



## 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)”**

### **WG 3 Meeting Notes**

**Ramada Majestic Hotel, Bucharest, Romania  
19<sup>th</sup> of October 2015**

**Rapporteur:** Raffaele Spinelli

#### **Agenda:**

9:10-11:00

Welcome, approval of agenda and appointment of a rapporteur;

Adoption of Agenda;

Group discussion on milestone 6 – Factsheet on the utilization and future products; D1 list of typical traditional coppice forest products, assessing their actual market share and market tensional for the future

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00

Group discussion as above

Adoption of a draft of the factsheet and appointment of some internal reviewers ( and volunteers)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30

Progress of publications AP1- AP8 (T. Nordfjell, S. Vanbeveren, D. Rossney, N. Krajnc, R. Spinelli, A. Poje, P. Ackerman)

Outlook for 2016

Any other business



## Welcome, approval of the agenda and appointment of a rapporteur

Nataschia Magagnotti welcomed all participants to the meeting.

The Agenda was approved.

Raffaele Spinelli volunteered to write the Meeting Notes. They should be in a condensed form and include important discussion points, decisions and recommendations.

The Meeting Notes will be sent to the Meeting participants for approval, then published on the website.

## Group discussion on milestone 6 – Factsheet on the utilization and future products

Nataschia Magagnotti goes through the draft of the Factsheet on the utilization and future products.

David Rossney volunteers to check the English style and to introduce possible text modifications agreed during the meeting directly into a revised document.

An intense debates developed all along. As a result of such discussions, the WG participants agreed upon the following changes to the original draft:

### Introduction

- Add a Table describing the main rotations and species, in the different Countries (see Annex I)
- Add a short sentence about the popularity trends in coppice utilization in the last century (e.g. growth-decline-revival)

### Actual market shares...

- The title was changed into “Present markets and potential for the future”

### Firewood

- Insert general reference data about the use of firewood in Northern, Central and Southern Europe, obtained from Eurostat (Petros Tsiors volunteered to produce these data by November 20, 2015 at latest).
- Insert reference data about the current use of firewood in specific Countries such as France, Italy, Slovenia and Spain (the corresponding experts will send data by 20 November 2015, at latest)
- Insert a sentence in the general following sense “Firewood has a strong presence on today’s market. In the future one expects a possible slow decline, due to the replacement with new technologically-advanced user-friendly wood-based fuels.”

### Charcoal

- Insert a sentence stating that “Charcoal represents a minor market in the EU, although with exceptions. In the Carpathian mountain of Ukraine there are notable examples of industrial charcoal-making operations, developed for the export markets over the last 5 years, and currently turning over 0.5 million m<sup>3</sup> of wood into charcoal”. The Ukrainian expert will send 5-10 lines about these operations by 20 November 2015, at latest.

### Chips

- Intense discussion about the use of chips. David Rossney introduced the changes into the revised draft

### Poles

- the title was changed into the more correct and inclusive “Poles, posts and other fencing assortments”

Furniture and flooring

- Austria, Poland and Slovenia offered relevant specific examples

A new product was introduced into the list, and namely: industrial wood. This was originally named as pulpwood, but the terms could be misleading as people may interpret it as wood used exclusively for pulp production, whereas this category includes all panel products as well (particle board, composite board, MDF, OSB etc.)

In this respect, Philippe Ruch will send information about the number of French plants using broadleaves such as beech, chestnut, hornbeam, oaks as industrial wood, and Eduardo Tolosana will send data about the use of hardwoods for pulp and panel production in Spain. Such information will also be sent by November 20, 2015 at latest.

Non-Wood products

Together with a number of minor changes directly introduced in the revised version by David Rossney, it was decided to change the paragraph about "Tannins" into a new paragraph about "Biochemicals", which would be much more inclusive and would account for bio-refineries in the future projections.

Conclusions

The conclusions were restructured, and changes were introduced directly into the revised draft.

### **Progress of publications AP1-AP8**

Nataschia Magagnotti listed the 8 APs (Article Projects). Due to the lack of time, there was little debate about this issue. However, information was provided about AP5, which would represent the foundation for the next deliverables. The work is very much on schedule. Data collection and data analysis had been completed. The experts responsible for AP5 agreed to meet on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the result and make a plan for finalising AP5, so that a draft can be ready by the end of the year.

### **Any other business**

No one raised any other subjects for discussion

### **Closing remarks**

Nataschia Magagnotti thanked the all present for a productive meeting. The meeting was concluded at 15:30 as planned.

**Present WG3 members**

Nataschia Magagnotti, IT and WG leader

Raffaele Spinelli, IT

Eduardo Tolosana, ES

Paula Jylha, FI

Ivan Sopushynskyy, UA

Pavol Otepka, SK

Ljupco Nestorovski, MK

Sotir Glushkov, BG

Mario Costa, PT

Abel Rodriguez, PT

David Rossney, UK

Philippe Ruch, FR

Petros Tsioras, GR

Karl Stampfer, AT

Matevz Mihelic SL

Nike Krajnc, SL

Vasillaq Mine, AL

Piotr Mederski, PL

Stefan Vanbeveren, BE (in the afternoon)

Andrew McEwan, ZA

## Appendix: I

**Table 1 – Most common species and rotation ages in some European Countries**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Rotation</b>	<b>Species</b>
IT	12-40	Beech, Chestnut, Quercus sp., Hornbeam
ES	15-30	Beech, Chestnut, Quercus sp.
FI	5-6	Willows
SK	10-30	Birch, Quercus sp.
UA	30-60	Ash, Alder, Beech, Birch, Quercus sp.
MK	30-60	Ash, Beech, Quercus sp., Hornbeam
SI	30-60	Beech, Chestnut, Robinia
AL	10-60	Arbutus, Quercus sp.
UK	10-50	Ash, Birch, Chestnut, Hornbeam
PT	12-30	Chestnut, Eucalypt, Quercus sp.
EL	10-50	Beech, Chestnut, Quercus sp.
FR	10-60	Beech, Chestnut, Hornbeam, Quercus sp.
PL	60	Alder