

# Cost Action FP 1301 EuroCoppice

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Recently, a new **COST Action** started. FP 1301 “EUROCOPPICE” aims to bring together European scientists, experts and young scholars to exchange knowledge about coppice forestry and to start developing innovative management and utilization concepts/techniques for future modern multifunctional coppice management systems.

## Background

Coppicing is a very traditional way of forest management. It benefits from the natural regeneration of mostly broadleaf species and their fast growth in the first decades. In most cases situated close to settlements this silvicultural regime provided among others firewood, bark, fruits and grazing and by this supported the livelihood of the rural population. Until the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, coppice forests were very common in most parts of Europe.

With increase in use of non-renewable raw materials, coppice lost importance and was neglected or converted. Only recently coppice has been re-discovered because of its adaptive ecology, its stability and multiple benefits, notably its protection function, contribution to biodiversity and as a source of renewable bioenergy.

## Aims of the Cost Action

Compiling and evaluating existing coppice-related knowledge

Establishing networks

Identifying institutions and capacities with competence and interest in traditional CFM and modern SRC forests

Stimulating research processes

Involving young researchers in coppice issues (training schools & STSMs)

Dissemination and contribution to a European Coppice strategy

**You are welcome to join the action!**

Check the workpackages and see what we do:

### WP 1- Definitions, typology & history

coppice forests  
definitions

history

harmonization for a  
common understanding

### WP 2- Ecology & silvicultural management

coppice ecology

growth and yield

Overaged coppice,  
revitalization

Adding value (valuable  
species, standard trees)

### WP 3- Utilization & products

traditional & possible  
new products

harvesting & logistic  
systems

analysis with regard to  
sustainability

best practices

### WP 4- Services, protection & conservation

biodiversity & nature  
conservation

protection functions

national regulation &  
legislation

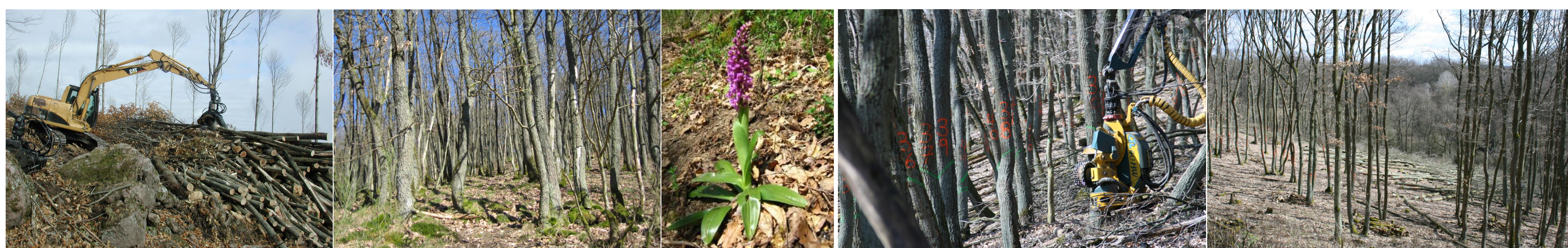
effectiveness of  
protection regulations

### WP 5- ownership & governance

Existing regimes

Effectiveness towards  
sustainability

new management  
concepts



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