

Meeting of the SWG Forest

Date: Thursday, 29 September 2016 from 9:00 - 12:00

Location: Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning (BBR)
Deichmanns Aue 31- 37, 53179 Bonn, Germany

Participants:

Name	Country	Organisation
Martin Greimel	Austria	Lebensministerium
Dietmar Jaegger	Austria	BFW
Doru Irimie	EU	EC DGRTD
Taneli Kolstrom	Finland	LUKE
Jean-Michel Carnus	France	INRA (coordinator SWG Forest)
Jean-Luc Peyron	France	ECOFOR
Vera Steinberg	Germany	BLE
David Butler-Manning	Germany	Projektträger Jülich
Rolf Stratmann	Germany	Projektträger Jülich (coordinator CASA)
Kalliopi Radoglou	Greece	Democritus University of Thrace
Tom Mc Donald	Ireland	DAFM
Annamaria Marzetti	Italy	MIPAAF
Baiba Rivza	Latvia	Latvian Academy of Agriculture and Forestry Sciences
Petter Nilsen	Norway	RCN
Anabel de la Pena	Spain	INIA
Karin Perhans	Sweden	FORMAS

Apologies: Belgium, United Kingdom

Absent: Estonia, Poland, Slovakia

Summary of main points of discussion and decisions

1. Welcome from local host (Vera Steinberg) and SWG Forest coordinator (Jean-Michel Carnus) to all participants, including an observer from Latvia and the coordinator of the CASA support action.
2. Overview of Forest Sector in H2020 provided by DG RTD representative (Doru Irimie). Finalisation of TOR and biannual work plan are top priorities, in preparation of December Plenary. There is an urgent need for the SWG Forest to provide input to SC2 WP2018-2020 and beyond, as well as SC5, and taking into account 3 overarching priorities (climate change, circular economy, digitisation). Additional areas where SWG Forest can contribute are the upcoming debate on MFF post-2020, including the Cofund Instrument under FP9, other forest related-policies (e.g. CAP), as well as Bioeconomy Strategy Review— see pdf attached.
3. Presentation of the objectives and organisation of the CASA project (Rolf Stratmann) and the upcoming workshop on 7-8 November 2016 in Brussels to discuss interactions and synergies between SCAR strategic/collaborative

working groups and the overall work plan. Discussion on potential financial support from CASA for SWG activities including secretariat, strategic studies and seminars, but excluding travel support. The future CASA website will provide tools for internal and external communication.

4. Status of the SWG Forest: need to finalise ToR and prepare a detailed biannual work plan before end of October 2016. Under the previous mandate there were 15 countries supporting SWG Forest. For the coming mandate, additional countries may also be interested in participating (e.g., Latvia, Slovenia, etc.). The SCAR secretariat will be contacted and asked for an update on the procedure for the official nomination of new country representatives to SWG Forest.
5. Finalisation of renewed ToR for SWG Forest for next period (2016-2019): the participants provided additional suggestions and amendments to the wording of the draft version of the ToR for the next mandate period, until June 2019. The final text (see attached document) was approved.
6. Inputs to detailed biannual Work Plan 2016-2018 were discussed and a table of proposed meetings and outputs was prepared to be attached as an appendix to the ToR. Priorities include contribution to bioeconomy strategy, ex-post evaluation of effectiveness, efficiency and impact of R&I actions in the forest sector resulted from transnational, coordinated activities (ERANETs, COST. FPS Domain.), international cooperation. The detailed workplan will eventually be refined or adjusted after the CASA workshop on 7-8 November.
7. Next meeting: next plenary meeting of SWG Forest will be held in conjunction with SUMFOREST in Helsinki on 8th June 2017.

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