



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)”

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

**Brno, CZ
April 8th-9th, 2015**

Minutes Summary

Participants: 15 WG2 members as below:

Ioannis	Dimitriou	SE
Achim	Dohrenbusch	DE
Cornelia	Hernea	RO
Jyrki	Hytönen	FI
Paula	Jylhä	FI
Lydia	Koncekova	SK
Keith	Little	ZA
Alexander	Feher	SK
Blas	Mola-Yudego	SE
Valeriu-Norocel	Nicolescu	RO
Patrick	Pyttel	DE
Petra	Stochlova	CZ
Ivaylo	Tsvetkov	BG
Pau	Vericat	ES
Stefan	Vanbeveren	BE

WG Leader: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu

Rapporteur: Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu

Welcome: The WG Leader welcomed the group to Brno

Agenda

1. Presentation of current situation on Coppice silviculture (and \pm growth/yield issues) in different EuroCoppice countries.
2. Discussions on future outcomes (including the *Work plan* until the completion of EuroCoppice) of WG2 activities.

1. The 15 Presentations on Coppice silviculture (\pm growth/yield issues) in different Eurocoppice countries have consisted of 12 .ppts + 3 orals as follows:

1. **Croatia** (authors Tomislav Dubravac and Damir Barcic) - .ppt
2. **Hungary** (Norbert Frank) - .ppt
3. **Finland** (Jyrki Hytonen) - oral
4. **Germany** (Achim Dohrenbusch and Patrick Pyttel) - oral
5. **Republic of Macedonia** (Pande Trajkov) - .ppt
6. **Poland** (Martyna Gierszewska) - .ppt
7. **Portugal** (Joao P.F. Carvalho and Abel Rodrigues) - .ppt
8. **Spain** (Pau Vericat and Miriam Pique) - .ppt
9. **Slovakia** (Alexander Feher) - .ppt
10. **Czech Republic** (Petra Stochlova) - .ppt
11. **South Africa** (Keith Little) – oral
12. **Turkey** (Halil Baris Ozel and Murat Ertekin) - .ppt
13. **Sweden** (Ioannis Dimitriou and Blas Mola-Yudego) - .ppt
14. **The Netherlands** (Patrick Jansen) - .ppt
15. **Romania** (Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu and Cornelia Hernea) - .ppt

As some authors did not attend the WG2 activities in Brno, the presentation of their .ppts (no. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 12, and 14) was carried out by the WG2 Leader.

Each presentation was followed by comments, questions and discussions on the major points of interest for WG2 members.

2. The presentations were followed by discussions on the *future outcomes of WG2 activities*. In this respect, Patrick Pyttel (Germany) has proposed (and it was accepted by WG2 members) the submission to the WG Leader of a Country report (abstract) on "**Coppice forests in Europe: past, present, future**". It should be no longer than 500 words and focus on future challenges, country-specific (e.g., ecological, legal, other constraints) to coppice forest management. The participants have agreed for a quick deadline (June 1st, 2015) and will start preparing the report immediately after Patrick will circulate among WG2 members a template including the most relevant info on the above topic.

After completing the report, the WG2 activities will focus on the joint preparation of three review papers/book (?) agreed in Brno on:

- (a) Silviculture/Management of coppice forests in Europe (in-charge Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu)
- (b) Ecology, growth and yield of coppice forests (in-charge Miriam Piqué)
- (c) Short rotation coppice (SRC) (in-charge Ioannis Dimitriou)

The type of output (homogenous report/book or individual papers?) related to point (a) was discussed based on a document prepared by Achim Dohrenbusch describing pros and cons of each „product” as well as the potential contents of points (a) and (b). Unfortunately NO agreement was achieved regarding the type of output from WG2 activities (Papers? Book? Mixed products?) and it was accepted the late proposal by Gero Becker to check/translate the table of content of a book edited by him in Freiburg and compile different info provided by WG2 members in a similar way (*this is something needing further discussion*).

3. Regarding the *Work plan of WG2* until the completion of EuroCoppice, it was discussed with the Brno participants in the WG2 meetings with the following conclusions:

1. Guiding and extensive literature review about ecological and silvicultural aspects of CFM – *possible to fulfill*.
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 – *partly possible to fulfill*.
3. Critical review of the collected material from steps 1 and 2 and identifying contradictive findings and research gaps – *possible to fulfill based on the joint papers/book to produce*.
4. Organization of an international conference dealing with ecological and silvicultural issues of CFM – *possible to fulfill in October 2015, Bucharest, Romania*.

5. Develop a European coppice forest terminology in cooperation with WG 1 and WG 3 – *possible to fulfill.*
6. Producing report with best practice guidelines: *possible to fulfill - it will be probably based on eco-regions, and using case-studies (gradient across Europe?) or codes of best practice (?) (this point needs further discussions with WG2 members).*