



## 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*  
& WG 1 Meeting: *Definitions, history and typology***

**Pruhonice, Czech Republic  
25-26 April, 2016**

### Minutes Summary

**Participants: 8 WG2 members and 3 WG1 members as below:**

Joao	Carvalho	Portugal
Murat	Ertekin	Turkey
Cornelia	Hernea	Romania
Eduard	Hochbichler	Austria
Radomir	Kvlac	Czech Republic
Kristaps	Markovskis	Latvia
Valeriu-Norocel	Nicolescu	Romania
Petra	Stochlova	Czech Republic
Martina	Tijardović	Croatia
Alicia	Unrau	Germany
Helder	Viana	Portugal

Other invited WG 2 and WG 1 participants (e.g. Dagnija Lazdina, Miriam Piqué, Patrick Pyttel, and Magnus Löf) were not able to attend.

**WG 2 Leader:** Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu (Noro)

**Rapporteur:** Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu, Alicia Unrau

### Agenda

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

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

(iii) Further development of the WG1 Glossary and corresponding Website. Moderator Alicia Unrau



## Welcome

Petra Stochlova welcomed all participants to the meeting then Noro Nicolescu took over, welcomed again all participants and thanked Petra Stochlova for hosting the WG meeting. The Agenda was approved and Noro volunteered to write the Meeting Notes - a condensed form, including important discussion points and decisions. WG1 members broke off into a smaller group for day one and part of day two. They joined the second group for wrap-up discussions on the Guidelines and for discussions on illustrations (that could potentially also be used for the Glossary).

### (i) **Writing session on *Best practice silvicultural guidelines for European coppice forests.***

Moderator Valeriu-Norocel Nicolescu.

Noro Nicolescu thanked those WG 2 members submitting their contributions for different chapters and sub-chapters of guidelines: J. Carvalho, M. Piqué, V.N. Nicolescu, E. Hochbichler, V. Bruckman, C. Hernea, P. Stochlova, M. Ertekin, M. Tijardovic, and T. Dubravac. The initial/provisional form of the guidelines, prepared based on these contributions, was sent in advance to the participants in Pruhonice.

The group of participants was split into smaller groups of 2-3 people in order to prepare different chapters and sub-chapters making the first full draft of the guidelines. These groups have worked independently until end of day 1-morning of day 2 of the meeting and the results of their compiling works were submitted to Noro afterwards. All information formed the basis of the first draft of guidelines, presented in full to the co-authors. Following a picture session, this draft was enriched with pictures brought in to Pruhonice or sent directly to Noro by several participants: J. Carvalho, E. Hochbichler, V.N. Nicolescu, M. Tijardovic, C. Hernea (also on behalf of O. Cardoso), M. Piqué (also on behalf of P. Vericat).

It was agreed by all participants that Noro will further work on the first draft of these guidelines (e.g., eliminate the references from the text, organize the references in an identical way, etc.), and send the output – final complete draft of *Best practice silvicultural guidelines for European coppice forests* - to both co-authors and Alicia Unrau in Freiburg until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Noro asked the participants if anything has been done by the WG 2 members as nothing was sent to him so far - as the first draft of this paper is to be discussed in Antwerp in mid-June, the main priority of WG 2 activities was to prepare the guidelines produced as first draft in Pruhonice.

Eduard Hochbichler has done some work and showed that it is difficult to find relevant references for the topics to be addressed. Eduard showed the participants the results of his

work on two paragraphs he is in charge of. These results will be sent to all participants in Pruhonice as well those not able to attend the meeting. WG 2 members should express their points of view on such results by sending their opinions to Eduard in 10 days (deadline May 8<sup>th</sup>). Based on these discussions the preparation of first draft of the potential joint paper will continue in order to be presented to all WG 2 members during the MC/WG meeting which will be held in Antwerp (mid-June 2016),

**(iii) Further development of the WG1 Glossary and corresponding Website.**

K. Markovskis, R. Klvac and A. Unrau worked on developing and synthesising the existing list of glossary terms and locating relevant illustrations. The number of terms is now:

Importance of term related to coppice (category)	Number of terms in category	Number of doubles in category	Total number of terms needed
High	51	18	33
Medium	44	10	34
Low	55	1	54

The focus will be on terms in the “high” and “medium” categories; those in the “low” category will only be addressed once everything else is finished. It was decided that the sources of the description should be reviewed in order to make sure that they are the most recent and that experts in various fields must also review them for accuracy. Unfortunately, there was a problem with the SilvaVoc glossary at the time and the terms could not be accessed.

Furthermore, the status of the Glossary website was reviewed. R. Klvac was open to cooperation with and/or to hand over any part of the Glossary to an organisation that would continue to use and maintain it beyond the scope of the Action. This could apply to any of the Glossary products: (1) Online version, (2) Offline (desktop) version, and the (3) SQL Database. The Action Coordination will look into finding a sustainable solution for the glossary, for example with the IUFRO SilviaVoc Special Programme.

**Closing remarks**

Noro thanked all WG2 and WG1 members present in Pruhonice for a very productive meeting – looks forward to the next meeting in Antwerp.