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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)”

Minutes of the WG 2 Meeting: *Ecology and silvicultural management*

Antwerp, Belgium

15 June, 2016

Minutes Summary

Participants: 8 WG2 members as below:

Anna	Barbati	Italy
Cornelia	Hernea	Romania
Murat	Ertekin	Turkey
Jyrki	Hytonen	Finland
Valeriu-Norocel	Nicolescu	Romania
Ivaylo	Tsvetkov	Bulgaria
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Rapporteur: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu

Agenda

(i) Discussion on *Best practice silvicultural guidelines for European coppice forests* (first complete draft). Moderator: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu.

(ii) Discussions on the joint paper: *The loss of traditional coppice forests and the consequences for ecosystem functions delivery*. Moderator: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu.

(iii) Current situation of Country Reports. Moderator: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu.

(iv) Discussions on potential involvement of WG2 members into the preparation of H2020 proposals. Moderator: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu

Welcome

Noro Nicolescu welcomed the participants and presented the Agenda. The Agenda was approved and Noro volunteered to write the Meeting Notes - a condensed form, including important discussion points and decisions.



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(i) **Writing session on *Best practice silvicultural guidelines for European coppice forests*** (first complete draft). Moderator: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu.

Noro Nicolescu thanked those WG 2 members submitting their contributions for different chapters and sub-chapters of guidelines: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu, Joao Carvalho, Eduard Hochbichler, Viktor Bruckman, Miriam Piqué-Nicolau, Cornelia Hernea, Helder Viana, Petra Štochlová, Murat Ertekin, Martina Tijardović, and Tomislav Dubravac. The first complete draft of the guidelines, prepared based on these contributions and further work by Noro was sent in advance to the participants in Antwerp.

It was agreed that *the deadline* for (eventual) new contributions to the silvicultural guidelines to be sent to Noro is July 10th.

(ii) **Discussions on the potential joint paper *The loss of traditional coppice forests and the consequences for ecosystem functions delivery***. Moderator: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu.

Noro showed the participants that nothing relevant in relation to the paper has been done by the WG 2 members so far. The final structure of the joint paper was discussed and approved by the participants. The co-authors will include WG2 members as well as some invited WG4 and WG5 members (e.g., Peter Buckley, Debbie Bartlett, Paola Mairota, Patrick Jansen, Jana Mullerova, etc.).

Two deadlines were set as follows: a. *Data provision* (data to be included into the tables or used for the graphs): August 1st; b. *Subchapter contributions*: October 1st.

(iii) **Current situation of Country Reports**. Moderator: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu.

Even making efforts to collect all country report before Antwerp, some countries are still missing: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Israel, Latvia, Netherlands, and Norway. Noro will contact potential contributors (already discussed with people from Israel and Netherlands....) and collect these reports before the end of this year.

(iv) **Discussion on potential involvement of WG2 members into the preparation of H2020 proposals**. Moderator: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu

The conclusion of discussions was that the WG2 members, even being very busy with many national and international commitments, look forward for proposals from other EuroCoppice members (= done in the *Idea exchange* part of Antwerp activities).

Closing remarks

Noro thanked all WG2 members present in Antwerp for the very productive meetings – looks forward to the following WG2 meeting in France.