EIP-AGRI Focus Group on Sustainable Mobilization of forest biomass
1st – 2nd February 2017
Ljubljana, Slovenia

Preamble

This Focus Group is addressing the currently underused potential supply of forest biomass, considering 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 second meeting are:

- Propose potential innovative actions to stimulate the knowledge and use of management practices and strategies in mobilising forest biomass.
- Identify remaining research and innovation needs coming from practice associated to sustainable biomass mobilisation in forests, and provide ideas for Operational Groups and other innovative projects.

Day 1: Wednesday 1st February 2017

08:00 8:15 Welcoming words, scope and purpose of the meeting
Antonella Zona (European Commission, DG AGRI)

08:15 8:30 Introduction to the final report
Andreas Kleinschmit von Lengefeld (Coordinating Expert of the FG, EIP-AGRI Service Point)

8:30 9:00 Presentation of the mini- papers nr. 1, 2, 3 and 4
(FG experts)
PROGRAMME OF THE 2nd MEETING

9:00 10:00  Open space for mini-papers nr. 1, 2, 3 and 4
  - Key messages for the final report
  - Research needs from practice
  - Innovative ideas

10:05 10:30  Coffee break

10:30 11:00  Presentation of the mini-papers nr. 5, 6, 7 and 9
  (FG experts)

11:00 12:00  Open space for mini-papers nr. 5, 6, 7 and 9:
  - Key messages for the final report
  - Research needs from practice
  - Innovative ideas

12:00 16:30  Fieldtrip and networking lunch

16:30 17:00  Coffee break

17:00 18:00  Linking the work of the Focus Group with EIP Operational Groups
  - Concept of EIP-AGRI Operational Groups - Antonella Zona, DG AGRI
  - Practical experience of setting up an Operational Group - Jesús Martínez Benz, FG expert.
  - Food for thought: Ideas for OG

19:30h 21:00  Networking dinner
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Day 2: Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February 2017

8:30 - 8:35 Introduction to the day
8:35 - 9:15 Overnight reflections
  • Wrap up from previous day
  • Summary of key messages for the final report, research needs from practice and innovative ideas

9:15 - 10:15 Developing ideas for Operational Groups

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 11:45 Disseminating the Focus Group results
  • How to enhance impact of the FG results?
  • How to keep the network alive and useful?

11:45 - 12:00 Conclusions of the meeting
  Antonella Zona, Andreas Kleinschmit, Bea Guimarey

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch