

**Annual report 2016 of WG3 of COST action FP1202  
“Strengthening conservation: a key issue for adaptation  
of marginal/peripheral populations (MaP-FGR) of forest  
tree to climate change in Europe”**

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Objectives of WG3: "Mainstreaming genetic diversity into sustainable forest management in the context of global change, considering both conservation and use of FGR".

Deliverable D9: "**Guidelines for mainstreaming genetic diversity into sustainable forest management in the context of global change in Europe (including legal transfer issues)**".

35 participants, 21 countries

Summary of research, networking and dissemination activities by Cost Action FP12020 WG3 members, in fulfilment of deliverable D9:

- **Opinion paper:** “Evolution-based approach needed for the conservation and silviculture of peripheral forest tree populations”, *Forest Ecology and Management*, 2016.
- Compilation of an **expert-based database** of marginal and peripheral populations in Europe (+ near-neighbor countries)
- **Maps** and state of genetic resources of **24 Mediterranean forest tree species** (with FAO)
- Participation to **STSM** selection and **TS** preparation (WG4)