**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: Meeting of the WG 3**

**CNR Ivalsa, Florence, IT**

**25 February 2014**

**WG Leader**

Natascia Magagnotti

**Welcome**

Natascia Magagnotti opened the meeting at 12:30 and welcomed all the participants.

**Agenda**

Natascia presented the agenda and asks for approvement. The agenda was approved

**Participants/ Introduction of WG members**

The members presented themselves:

Magagnotti, Natascia

Schweier, Janine

Costa, Mario

Rodrigues, Abel

Suadicani, Kjell

Papachristou, Thomas

Mihelic, Matevz

Krajnc, Nike

Nordfjell, Tomas

Nurminen, Juha

Neri, Francesco

Poje, Anton

Rossney, David

Bambenek, Mariusz

Mederski, Piotr

Karaszewski, Zbigniew

Njakoudjomo, Sylvestre

Nestrovski, Ljupco

Gjorgjevski, Tomo

Sadauskiene, Liana

Stampfer, Karl

Otepeka, Pavol

Tolosana, Eduardo

Ruch, Philippe

Vuillermoz, Morgan

Czupy, Imre

Spinelli, Raffaele

Devlin, Ger (not attending)

**Deliverables**

Natascia presented the deliverables and milestones according to the MoU and explains what we should do within the next 4 years. The questions was how to reach these deliverables?

Different options were proposed and discussed, e.g. write reports or peer- reviewed articles, etc. The proposal to write scientific peer- reviewed papers was appreciated and accepted by the WG- members. In the next hour ideas for possible papers were collected and discussed.

Below the main ideas that were proposed. These would be the tentative titles of peer-review papers, which would later be adapted and/or collated to form the deliverables:

1. Unconventional coppice (right of way, road banks, ditches, riparian etc)

How to manage these areas?

Lead: Tomas Nordfjell
Others contributing: Kjell, Nike, Imre, N.N.

1. Mechanized chipharvesting methods of willow/ poplar SRC on agricultural land

Lead: Kjell
Others contributing: Sylvestre, Janine, Karl, Pavol, Imre

1. Comparing experiences with same species/ products and properties of all coppice species and
2. Quality of wood from coppice and high forests
Lead: David
Others contributing: Juha, Sylvestre, Morgan (chestnut), Ljupco, Zbigniew
3. Traditional products vs. chip production

Lead: Nike

Others: Karl, Eduardo, Natascia, Francesco, Janine

1. Database of traditional coppice harvesting productivity
Lead: Raffaele
Others: Matevz, Ljupco, Zbigniew, Piotr, Eduardo
2. Impact of chemical soil conditions on SRC biomass fuel properties
Lead: Mario

Abel, Sylvestre, Pavol

1. Safety and ergonomics in coppice harvesting
Lead: Anton
Others contributing: David, Francesco

The partners who took over the lead of each paper project agreed to take the initiative and produce an outline with the contents of the paper, the proposed work plan and the distribution of tasks. Production of peer-review papers would achieve the dual benefit of a) accruing concrete CV benefits to the participants, in return for their work and b) allowing authoritative, external and independent quality control for the deliverables eventually produced.

**Proposal for upcoming working group meetings?**No need from today´s point of view. It was agreed to check asap once the group started to work on the different papers. Next meeting should be held in 2015, in Romania, along with the planned next Conference and MC meeting.

**Conference of utilization in 2016**

According to the MoU there will be a Conference about utilization in 2016. It was proposed and accepted to host this event in Macedonia.

**Suggestions for WG specific Training schools**

Natascia asked the partners to think about this and check with their institutions at home.

**Any other business**

There was no other business to discuss.

The meeting was closed at 16:30, as planned.

Rapporteur: Janine Schweier