**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)”**

**notes of the 1ST Wg Meeting of the WP1: Definitions and Typology**

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**Minutes Summary**

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1. Aims: the milestones planned to reach within this WG1 :

* Milestone 1: Database of coppice terminology and standard definitions - First year 2014
* Milestone 2: Coppice forest typology factsheet - Second year 2015
* Milestone 3: publication of the glossary in Third year 2016

1. Plan for reaching the aims (and *responsible persons*):

* To devise and circulate a questionnaire for collecting, comparing and synthesizing the various terms and definitions which are related to CFM in countries participating in the COST Action. To obtain data to be developed further into a glossary (based on previous FP on Energy coppice) *(P.Kofman & R.Klavac).*
* To create a “living document” to be continuously improved during the lifetime of the project, by collecting, cross-checking and compiling statistical and other data on coppice forests available in the participating countries and regions. To collect information for the creation of a final fact sheet about European Coppice Forests to be ready in 2016. *(D.Lazdina).*
* To devise a list of scientists and experts involved in CFM as their main field of expertise; and a list of experts and practitioners in related but subsidiary fields (planned to be ready in year 1 as a first draft and then to be continuously updated until the end of the project). *(Enda Coates).*
* To post and communicate the first draft of the glossary on the Eurocoppice website *(P.Kofman & R.Klavac and native English speakers).*
* To contribute to the development of a terminology and a typology relevant to European Coppice Forests, in close co-operation with WG 2 (which is leading in this task of typology). *(D.Lazdina & R.Jarman).*

1. Proposed methods for disseminating the outputs of WG1 *(coordinator D.Lazdina):*

* Presentation at international Poplar symposium.
* Articles in local country press.
* Paper “Coppice across Europe” in peer-reviewed journal.
* Online data base.
* Lectures at training schools about terminology.

1. Definitions of terms will be developed in co-operation with lecturers of training schools and other working group members, using visual methods to explain terms wherever possible. Correlation with other systems for definitions of terms will be a priority e.g. forest certification schemes, UN/EU/ISO standards, etc.
2. Possibility of a working group 1 meeting to be arranged in Latvia to complete the deliverables required in 2014.