



COST Action FP1202

Action Title: Strengthening conservation: a key issue for adaptation of marginal/peripheral populations of forest trees to climate change in Europe (MaP-FGR)

**Draft Agenda
Management Committee Meeting
Arezzo, Italy
26 September 2016**

Inclusiveness Target Countries: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.



1. Welcome to participants
2. Verification of the presence of two-thirds of the Participating COST Countries or, if applicable, a quorum
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting0.

Minutes were already approved via e-cost vote in November 2015. Anyway they are available on the Action Web Site at

http://map-fgr.entecra.it/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/MC_minutes_Bucharest_16Oct2015.pdf

5. Update from the Action Chair

- a) Status of Action: start and end dates of Action, participating COST countries, participating NNC/ IPC institutions and Specific Organisations.

Dr. Kevin Donnelly has been officially nominated Vice-Chair, replacing Ms Annika Perry
 The last plenary WG Meeting was held on 26 – 29 April 2016 in Florence, Italy, hosted by CNR IBBR (G.G. Vendramin) and allowed a rapid advancement of the network activities.

For the present Status please, look at annex 1.

- b) Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM): review of completed reports and new applications

The last STSM concluded at the beginning of 2016, funded by the III year of the project. Due to a reduced budget for the IV year, no new calls for STSMs were prepared.

All STSM were evaluated by an internal Committee and the report harmonised following a template supplied by the Action. For Reports please look at http://map-fgr.entecra.it/?page_id=76

6. Update from the Grant Holder: Action budget status

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Financial Period: AGA-FP1202-4

From 2016/05/01 to 2016/11/07

YFR deadline date, Friday 6 January 2017

Networking Tools	Rolling workplan			
	Forecasts	Estimations	Claims	Payments
>> Meetings	EUR 47 440.00	EUR 35 280.00	EUR 14 041.82	EUR 3 198.77
>> Training Schools	EUR 12 280.00	EUR 12 280.00	EUR 11 766.10	EUR 10 622.23
>> Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM)	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00
>> COST Action Dissemination	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00
>> Other Expenses Related To Scientific Activities (OERSA)	EUR 510.00	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	EUR 60 230.00	EUR 47 560.00	EUR 25 807.92	EUR 13 821.00

7. Update from the COST Association, if a representative is present

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8. Monitoring of the Action

This year a formal monitoring report was not requested, anyway because on last official monitoring time problems were detected by the Monitor due to WG1 leadership substitution and slower advancements of WG activities, the chair decided to produce it in order to show the advancements.

On 7 December 2015 – the Chair attended at COP 21 in Paris, to show the Action activities;

Two TS were organised after the meeting in Bucharest (http://map-fgr.entecra.it/?page_id=79)

2016 (III Reporting Period) TRAINING SCHOOL AND PhD COURSE *Analysis of genetic structure within and among populations with focus on marginal populations of woody species*, 18 January 2016 – 22 January 2016. Forest Genetics and Diversity (FGD), University of Copenhagen
Nødebo (Grib Forest), Fredensborg, Denmark

And

2016 TRAINING SCHOOL (IV Reporting period). *Genetic diversity of marginal tree populations: from genomics to phenotypic variation*. 13 June 2016 – 16 June 2016. Institute of Lowland Forestry and Environment, University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad, Serbia

On 26 – 29 April 2016 (III Reporting Period) a Plenary WG meeting was held in Florence, hosted by CNR IBBR (GG Vendramin) to speed the ongoing works. Activities were described in the WG results shown in annex 1.

In this frame work it was decided and the approved by the Vice Chair the establishment of tasks to compile the **National Reports** according to a regional criterion.

The following Colleagues accepted to take care of the editing and compilation:

Editor in chief: F. Ducci;

- Atlantic Region: B. Fady, B. Musch, C. Kellher;
- Continental/ Central Region: P. Belletti, D. Gomory, G. Huber;
- Nordic Region: M. Rusanen, Myking T., T. Skroppa;
- Balkan Region: L. A. Curtu, D. Ballian, P. Alizoti;
- Mediterranean Region: M.C. Monteverdi, G. de Dato, R. Proietti.

It was also proposed in the FAD to publish more scientific papers in **iForest**, this will be processed after the Final Conference to collect papers and after having voted the composition of a Scientific Committee. The Scientific Board of the journal reserve the final decisions for approval of papers. The Action scientific Committee will therefore take care of the preliminary screening and improvement of papers from the scientific point of view.

Recently The Chair proposed the organize a Session at the next 125 Anniversary of IUFRO in Freiburg and the IUFRO CSC has accepted our proposal for a session, **“Forest Genetic Resources of ecological hotspots: Conserving and managing for the trees of the future”** (session number 144), for inclusion in the Congress program, Of course jointly with IUFRO 20213 in which the framework the proposal was done.

9. Implementation of COST policies on:

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a) Promotion of gender balance and Early Career Investigators (ECI)

As per the entire duration of the project, the gender balance was respected and always promoted (70% women participation vs. 30% men). ECI were continuously involved in the activities: ECI STSM grantees has been also invited to the final meeting of the project to present their research activities undertaken during their STSM.

b) Inclusiveness and Excellence (see below list of Inclusiveness Target Countries)

10. Follow-up of MoU objectives: progress report of working groups

Reports of WGs are enclosed in Annex together with the III annual report of the Chair (Annex 1).

11. Scientific planning

a) Scientific strategy (MoU objectives, GP Goals, WG tasks and deliverables)

All deliverables and milestones were targeted.

b) Action Budget Planning

The chair proposes to use money possibly remaining after the Final Conference (according to the amount calculated after that) for funding alternatively:

1) A WG plenary meeting for the last interaction related to dissemination

or

2) A meeting of the EUFORGEN/COSTV FP1202 group charged to finalise the DB and Map transfer Agreement.

Site:

Time (before 7th November 2016):

b) Long-term planning (including anticipated locations and dates of future activities)

Developing Dissemination activities envisaged on FAD and spreading scientific information during the CXXV Anniversary IUFRO Congress in Freiburg (Germany) on September 2017 [<http://iufro2017.com/> and <http://iufro2017.com/call-for-abstracts/>]. Special Session requested and approved on “*Forest Genetic Resources of ecological hotspots: Conserving and managing for the trees of the future*” (session number 144), for inclusion in the Congress program. **Theme 4:** Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Biological Invasions.

Taking care of the transfer of DB and maps to Euforgen.

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d) Dissemination planning (Publications and outreach activities)

1) An additional budget of 10 000 Euros for dissemination (preparation and publication of the proceedings of the final meeting) has been requested to the COST Association. The Procedure is named FAD (**Final Action Dissemination (FAD) Grant request**) **it has been proposed last summer to the Cost Office, it has approved by the Vice Chair as in Annex 2).**

The FAD is used to disseminate final results, then has to be funded after the end of the last meeting, but must be prepared and proposed at least one month before it.

After the final meeting information will be disseminated via three main routes, each with a different emphasis according to the dissemination route used.

Three main routes, as highlighted above, will be followed by the dissemination strategy after the Final Meeting:

- A route aimed to spread general view and information.
- A route aimed to describe the situation prior to the Action, and the nature of the challenges faced.
- A route aimed to spread scientific knowledge and the main scientific results after Action has concluded.

The **first route** will be based on the distribution of **Pen drives** and will be aimed at students, public awareness, policymakers, stakeholders etc. to provide general information on the activities, ideas and main results of the Action. These include presentations, picture galleries, tables, statistics, reports from meetings, training schools and STSMs, and published articles. **Pen drive** will be distributed to participants for spreading in their countries to focal points and to be filled by them with "*FP1202 Map FGR Cost Action: Action facts and results*". Aim: to spread a synthesis of theories and of the activities carried out. Documents have to be downloaded from the web page.

The **second route** is via the journal **Annals of Silvicultural Research (ASR)** which is focused on the management of forests, incorporating silviculture and geomatics, as well as the genetics of breeding and adaptation. ASR is a scientific journal with a worldwide audience, including both scientists and policymakers. It will be online and open access. Publications here are intended to disseminate national reports on MaP-FGR, grouped by geographic region. The main results of the Action will be compiled and described by experts from each region.

The **third, and fully scientific** route will be developed through papers featured as oral presentations and selected posters from the final conference. These will be published in a special issue of **iForest**, a scientific (IF) journal. Papers will be selected according to the five topics addressed during the conference sessions. A special session will also be devoted to disseminating results of the best STSMs selected for presentation at the Final Meeting.

2) An **Agreement** will be finally developed with Euforgen Secretary and Coordinator for ensure the proper use by stakeholders of databases and maps throughout networking tools as the EUFGIS portal. A special Task group of experts invited by both the Euforgen and Cost FP 1202 networks discussed about that during the last Conference here and the round table in Arezzo.

12. Requests to join the Action from:

- a) COST countries -
- b) Institutions in Near Neighbouring Countries, International Partner Countries, and/or Specific Organisations: EU agencies, European RTD Organisation, International Organisations

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13. AOB

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14. Location and date of next meeting

15. Summary of MC decisions

- Annual WG Reports (Annex 1) approved.
- FAD Plan already approved
- Committee for National report reports
- TS and STSM definitively approved.
- Use of the possibly remaining funds is approved: Possibly a WG1 – 2 workshop to be organised in Rome or Florence or Madrid as other options according to the needs:

date 2 – 4 November 2016, Participants estimated: 10 -15 Site: Rome or Florence or Madrid

- National Report Committee approved.
- Scientific Committee for IForest Special issue approved:
- Approved the dissemination and participation of members at IUFRO 125° Anniversary.
- Euforgen agreement: The EUFORGEN Programme will host the distribution maps developed by the COST Action FP1202 in the relevant pages of its website, the Action FP1202 and the FAO Project GCP/GLO/440/FRA will be acknowledged and proper reference will be made in the downloadable material.
- The Programme will also evaluate the possibility of maintaining and further developing the database on marginal populations.

All items are approved by the MC.

16. Closing

The MC meeting is closed at 13:00 pm

Arezzo, 26 09 2016

The Chair
Dr. Fulvio Ducci

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Annex 1

Annual Report PDF (to be put on line)

Annex 2 (FAD synthesis)

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Annex

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Final Dissemination Grant	
	Estimated
<i>To be requested at least 6 months before the final Meeting</i>	
Website	0
Material for display or distribution (newsletter, guidelines)	0
Multimedia content (pen drives on Action facts)	500
Publications	0
Open Access licenses of Opinion Paper in Forest Ecology and Management)	4000
Proofreading, editing, layouting, production and distribution expenses....	
Annals of Silvicultural Research: CREA FOR, Arezzo Italy	5500
iForest: SISEF - Italian Society of Silviculture and Forest Ecology	
Total	10000

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