

PROGRAMME OF THE 2nd MEETING

22-23 November 2017 Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain

Preamble

European forests are a crucial resource to provide multiple ecosystem services to society. Climate change including extreme events and associated disturbances affects the growth and stability of forests and could have severe consequences for forest ecosystem services and products provisioning. Consequently, managing forests to mitigate and adapt to climate change is a major challenge facing European forest management over the next decades. Furthermore it is essential to adopt a holistic approach towards forests - integrating the economic, social and environmental dimensions.

This Focus Group will address ways to enhance mitigation and adaptation potential of EU forests, while taking into account that forests provide multiple functions and services to EU citizens. The group will consider trade-offs between mitigation and adaptation, as sometimes addressing mitigation in the short term may affect long-term adaptation capacity.

The overarching **QUESTION** of the Focus Group is: Which new management practices and tools can improve the climate mitigation and adaptation potential of EU forests?

The objectives of the Focus Group for its 2nd meeting are to:

- 1. Propose potential innovative actions to stimulate the knowledge and use of management practices and strategies for improving EU forest's mitigation and adaptation potential and providing inspiration and ideas for Operational Groups and other innovative projects.
- 2. Identify remaining research and innovation needs coming from practice associated to the potential of EU forests for mitigation and adaptation.



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Day 1: Wednesday 22nd November 2017

8:15	8:30	Registration
08:30	8:45	 Welcoming words Scope and purpose of the meeting - Antonella Zona (European Commission, DG AGRI) Food for thought: Introduction to the Galician context - University of Santiago de Compostela
08:45	9:00	Introduction to the final report Marcus Lindner (Coordinating Expert of the FG, EIP-AGRI Service Point)
9:00	9:40	Presentation of the mini- papers no 1., 2., 4., 7., 8. (FG experts)
9:40	10:40	 Open space for mini-papers no 1., 2., 4., 7., 8. Key messages for the final report: clarify and discuss last pending issues Research needs from practice Innovative ideas
10:40	11:10	Coffee break
11:10	11:50	Presentation of the mini-papers no 3., 5., 6., 9., 10. (FG experts)
11:50	12:50	 Open space for mini-papers no 3., 5., 6., 9., 10. Key messages for the final report Research needs from practice Innovative ideas
12:50	14:00	Lunch



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14:00 15:00 Disseminating the Focus Group results		Disseminating the Focus Group results	
		How to enhance impact of the FG results?	
		How to keep the network alive and useful?	
15:00	16:00	Linking the work of the Focus Group with EIP Operational Grou	
		 Concept of EIP-AGRI Operational Groups - <i>Antonella Zona, DG AGRI</i> Practical experience of setting up an Operational Group - <i>Galician OG Examples, FG expert.</i> 	
		Food for thought: Ideas for OG-s and debate	
16:00 19:00 Fiel		Fieldtrip	
		 Visit to tending operation (mechanized thinning) in small non- industrial private short rotation pine plantation including purchasing of small diameter logs. 	
		• Visit to FINSA Factory in Santiago de Compostela, a multi-factory complex (sawmill, panel, biomass, furniture, etc.) where those logs are processed along with recycled wood to obtain Long Life Materials (panels) and products (furniture, contract-products, etc.).	
19:30	21:00	Networking dinner	



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Day 2: Thursday 23rd November 2017

8:30	8:35	Introduction to the day
8:35	9:15	 Overnight reflections. Wrap-up from previous day Report back to plenary of research needs and other findings.
9:15	10:15	Breakout session: Developing ideas for Operational Groups
10:15	10:45	Coffee break
10:45	11:45	Ideas for Operational Groups and Research Needs:
		• Reporting of OGs and prioritisation of OGs and Research needs
11:45	12:00	Conclusions of the meeting
		Antonella Zona, Marcus Lindner, Bea Guimarey
12:00	13:00	Lunch