



PROGRAMME OF THE 1ST MEETING

21 – 22 June 2016 Tampere, Finland

Preamble

This group will concentrate on innovation in mobilising different types of forest biomass for all potential markets and better interlinking supply and demand. Overall demand for forest biomass is forecast to increase in the future. This is currently driven by an increasing demand for biomass for energy generation, but other new and innovative uses for wood fibres and chemicals are on the horizon. Questions of sustainability, competitiveness of the forest-based industries, efficiency and economic viability and fragmentation, organisation and motivation of forest owners represent the major challenges for forest biomass mobilisation. In mobilising forest based biomass, economic, environmental and social functions of forests have to be safeguarded.

A clear potential to increase forest biomass utilisation for energy exists in most countries of the EU as only 60-70% of the annual increment of EU forests is harvested. Much of the potential for expansion can be found in small private holdings and silvicultural practices such as pruning and complementary fellings (namely first thinnings).

Previous work on this subject includes the publication in 2010 of the 'Good practice guidance on the sustainable mobilisation of wood in Europe', produced jointly by the European Commission, FOREST EUROPE, and the UN's Economic Commission for Europe and Food and Agriculture Organisation⁶. This publication addressed good practice across a wide range of aspects of mobilisation.

This Focus Group however, will address in particular the currently underused potential supply of forest biomass, and will consider challenges and opportunities to increase the sustainable supply of forest biomass as a raw material for all potential markets.

The aim of this Focus Group is to discuss these issues in the specific context of the EIP-AGRI – a new policy instrument for the 2014-2020 that aims to stimulate innovation and seek practical solutions to practical on-farm problems by bridging the gap between the practice and science of agriculture.

The specific objectives of the Focus group for its first meeting are:

- Identify success and fail factors that stimulate or limit the sustainable mobilisation of forest biomass, and summarise how to address these factors and explore the role of innovation and knowledge exchange in addressing these fail factors.
- Identify, describe with adequate examples and compare different means of improving the cooperation of small forest owners with regard to forest biomass. Provide examples of best practices, and also identify barriers to implementation.
- Analyse supply and demand factors, and the means to provide a link between the two – for example electronic marketing tools.
- Propose potential innovative actions to stimulate the knowledge and use of management practices and strategies in mobilising forest biomass.

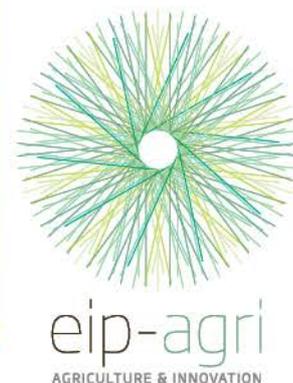


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Day 1: Tuesday 21st June 2016

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| 08:00 | 8:40 | Welcoming words, scope and purpose of the meeting, expectations from the Focus Group (FG). Getting to know each-other and the EIP.
<i>Antonella Zona (European Commission, DG AGRI), Joel Karlsson (Finish NRN), Beatriz Guimarey (Task Manager, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i> |
| 08:40 | 9:20 | Introduction to Focus Group workflow, roles and agenda of the meeting
<i>Beatriz Guimarey (Task Manager, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>

Setting the scene
<i>Andreas Kleinschmit von Lengefeld (Coordinating Expert of the FG, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i> |
| 09:20 | 10:45 | Presentation of case studies (FG experts) |
| 10:45 | 11:15 | Coffee break |
| 11:15 | 13:00 | Break out session: Barriers/opportunities and sources of innovation |
| 13:00 | 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 | 22:00 | Fieldtrip and Networking dinner
(See dedicated program for detailed description). |



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Day 2: Tuesday 22nd June 2016

08:30	08:50	Overnight reflections <i>(Antonella Zona, Andreas Kleinschmit)</i> Summary of the previous day
08:50	9:10	Policy framework <i>Steve Smith (EIP AGRI)</i>
9:10	9:20	Multi-actor needs <i>(Andreas Kleinschmit)</i>
9:20	10:00	Minipapers <i>(Andreas Kleinschmit, Bea Guimarey)</i> Follow up activities and work for 2 nd meeting
10:00	10:30	Coffee break
10:30	11:30	Conclusions of the meeting <i>(Antonella Zona, Andreas Kleinschmit, Bea Guimarey)</i> Wrap up of 1 st meeting Introduction of EIP-AGRI website and collaborative space for FG members
11:30	12:30	Lunch

