

EuroCoppice

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

MC Meeting in Bucharest, RO
October 19th 2015

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

Chair of FP 1301: Gero Becker
Action Management: Alicia Unrau

Chair of Forest Utilization
University of Freiburg, Germany



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Welcome to the FP 1301 EuroCoppice MC meeting in Bucharest



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MC Member Presence 1

Austria	Karl Stampfer
Belgium	Stefan Vanbeveren
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Cemal Visnija
Bulgaria	Ivaylo Tsvetkov
Czech Republic	Radomir Klavica, 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

MC Member Presence 2

Italy	Raffaele Spinelli, Enrico Marchi
Latvia	Dagnija Lazdina
Poland	Piotr Mederski
Portugal	Abel Rodrigues
Romania	Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu, Florian Borlea
Serbia	Milun Krstic
Slovakia	Pavol Otepka, Alexander Feher
Slovenia	Materz Mihelic, Nike Krajnc
Spain	Eduardo Tolosana, Ruben Laina
Turkey	Halil Baris Özil, Murat Ertekin
United Kingdom	Debbie Bartlett, David Rossney

Countries not represented by MC / Sub

- France
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Israel
- Lithuania
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Sweden
- Switzerland

MC Observers Presence

Albania

Vasillaq Mine

Ukraine

Ivan Sopushynskyy

South Africa

Keith Little, Andrew McEwan

United Kingdom

WG 4 Leader Peter Buckley

Guest:

France

Philippe Ruch (Conference 2017)

Agenda – Modifications / Approval

1. Welcome & organisational items

- a. Chair Gero Becker welcomes participants
- b. Nomination of the Rapporteur
- c. Quorum fulfilment (2/3 = 22 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 1: Reporting & Admin

- 1. Welcome & Organisation**
- 2. Update on Action Members**
- 3. Activities since Chatham**
- 4. Budget**

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 2: Future Activities & MC votes

5. Meetings

6. Conferences

7. STSMs

8. Training Schools

9. 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**

PART 3: WG Reporting

10. WG Reports

11. Modifications to WG 4 & 5

12. Closing Remarks

PART 1: Reporting & Administration

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Update on Action Members

2) New Action Manager since Mar 2015

Alicia Unrau

Background:

- **Management of EU Projects**

→ Coordination: FlexWood,

Biomass Energy Europe (BEE)

→ Partner: S2BIOM, DIABOLO, INFRES,
Marktmodell F&H, EUFODOS

- MSc. Environmental Governance

- BSc. Forestry and Environmental Science

- ... a “Germanised” Canadian living in Freiburg, DE (11 years)



Photo: in Rasov, Romania
(Rossney, 2015)

2a) New NNC Ukraine (Sept 2015)

Ukrainian National Forestry University

Representative:

Ivan Sopushynskyy



- Department of Botany, Wood Science & Non-Wood Forest Products, Institute of Forestry and Horticulture
- Member of WG 3
- <http://www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de/members/sopushynskyy-ivan>
- MC Observer

2b) MC Members and Substitutes

New MC Members

Lithuania: Marius ALEINIKOVAS



New MC Substitutes

Lithuania: Lina BENIUSIENE (no picture)

Belgium: Stefan VANBEVEREN



2c) Update: Action Participants

- 1) Recent MC vote to record status quo (130+)

 - 2) Any new Action Participant
 - should indicate the WG in which they would like to work
 - must be approved by MC in a vote initiated by the Chair

 - 3) Candidates currently interested in participating:
 - Martina Tijardovic (Croatian Forest Research Institute)
 - Axel Weinreich and NN - UNIQUE forestry and land use GmbH (Freiburg, DE)
- CVs will be provided: an e-vote will be sent after the meeting

PART 1: Reporting & Administration

*Activities since the last MC Meeting
in Chatham, UK, Nov. 2014*

STSMs, Meetings & Conferences, Training School
→ www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de

3a.i) STSMs

Applications:	22	
Refused:	10	(2 reapplied and were approved)
Withdrawn:	1	
Approved:	4	
Completed:	7	
Total 2015:	11	

Average Amount:	2154 €
Total Funding:	21,544 €

Reasons for refusal: Topic not relevant to the Action,
or budget/timing/personal

3a.i) STSMs cont.

Of the 11 FUNDED APPLICATIONS:

Gender Distribution Male 10 / Female 1
(Applications: Male 20 / Female 2)

Young Researchers All young researchers (ECI)

Country Balance – Funded STSMs

From: PO, GB, BE, SR, SR, CZ, IT, IT, IT, CZ, LV (= 6 ITCs)

To: NO, GR, IT, IT, DE, DE, SL, ES, SA, BG, CZ

3a.ii) WG2 & 4 Meetings, Conference in Brno, CZ

Date: April 8th – 9th

Participants **28**

Male 17

Female 11

ITCs 11

Proceeding Conference

"Coppice forests: past, present and future"

April 9th to 11th

12 presentations by Action Members,

1 poster by an Action Member &

1 presentation on the Action

3a.iii) Training School

Coppice harvesting and use of products as source of renewable energy



Vallombrosa, IT, May 10-15th

Trainers: **7** (3 reimbursed)

Trainees:	16
→ Male	10
→ Female	6
→ ITC	9
→ MSc/ECI	15

Report with details on the programme, objectives, (positive!) student evaluations etc. available on the website: <http://www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de/intern/pdf/ts/ts-2015-report>

3a.iv) Steering Group Meeting

June 25 & 26th Groß-Umstadt (near Frankfurt), DE

8 Participants: Chair, Vice-Chair, WG Leaders 1 – 5
(or Representatives), STSM Coordinator, Action Management

Progress of the Action was assessed and **direction** discussed for the remaining 2 years of the Action (will be seen in later agenda points)

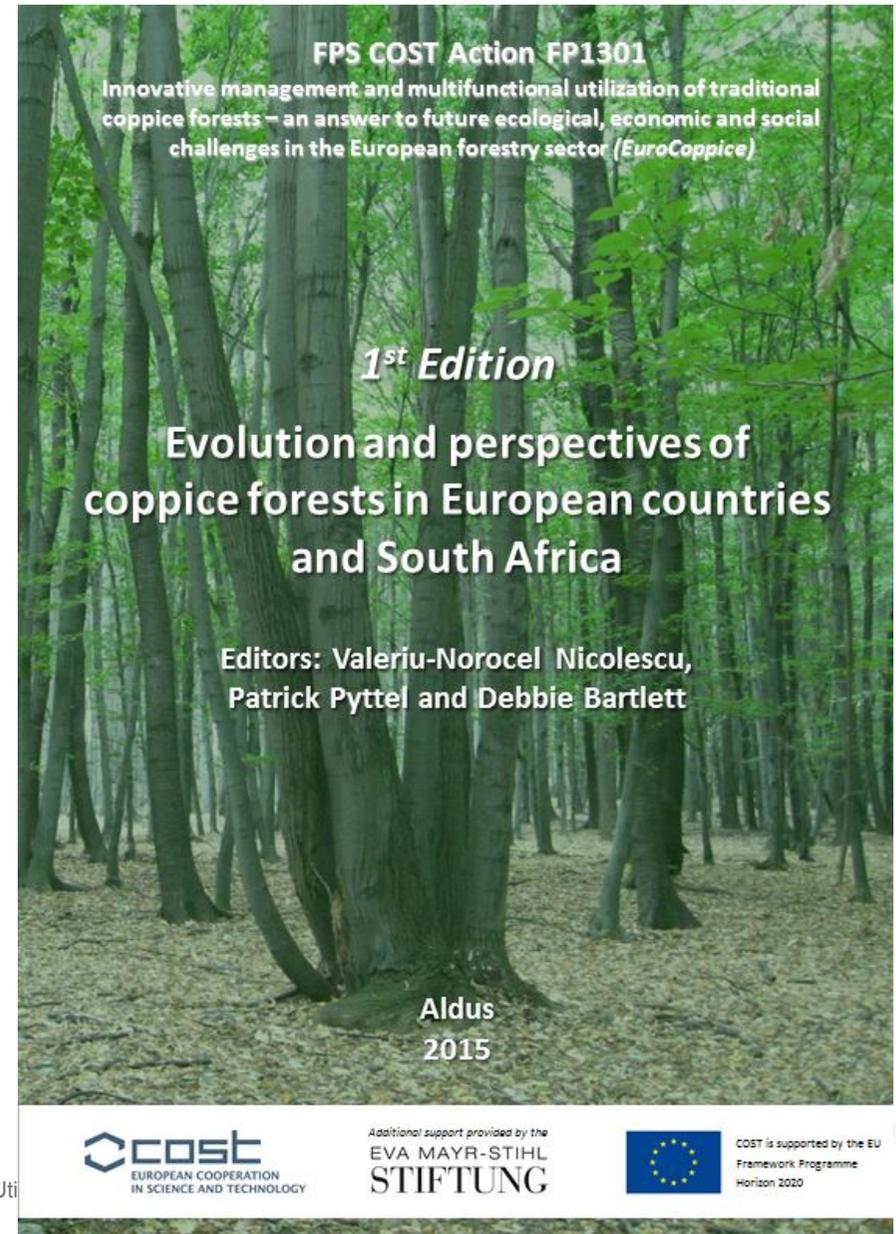
More such smaller meetings, especially between WGs, are seen as efficient

3a.v) Country Reports

Initiated by WG 2

500 word reports produced for
20 countries

We encourage all remaining
countries to prepare similar
reports



3a.vi) Conference & Meetings in Bucharest

The largest Meeting of 2015,
incl. 62 Action participants
+ 10-15 external participants

3b.i) Progress Report & Feedback

Very positive feedback from Rapporteur Miodrag Zlatic

Three points that should be considered:

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

3b.ii) MC e-votes

6 e-votes in 2015: details will be included in Minutes

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

01.07. 2016 Conference
Format, Location & Dates of Conference in Belgium

3b.ii) MC e-votes

07.08. **List of participants** to be reimbursed for
Bucharest Conference & Meetings

01.09. **New NNC Ukraine**

01.09. **Allocation of funds:** to maintain website and
print Country Reports

28.09. **Action Participants / WG Member Lists**

PART 1: Reporting & Administration

Budget

4a-c) Budget 2015

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

We have been warned by the Officer that there will likely be a similar situation in the beginning of 2016

4a-c) Budget 2015

GP2a: 02.12.2014 – 30.09.2015

Table 1 - Eligible costs	Contract Budget	Actuals	
	EUR	EUR	
	a	b	
A. Science Expenditure			
A1. Total Meetings (*)	25,703.14	25,703.14	
A2. Total STSMs (*)	13,734.00	13,734.00	
A3. Total Training Schools (*)	17,930.81	17,930.81	
A4. Total Dissemination, publications (*)	0.00	1,348.00	
A5. Total OERSA(**) (*)	1,572.05	53.00	
Total Science Expenditure (sum: A1 to A5)	58,940.00	58,768.95	-171.05
B. FSAC (Max. 15% of A) (***)	8,841.00	8,815.34	-25.66
C. Total Eligible Costs (= A+B)	67,781.00	67,584.29	196.71

4a-c) Budget 2015

GP2b: 01.10.2015 – 31.12.2015

Instrument	Rolling workplan	
	Forecasts	Estimations
>> Meetings	EUR 75 560.00	EUR 55 960.00 ++
>> Training Schools	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00
>> Short Term Scientific Missions	EUR 13 300.00	EUR 7 810.00
>> Dissemination	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00
>> Other Expenses Related To Scientific Activities	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	EUR 88 860.00	EUR 63 770.00

→ There will be approx. 15 000 € left to allocate to other activities before mid-Dec 2015

4d-f) Future Budgets

No figures yet on 2016 (or 2017)

The COST Association has warned of budget cuts

→ *We encourage you to sign the COST Association's petition against the budget cuts (over 10.000 have signed!):*

<https://forms.cost.eu/petition>

→ Thus, it is difficult to plan the scope of future activities

4g) End of Period Spending

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.

We will try to keep this in mind in future GPs and plan for such situations.

For this GP proposals will be made in the coming “Part 2” of the meeting.

4h) Required MC decisions

→ End of Period spending 2015

→ Conferences 2017

→ 1x Organised by WG3

→ Final Conference

→ Training Schools 2016 & 2017

→ Dissemination

PART 2: Future Activities & MC votes

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Meetings

5a/b) Meetings for 2015

→ WG Meetings

→ „Task“ Meetings (across multiple WGs)

5c) Outlook for 2016 & 2017

These years will have

- 1 Conference each (plus Final Conference)

In addition:

→ smaller WG or „Task“ Meetings

→ Steering Group Meetings

PART 2: Future Activities & MC votes

Conferences

6) Conferences

2016

Conference (WG4 topic) + Excursion, +
WG/MC/SG Meetings

Antwerp, Belgium

15 - 17.06.2016 (Wed-Fri)

Already approved via MC

6) Conferences

2017

Conference (WG3 topic) + Excursion,
+ WG/MC/SG Meetings

Proposal by France

Early in the year, dates to be determined

MC Vote

6) Conferences

2017

Final Conference

Proposal: Prior to the 125th IUFRO
Anniversary Conference in
Freiburg, Germany

EuroCoppice 17-19.09 / IUFRO 19-22.09

MC Vote

PART 2: Future Activities & MC votes

STSMs

7) STSMs

- Gender Balance?
- Optional STSMs found on the EuroCoppice website...
- Next Call in Dec 2015 for STSMs beginning in 2016
- Read calls and instructions carefully
- Contact STSM Coordinator Pieter Kofman beforehand
- Should be relevant to coppice!

PART 2: Future Activities & MC votes

Training Schools

8) Training Schools

2016 - ???

2017 – Latvia

Working Title: “Regeneration of coppice forests in managed and protected forest sites”

MC Vote(s)

PART 2: Future Activities & MC votes

Dissemination

9) Dissemination

Financial support is possible in 2016 & 2017 for:

- Printing / publishing *Action deliverables*
- Editing / publishing *Scientific Articles*:
 - co-authored by at least 2 researchers
from at least 2 countries
- Website

→ Please contact us well in advance!

→ Final product of the Action still „to be determined“

9) Final Action Dissemination (FAD)

Funding is available for Dissemination after the end of the Action (“FAD”)

→ Format examples: Website, Publications, Multimedia

→ Funds for: Proof-reading, editing & publishing

→ Max. 10 000 € & 12 months

→ MC vote & application due 6 months before the end of the Action (beginning of 2017)

PART 3: WG Reporting

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WG 1-5 Reporting

PART 3: WG Reporting

Modifications to WG 4 & 5 Work Plans

WG 4 – Changes to Dels 1 & 2

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.

WG 4 – Changes to Dels 1 & 2

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

WG 5 – Changes to Dels 1 - 3

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.

WG 5 – Changes to Dels 1 - 3

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.

WG 5 – Changes to Dels 1 - 3

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

Closing Remarks

Thank you

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