order to specify the tasks more clearly. This pertains to some of the WG 4 & WG 5 points: each point was presented and voted on by the MC. The Scientific Officer has also approved them. Below are a) the original points b) the new formulation and c) the results of the MC vote.

### **Working Group 4**

**1. OLD:** Compiling knowledge on specific protection functions of coppice forests from scientific literature and practical experts.

**1. NEW:** Carry out a literature review on the mechanics of tree stability and rooting on steep terrain, with special reference to coppicing practices.

**MC VOTE:** The MC supports this proposal (all votes in favour).

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**2. OLD:** 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.

**2. NEW:** Collect information on the legislative framework for safe practices in relation to protection forests (protecting infrastructures such as roads, railways and buildings), particularly in relation to maintained or abandoned coppices. Compare this framework with the technical issues arising in deliverable 1, and make recommendations for best practice.

**MC VOTE:** The MC supports this proposal (all votes in favour).

### **Working Group 5**

**1. OLD:** Compiling different governance concepts related to CFM with special regard to ownership and utilization rights.

**1. NEW:** Identify governance issues related to CFM, particularly with respect to ownership and access.

**MC VOTE:** The MC supports this proposal (all votes in favour).

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**2. OLD:** Analysing how these traditional concepts fit into existing “modern” forest legislation and elaborate possible contradictions and conflicts.

**2. NEW:** Analyse barriers to the development of the traditional coppice business sector, particularly with respect to the current legislative context, and explore governance-related solutions to these barriers.

**MC VOTE:** The MC supports this proposal (all votes in favour).

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**3. OLD:** Developing ideas and deriving concepts to introduce traditional coppice forest governance into small scale forestry issues.

**3. NEW:** Explore lessons to be learnt from traditional, community-based/cooperative (or similar) CFM governance models for present-day fragmented, small-scale forest ownership patterns.

**MC VOTE:** The MC supports this proposal (all votes in favour).

## 12. Closing remarks

The Chair thanked all participants for their attendance and the colleagues from Romania for hosting the event. He also looks forward to seeing the group again at the next MC Meeting in Antwerp, Belgium in June of 2016.

(The Annex with all e-votes in 2015 can be found on the following pages)

## **ANNEX: MC e-votes since the last MC meeting in Chatham, Nov. 2014**

There were six e-votes in 2015: each will be listed here (highlighted in green) with the email and results.

### **MC E-vote 20.04. Budget shift (Brno unspent funds):**

→ 15 000 € not spent on the Brno Meeting were shifted to the SG Meeting in Frankfurt, Training School funding (Trainees) & extra STSMs

#### **EMAIL:**

This email concerns a budget change for the FP1301 EuroCoppice Action – please find a detailed description in the following:

#### **\*\*Procedure\*\*:**

There are three parts to the proposal in the email – it is possible to agree/disagree with single points.

To vote on the issues please reply to this email (eurocoppice@fobawi.uni-freiburg.de) by Monday 27.04.2015. If you do not reply, it is assumed that you are in agreement with the proposal.

As with all MC votes: the changes will take effect if the majority approves.

#### **\*\*Background\*\*:**

The forecasted number of participants in Brno was 45 and the budget for the meeting was 36,900 EUR. There were in fact 27 reimbursed participants who attended. The final figures are not yet available, but we estimate them at 22,500 EUR.

In addition, there is one less Trainer being reimbursed in the Training School than originally planned (1,260 EURO).

-----> This results in a difference of approximately +15,660 EUR.

#### **\*\*Proposal\*\*:**

After Steering Group discussion before and after Brno, as well as the current status of Training School applications, the Chair of the Action, Gero Becker, would like to propose the following:

1. Steering Group Meeting: A SG meeting be held in June for two half days in Frankfurt to discuss critical issues and planning for the rest of the Action. The group would prepare for the MC meeting in Bucharest (Oct 2015).

-----> Forecast: 5,500 EUR

2. Participants of the Training School will be reimbursed for up to 800 EUR (an increase of 100 EUR each) to help them cover their costs. In addition, the number of participants be increased from 15 up to 16 (= Local Organiser max capacity).

-----> Forecast: 2,300 EUR

3. STSMs be increased to use the remainder of the budget.

-----> Forecast: remaining funds; approx. 7,860 EUR.

## **\*\*Details – Steering Group Meeting\*\***

Five of the nine Steering Group members were present in Brno. The group recognised critical issues that need discussion in order to keep the Action on track. It was agreed that should be done prior to Bucharest in order to prepare for discussion and voting at the MC meeting there. In addition, it was agreed that these issues could not be dealt with effectively in a video conference.

The proposed meeting would be in Frankfurt June 25th and 26th. Frankfurt as a central airport was chosen so as to let members arrive and depart on the same days (25.06 & 26.06) in order to only have one overnight and keep costs and time required to a minimum.

Average reimbursement per participant is 550 EUR, with 10 participants.  
This is divided into: 1 night (120), 4 meals (4x20=80), and travel costs (350).

Participants would include: Gero Becker (Chair), Raffaele Spinelli (Vice Chair), Dagnija Lazdina (WG1), Valeriu Norocel Nicolescu (WG2), Janine Schweier (WG3), Peter Buckley (WG4), Debbie Bartlett (WG5), Pieter Kofman (STSM Coord), Karl Stampfer (TS Coord), Alicia Unrau (Assistant to Chair).

Points for the Agenda are:

- A) Balance between WG Member numbers and activities
- B) Options for new members to become nominated for a WG
- C) Achieved WG outputs
- D) Evaluate plan for reaching MoU objectives until end of Action
- E) Interaction between WGs
- F) Focussing STSMs on WG objectives
- G) Options for format and content of major Action output(s) & steps needed

Thus, it is linked to the following Grant Period Goals (copied from this GP):

- GAPG 1: Implementing the "database of terminology" on the website of the COST Action and permanent data maintenance
- GAPG 2: Development of a coppice forest typology factsheet
- GAPG 3: Development of a factsheet on utilization and future products
- GAPG 5: Organization of a scientific conference (silviculture and ecology of coppice forests) in RO, with parallel MC/WG/SG meetings. Conference website is still under preparation.
- GAPG 7: Capacity building through second call for STSMs. STSM will qualify especially young/ female researchers in coppice forest related scientific knowledge and methodology.
- GAPG 9: Continuing work on scientific articles and further identification of research questions.
- ... as well as overarching Action goals

Outputs of the meeting would be: WG and STSM coordination, Preparation for the MC meeting in Bucharest (agenda, necessary votes...), and plan to keep Action productive and on track.

----> MC members are very welcome and encouraged to contact us regarding comments to those points or any other issues/concerns they have. Alicia would send a reminder for this at the beginning of June.

## **\*\*Details – Training School\*\***

There were more applications to the TS in Vallombrosa in May 2015 than there are places; participants have been selected for a good country, gender and ECI balance.

The Steering Group has approved the proposed budget change. It would allow more costs for the participants to be covered and allow 1 extra participant to join.

**\*\*Details – STSMs\*\***

STSMs are a very useful tool for WGs and they strongly encourage general COST aims. If the remainder of the funds be allocated to STSMs, this would result in approximately 4 additional missions.

**MC VOTE:** The MC supported this proposal with all votes in favour.

## **MC E-vote 01.07. 2016 Conference**

→ Format, Location & Dates of Conference in Belgium

### **EMAIL:**

This e-vote concerns the next major Action Conference after Bucharest (Oct 2015), which will take place in 2016.

The Conference will be on a topic from within WG4 (Services, protection, nature conservation) – the exact topic is still to be determined and thematically-related contributions from other WGs will be welcome. It is a Deliverable in the MoU and is proposed in combination with Management Committee, Working Group and Core (Steering) Group Meetings, as has been the case with other Conferences, in order to minimize costs.

Following developments since the Brno Meeting, we are very pleased to announce that the Belgian team has offered to host the Conference, with venue and organization in the hands of Reinhart Ceulemans and Stefan Vanbeveren at the University of Antwerp, and further inputs by Kris Verheyen from Ghent University. They will work in close cooperation with WG4 Leader Peter Buckley, Vice-Leader Florian Borlea and members of WG4, who will lead the planning of the Conference content.

To give the Conference Organisation Team some security in terms of booking rooms etc., we are asking for MC approval on the following points:

Format: Conference (WG4 topic) + Excursion, WG/MC/CG Meetings  
Location: Antwerp, Belgium  
Dates: 15–17/06/2016 (Wed–Fri)

More details will be available at the MC meeting in Bucharest. By then we should also have information on the 2016 budget, which is necessary for calculating the number of reimbursed participants etc. (but not for whether or not the Conference will take place).

Please reply to this email by 08.07.2015, either approving or rejecting this proposal.

As with all MC e-votes, a non-response will be considered as an approval.

**MC VOTE:** The MC supported this proposal with all votes in favour.

## MC E-vote 07.08. List of participants

→ list of participants to be reimbursed for Bucharest Conference & Meetings

### EMAIL:

As already announced, this concerns an e-vote on the participants to be reimbursed for the Action WG Meetings and Conference in Bucharest, Oct 19–21.

The final list for the e-vote is attached. There have only been minor changes since the draft version to accommodate for Action Members who have submitted abstracts to the conference (first authors marked with "\*\*\*").

Please respond by next Friday, August 14th --- a non-response will be considered an approval.

Pending the e-vote outcome, the first round of invitations will be sent Monday Aug 17th.

## MC e-vote

### List of FP 1301 Members to be reimbursed for participation at the Bucharest WG meetings & Conference, Oct. 19-21

No. / WG	First Name	Last Name	Country	Position (according to e-COST)	WG	Main list (M) / Reserve candidates (R)	Priority of reserve candidates	
1	Dagnija	Lazdina	LV	MC Member	1	M		***
2	Pieter	Kofman	DK	MC Member	1	M		
3	Radomir	Klvač	CZ	MC member	1	M		
4	Rob	Jarman	UK	WG Member [WG1]	1	M		
5	Enrico	Marchi	IT	MC Member	1	M		
6	Martin	Kühmaier	AT	MC Substitute	1	M		
7	Ivailo	Markoff	BG	WG Member [WG1]	1	R	1	
8	Marco	Conedera	CH	MC Substitute	1, 5	R	2	**
9	Enda	Coates	IE	MC Substitute	1, 3	R	3	**
1	Damir	Barčić	HR	MC Substitute	2	M		
2	Joao	Carvalho	PT	MC Member	2	M		***
3	Reinhart	Ceulemans	BE	MC Member	2	M		
4	Abdulla	Diku	AL	WG Member [WG2]	2	M		
5	Ioannis	Dimitriou	SE	MC Member	2	M		
6	Tomislav	Dubravac	HR	MC Member	2	M		***
7	Norbert	Frank	HU	MC Member	2	M		
8	Martyna	Gierszewska	PL	WG Member [WG2]	2	M		
9	Cornelia	Hernea	RO	WG Member [WG2]	2	M		
10	Eduard	Hochbichler	AT	MC Member	2	M		
11	Jyrki	Hytönen	FI	MC Member	2	M		***
12	Milun	Krstic	RS	MC Member	2	M		***
13	Keith	Little	ZA	COST International Par	2	M		*/**
14	Francesco	Neri	IT	MC Substitute	2	M		
15	Valeriu-Noroi	Nicolescu	RO	MC Member	2	M		***
16	Katerina	Novotna	CZ	MC Substitute	2	M		***
17	Pavol	Otepka	SK	MC Member	2	M		**
18	Halil Baris	Özel	TR	MC Member	2	M		***
19	Miriam	Pique Nicolau	ES	MC Substitute	2	M		
20	Patrick	Pyttel	DE	MC Substitute	2	M		***
21	Orna	Reisman-Berman	IL	MC Member	2	M		
22	Ian	Short	IE	MC Member	2	M		
23	Petra	Stochlova	CZ	MC Member	2	M		
24	Pande	Trajkov	MK	MC Member	2	M		
25	Cemal	Visnjic	BA	MC Member	2	M		
26	Paula	Jylhä	FI	WG Member [WG2]	2	R	1	***
27	Ivaylo	Tsvetkov	BG	MC Substitute	2	R	2	***
28	Achim	Dohrenbusch	DE	MC Member	2	R	3	
29	Magnus	Löf	SE	MC Member	2	R	4	

30	Mats	Varik	EE	MC Substitute	2	R	5	
31	Pau	Vericat	ES	WG Member [WG2]	2	R	6	
32	Blas	Mola-Yudego	SE	WG Member [WG2]	2	R	7	
33	Helder	Viana	PT	MC Substitute	2	R	8	
34	Andis	Bārdulis	LV	MC Member	2	R	9	
35	Sinilga	Cernuliene	LT	MC Substitute	2	R	10	
1	Pierre	Ackerman	ZA	COST International Par	3	M		*
2	Gero	Becker	DE	MC Chair	3	M		
3	Ger	Devlin	IE	MC Member	3	M		
4	Sotir	Gluschkov	BG	WG Member [WG3]	3	M		
5	Karin	Kikamagi	EE	WG Member [WG3]	3	M		
6	Nataschia	Magagnotti	IT	MC Substitute	3	M		
7	Piotr	Mederski	PL	MC Member	3	M		
8	Matevž	Mihelič	SI	MC Member	3	M		
9	Vassillaq	Mine	AL	COST Near Neighbour	3	M		
10	Ljupco	Nestorovski	MK	MC Member	3	M		
11	Tomas	Nordfjell	SE	MC Substitute	3	M		
12	Juha	Nurmi	FI	MC Substitute	3	M		
13	Pavol	Otepka	SK	MC Member	3	M		**
14	Giovanna	Ottaviani	NO	MC Member	3	M		
15	Abel	Rodrigues	PT	MC Member	3	M		***
16	David	Rossney	UK	MC Member	3	M		
17	Philippe	Ruch	FR	WG Member [WG3]	3	M		
18	Janine	Schweier	DE	MC Member	3	M		
19	Raffaele	Spinelli	IT	MC Vice-Chair	3	M		
20	Karl	Stampfer	AT	MC Member	3	M		
21	Kjell	Suadicani	DK	MC Member	3	M		
22	Eduardo	Tolosana	ES	MC Member	3	M		
23	Petros	Tsioras	EL	MC Substitute	3	M		
24	Andrew	McEwan	ZA	COST International Par	3	R	1	*
25	Sead	Vojniković	BA	MC Member	3	R	2	
26	Nike	Krajnc	SI	MC Member	3	R	3	
27	Imre	Czupy	HU	MC Member	3	R	4	
28	Mariusz	Bembenek	PL	MC Substitute	3	R	5	
29	Enda	Coates	IE	MC Substitute	1, 3	R	6	**
30	Mario	Costa	PT	WG Member [WG3]	3	R	7	
1	Gheorghe Florin	Borlea	RO	MC Member	4	M		
2	Svetla	Bratanova-Doncheva	BG	MC Member	4	M		
3	Peter	Buckley	UK	MC Substitute	4	M		
4	Alexander	Feher	SK	MC Member	4	M		***
5	Katrin	Heinsoo	EE	MC Member	4	M		
6	Paola	Mairota	IT	WG Member [WG4]	4	M		***
7	Giorgos	Mallinis	EL	MC Member	4	M		
8	Rodolfo	Picchio	IT	WG Member [WG4]	4	M		
9	Christian	Suchomel	DE	WG Member [WG4]	4	M		
10	Stefan	Vanbeveren	BE	WG Member [WG3]	3, 4	M		***
11	Kris	Verheyen	BE	MC Member	4	R	1	
12	Ioannis	Mitsopoulos	EL	MC Member	4	R	2	
1	Debbie	Bartlett	UK	MC Member	5	M		
2	Marco	Conedera	CH	MC Substitute	5, 1	M		**
3	Patrik	Krebs	CH	WG Member [WG5]	5	M		
4	Ruben	Laina	ES	MC Member	5	M		
5	Alicia	Unrau	DE	Core Group Member	5	M		
6	Miljenko	Zupanic	HR	MC Member	5	M		
7	Indrek	Jakobson	EE	MC Member	5	R	1	
8	Giulio	Sperandio	IT	WG Member [WG5]	5	R	2	
9	Julija	Konstantinaviciene	LT	WG Member [WG5]	5	R	3	
10	Nenad	Petrovic	RS	MC Substitute	5	R	4	

Total invited: 70  
Total reserves: 26  
Still missing: 2 invited speakers; if none are identified, the places will go to Action Members

\* COST International Partner Country participants are not reimbursed through our budget; reserve candidates will be contacted for those places in the respective WG

\*\* These Members are listed in two WGs - this will be dealt with on an individual basis; they will only take up one place in the actual list of invited participants

\*\*\* Submitted an abstract to the conference as first author

Note: Total reimbursed participants according to the Work and Budget Plan = 72

**MC VOTE**: The MC supported this proposal with all votes in favour.

**MC E-vote 01.09.                      New NNC Ukraine**

→ Prof. Ivan Sopushynskyy from the Ukrainian National Forestry University requested to join the Action as an NCC from the Ukraine.

**EMAIL**: This e-vote was carried out in e-COST, with the email being sent by the Officer.

**MC VOTE**: The MC supported this proposal with all votes in favour.

**MC E-vote 01.09.                      Allocation of funds:**

→ allocation of remaining funds to maintain website and print Country Reports

**EMAIL:**

This is the second e-vote for today, it pertains to the proposed allocation of 1500 € to dissemination.

--- Summary ---

The COST Association has been forced to split our Action's Grant Agreement for 2015 in two (the same for many other Actions).

Because of this, we have 1500 € to spend before Sept 30th, or else they are lost.

We propose 1000 € for the website (instead of spending it in Dec.) and 500 € for printing coppice country reports (WG2) prior to Bucharest.

--- Background ---

The COST Association's Grant Agreement (GA) with the EU did not run in parallel with their Action GAs, which has caused them problems with regards to funding periods. They have been forced to split all affected GAs in two;

Our Action's 2015 GAs now run:

GA 1/2: 02.12.2014 – 30.09.2015

GA 2/2: 01.10.2015 – 31.12.2015



The grant amount remains the same in total, but the grant periods are separate.

The period that ends Sept 30th (1/2) still has 1500 € unspent funds, mainly from unused banking fees. If we do not spend them, they will be lost.

--- Proposal ---

We propose to spend the funds on dissemination:

- 1) 1000 € Website
- 2) 500 € printing country reports

--- 1) Website 1000 € ---

In the original Work and Budget Plan we had 1000 € allocated to the Website. After the GA was split last month, the website funding was planned for the Oct-Dec period. Considering the circumstances, we propose moving it up to this period instead.

--- 2) Country Report printing 500 € ---

WG 2 has produced short country reports (approx. 500 words each) on CFM in some European Countries and South Africa that would be printed in time for the Bucharest Conference. They would be distributed to the participants and used for future dissemination. These costs would cover approximately 200 copies.

Please respond by Sept 8th 2015; As usual, no response will be considered an approval.

**MC VOTE:** The MC supported this proposal with all votes in favour.

#### **MC E-vote 28.09. Action Participants / WG Member Lists**

→ confirming the list of current Action Participants.

#### **EMAIL:**

This email concerns the last e-vote prior to the MC Meeting in Bucharest. It is a (pro forma) vote to confirm the current list of WG Members.

#### **\*\* Background:**

To be eligible for reimbursement to a WG meeting or conference, an individual must be a Member of the Action (other than invited speakers). It is possible for an interested individual to join a running Action, but this requires approval by the MC.

#### **\*\* Voting Item:**

Attached is a list of all Members of the Action to date. It includes everyone registered as a Member in e-COST and it has been endorsed by the WG Leaders and Steering Group. This e-vote concerns approving the attached list.

#### **\*\* Purpose:**

The approval of the list formally confirms the “status quo”, which provides the basis on how to proceed with individuals who would like to join a WG of the Action in the future. The procedure also provides an overview of all Action Members and adds to transparency within the Action.

\*\* For future reference -> Information on Joining the Action:

In case someone is interested in joining the Action in the future, they are asked to contact Gero and/or Alicia either themselves or through the relevant WG Leader. After considering expertise still needed in Action, as well as COST aims (gender and country balance, supporting young researchers), we will contact the corresponding MC Members from the country in question and WG Leader(s) for any comments they might have. The individual will then be asked to provide a CV and very short letter of motivation. Thereafter we will send all information regarding the “application” to the MC for a vote.

The e-vote deadline is Monday 05.10. As usual, no response will be considered an approval.

## FP1301 EuroCoppice List of Members 28.09.2015

MC vote to confirm the WG member status quo.

Note: Sorted by WG. Some Members are in two WGs; thus there is a second WG column

	First Name	Last Name	Country	WG	2nd WG	Category/Position
1	Enda	Coates	IE	1	3	MC Substitute
2	Marco	Conedera	CH	1	5	MC Member
3	Tomo	Gjorgjevski	MK	1		WG Member [WG1]
4	Rob	Jarman	UK	1		WG Member [WG1]
5	Radomir	Klvac	CZ	1	3	MC Member
6	Pieter	Kofman	DK	1		MC Member
7	Martin	Kühmaier	AT	1		MC Substitute
8	Dagnija	Lazdiņa	LV	1		MC Member
9	Enrico	Marchi	IT	1	3	MC Member
10	Ivailo	Markoff	BG	1		WG Member [WG1]
11	Uwe	Schmidt	DE	1		WG Member [WG1]
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1	Jürgen	Aosaar	EE	2		MC Substitute
2	Besim	Balic	BA	2		WG Member [WG2]
3	Anna	Barbati	IT	2		WG Member [WG2]
4	Damir	Barčić	HR	2		MC Substitute
5	Andis	Bārdulis	LV	2		MC Member
6	Joao	Carvalho	PT	2		MC Member
7	Sinilga	Cermuliene	LT	2		MC Substitute
8	Ioannis	Dimitriou	SE	2		MC Member
9	Achim	Dohrenbusch	DE	2		MC Member
10	Tomislav	Dubravac	HR	2		MC Member
11	Murat	Ertekin	TR	2		MC Member
12	Norbert	Frank	HU	2		MC Member
13	Martyna	Gierszewska	PL	2		WG Member [WG2]
14	Cornelia	Hernea	RO	2		WG Member [WG2]
15	Eduard	Hochbichler	AT	2		MC Member
16	Jyrki	Hytönen	FI	2		MC Member
17	Patrick	Jansen	NL	2		MC Member
18	Paula	Jylhä	FI	2		WG Member [WG2]
19	Selman	Karayilmazlar	TR	2		WG Member [WG2]
20	Juergen	Kern	DE	2		MC Substitute
21	Lydia	Koncekova	SK	2		WG Member [WG2]
22	Milun	Krstic	RS	2		MC Member
23	Manfred	Lexer	AT	2		MC Substitute
24	Keith	Little	ZA	2		COST International Partner Country
25	Magnus	Löf	SE	2		MC Member
26	Frantisek	Malis	SK	2		MC Substitute
27	Blas	Mola	SE	2		WG Member [WG2]
28	Francesco	Neri	IT	2		MC Substitute

29	Valeriu-Norocel	Nicolescu	RO	2	MC Member
30	Katerina	Novotna	CZ	2	MC Substitute
31	Halil Baris	Özel	TR	2	MC Member
32	Marko	Perovic	RS	2	WG Member [WG2]
33	Miriam	Pique Nicolau	ES	2	MC Substitute
34	Patrick	Pyttel	DE	2	MC Substitute
35	Orna	Reisman-Berman	IL	2	MC Member
36	Abel	Rodrigues	PT	2	MC Member
37	Patrick	Schleppi	CH	2	WG Member [WG2]
38	Ian	Short	IE	2	MC Member
39	Diana	Simon	RO	2	WG Member [WG2]
40	Petra	Stochlova	CZ	2	MC Member
41	Elvin	Toromani	AL	2	COST Near Neighbour Country
42	Pande	Trajkov	MK	2	MC Member
43	Ivaylo	Tsvetkov	BG	2	MC Substitute
44	Mats	Varik	EE	2	MC Substitute
45	Pau	Vericat	ES	2	WG Member [WG2]
46	Helder	Viana	PT	2	MC Substitute
47	Cemal	Visnjic	BA	2	MC Member
48	Sead	Vojnikovic	BA	2	MC Member
49	Terenzio	Zenone	BE	2	WG Member [WG2]
1	Pierre	Ackerman	ZA	3	COST International Partner Country
2	Henrik	Bach	DK	3	WG Member [WG3]
3	Gero	Becker	DE	3	MC Chair
4	Mariusz	Bembenek	PL	3	MC Substitute
5	Reinhart	Ceulemans	BE	3	2 MC Member
6	Mario	Costa	PT	3	WG Member [WG3]
7	Imre	Czupy	HU	3	MC Member
8	Ger	Devlin	IE	3	MC Member
9	Abdulla	Diku	AL	3	2 WG Member [WG2]
10	Sotir	Gluschkov	BG	3	WG Member [WG3]
11	Cori	Ham	ZA	3	COST International Partner Country
12	Zbigniew	Karaszewski	PL	3	MC Member
13	Karin	Kikamagi	EE	3	WG Member [WG3]
14	Nike	Krajnc	SI	3	MC Member
15	Juha	Laitila	FI	3	MC Substitute
16	Arvo	Leinonen	FI	3	MC Substitute
17	Natascia	Magagnotti	IT	3	MC Substitute
18	Andrew	McEwan	ZA	3	COST International Partner Country
19	Piotr	Mederski	PL	3	MC Member
20	Matevž	Mihelič	SI	3	MC Member
21	Vassillaq	Mine	AL	3	2 COST Near Neighbour Country
22	Ljupco	Nestorovski	MK	3	MC Member
23	Tomas	Nordfjell	SE	3	2 MC Substitute
24	Juha	Nurmi	FI	3	MC Substitute
25	Pavol	Otepka	SK	3	2 MC Member
26	Giovanna	Ottaviani	NO	3	MC Member
27	Thomas	Papachristou	EL	3	MC Substitute

28	Mitja	Piskur	SI	3	MC Substitute	
29	Anton	Poje	SI	3	MC Substitute	
30	David	Rossney	UK	3	MC Member	
31	Philippe	Ruch	FR	3	WG Member [WG3]	
32	Janine	Schweier	DE	3	MC Member	
33	Ivan	Sopushynskyy	UA	3	COST Near Neighbour Country	
34	Raffaele	Spinelli	IT	3	MC Vice-Chair	
35	Karl	Stampfer	AT	3	MC Member	
36	Kjell	Suadicani	DK	3	MC Member	
37	Bruce	Talbot	NO	3	MC Member	
38	Eduardo	Tolosana	ES	3	MC Member	
39	Petros	Tsioras	EL	3	MC Substitute	
40	Stefan	Vanbeveren	BE	3	2	MC Substitute
41	Morgan	Vuillermoz	FR	3	MC Member	
42	Dinko	Vusić	HR	3	MC Substitute	
43	Martin	Weih	SE	3	MC Substitute	
44	Marko	Zoric	HR	3	MC Substitute	
<b>WG3</b>						
1	Gheorghe Florian	Borlea	RO	4	MC Member	
2	Svetla	Bratanova-Doncheva	BG	4	MC Member	
3	Peter	Buckley	UK	4	MC Substitute	
4	Alexander	Feher	SK	4	MC Member	
5	Katrin	Heinsoo	EE	4	MC Member	
6	Paola	Mairota	IT	4	WG Member [WG4]	
7	Giorgos	Mallinis	EL	4	MC Member	
8	Ioannis	Mitsopoulos	EL	4	MC Member	
9	Victor - Dan	Pacurar	RO	4	MC Substitute	
10	Rodolfo	Picchio	IT	4	WG Member [WG4]	
11	Christian	Suchomel	DE	4	WG Member [WG4]	
12	Kris	Verheyen	BE	4	MC Member	
<b>WG4</b>						
1	Debbie	Bartlett	UK	5	MC Member	
2	Indrek	Jakobson	EE	5	MC Member	
3	Julija	Konstantinaviciene	LT	5	WG Member [WG5]	
4	Patrik	Krebs	CH	5	WG Member [WG5]	
5	Ruben	Laina	ES	5	MC Member	
6	Nenad	Petrovic	RS	5	MC Substitute	
7	Giulio	Sperandio	IT	5	WG Member [WG5]	
8	Alicia	Unrau	DE	5	Core Group Member	
9	Miljenko	Zupanic	HR	5	MC Member	
<b>WG5</b>						
<i>Members not affiliated to a WG:</i>						
1	Alain	Bailly	FR		MC Member	
2	Yonko	Dodev	BG		MC Member	
3	Pavlos	Efthymiou	EL		MC Substitute	
4	Christos	Gallis	EL		MC Substitute	
5	Tom	Kent	IE		MC Substitute	
6	Krzysztof	Leszczynski	PL		MC Substitute	
7	Stjepan	Mikac	HR		MC Substitute	

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Total: 132

**Former Members who have left the Action:**

Liana	Sadauskiene	LT	3	MC Member
Sylvestre	Njakoudjomo	BE	5	WG Member [WG5]

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**MC VOTE:** The MC supported this proposal with all votes in favour.