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

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Minutes

The participants met in Denmark to review and compare all Deliverables produced by the Action to date. The consistency between the Deliverables was particularly important, with a focus on terminology, data, information and references. Further points of discussion were: suitable reference to authors and corresponding author; titles; format and language. The aim was to have all Deliverables ready for formatting by the end of the meeting.

All of the 11 available documents were thoroughly reviewed and intensively discussed. The only exceptions were the WG2 Country Reports and WG4 Rules (third and second from last in the list below), which were both too long for a comprehensive review of the entire text.

A list of the 11 reviewed documents, in the order that the review took place:

Document	Recommended title	Comments
WG1 Glossary Terms	NA	Modifications were made to the pollarding entry. It was agreed that the terms were the basis for all other documents.
		Terms were selected that should be used consistently in all Deliverables: simple coppice, coppice with standards, coppice selection, pollarding and short rotation coppice.
		That is also the order that they should appear in all documents, unless there is a specific reason for deviance.
		The end products of the glossary will be:
		- A document with a list of the English terms, English definitions and the terms translated into all languages. - The updated online glossary - All entries in the glossary, including the bioenergy entries, will be put to the disposal of IUFRO SilvaVoc, via their contact Renata Prüller
		Next steps: Alicia will contact Radomir for the special UNICODE file and send those to each country.

WG2 Typology	Typology of European Coppice Forests	Improvements were made to the overall framework of the table (order of categories; names of headings), as well as the consistency of terms. The layout and pictures were discussed. Next steps: Noro will finish selecting pictures and send it to Alicia within the week.
WG1 Factsheet	Coppice in Brief	The content and flow were reviewed in detail and small improvements related to wording and comprehensiveness were made. They were approved by Pieter, who is one author of the text. Next steps: Finalise the illustrations.
WG2 Guidelines	Silvicultural Guidelines for European Coppice Forests	Since there were many author contributing to this text, there was a fair amount of repetitiveness and inconsistency. In addition, some sections were country-specific rather than European in general. The sections were of different lengths so that the text didn't "flow" as well as it could and there was an underlying negative tone mainly due some the caveats of eucalyptus. An intensive review addressed these points. Next steps: Noro will shorten the section on conversion, make some other small necessary modifications, then include the references in the text as numbers instead of names + year. He'll send the final document to Alicia within the week.
WG3/2 Rome	Active Management of Traditional Coppice Forests: An Interface Between Silviculture and Operations (no change)	Very small language modifications are recommended.
WG1 Country Factsheets	NA	WG Leader 1 had only just sent out the newer versions recently, so no draft on all countries was available for comment. However, the overall structure of each country was reviewed and discussed. It is important to modify the table at the end of each country to fit the requirements described in "WG1 Glossary Terms" above, i.e. the coppice terms and their order.
WG3 Factsheet	Coppice Products	The document had already been reviewed by Gero Becker and his modifications were highlighted in the text. That document was thoroughly reviewed according to the criteria above and all changes made in tracking mode.
WG5 Factsheet	Socio-economic Factors Influencing Coppice Management in Europe (no change)	There were few comments to the text. One is to check the Italian figures on forest composition; they do not add up to 100 %. In addition, Alicia will add the WG Leader as the corresponding author (already approved by the WG Leader).

WG2 Country Reports	National Perspectives on Coppice from 32 EuroCoppice Member Countries	The new texts from the Netherlands, Latvia were reviewed extensively in terms of language and format. David also reviewed the UK report.
		France, Israel and Bosnia are the only missing countries. It was agreed that France is crucial in terms of coppice and that an alternate means of obtaining a report should be pursued if necessary.
		It was recommended that the authors' address not be repeated if they are from the same institute.
		Next steps: Alicia will integrate the Netherlands and Latvia into the main document. She will add David's recommendations to the UK and send them to Debbie. Gero, Alicia and Noro will continue to contact the responsible persons from the missing countries.
WG4 Rules / Country	National Forestry Regulations Affecting Coppice Management in 16 European Countries	The main recommendation is to include all authors under each respective country heading (even if the authors are the editors). Otherwise it is not clear who wrote each text.
		The distinction between "authors" and "contributing expert" is now adequate.
Policy Paper	Coppice Forests in Europe: A Valuable and Sustainable Natural Resource (no change)	Some of the wording in the text was fine-tuned. Otherwise the group agreed with the structure, content and message of the document. Some formatting options were discussed.

The reviewed documents will be sent to the responsible WG leaders, except in the case of WG2 since Noro was present. Following the approval of the WG Leaders and authors, the meeting participants consider the documents ready for formatting.