

Minutes about the Decisions of the Steering Committee Meeting

Institute of Forest Sector Policy and Economics

University of Agricultural Sciences, Vienna

Vienna, Austria

16 February 2002 at 9:00 – 17:00

1. Consequences from mid-term evaluation:

It was agreed on, that Peter Glück will remind the responsible persons to produce proceedings of previous COST E19 meetings (i.e. Jose Maria Solano offered to produce a book version of the Madrid meeting, Hugh Miller offered to produce a CD-ROM version of the Aberdeen meeting and Willi Zimmermann offered to publish the legal aspects related presentations of the Aberdeen meeting in the working paper series of his institute).

2. Co-ordination of WG 1 & 2:

To improve the co-ordination between WG 1 & 2 the following was agreed on:

- to spend more time for joint WG1 & 2 discussions for presenting the results of each WG within a common framework;
- WG 2 will follow the positive experiences of WG 1 and offer time for sub-group discussions on propositions;
- the previous and new propositions of both WGs will be gradually aggregated and reviewed by the WG chairs;
- a paper on the common theoretical approach applied by both WGs should be part of the final report of the COST Action E19.

As deadline for the lacking background papers, to be delivered by Marie Appelstrand, Ine Neven, Johan Barstad and Karl Hogl, the first week of March 2002 was agreed on.

3. Organisation of future meetings:

Heikki Pajuoja offered to co-finance the EFI proceedings of the Savonlinna meeting.

The meeting in Porto will take place from 7 – 9 November 2002.

The concluding meeting in Vienna is envisaged from 4 –5 July 2003.

In order to provide the main results of COST Action E19 to the MCPFE, an executive summary should be available by the 31st December 2002.

4. Deliverables:

The SC participants agreed on the production of one common final report of the WG findings on NFPs. Peter Glück offered to publish this final report of WG 1 & 2 in the publication series of his institute, unless another publisher (e.g., EFI) can be found.

The special issue on NFPs of “Forest Policy and Economics” will appear in 2003. Deadline for the contributions to the book on country reports on the NFP process is 30 June 2003; a publisher has not yet been found.

5. Newsletter:

The SC participants agreed on the continuation of the distribution of COST E19 Newsletters; the next Newsletter should be published before Savonlinna. Peter Glück and Johannes Voitleithner are going to support Heikki Pajuoja in collecting the contributions and editing the future Newsletters.

6. Annual reports:

Based on the Work Plan of COST Action E19 also annual reports on the work of WG 1 & 2 will be written by the WG chairs (each 1 page; available by the end of each year).

7. Short Term Scientific Mission:

Peter Glück will ask Johan Barstad, Cristina Montiel and Attila Lengyel for short experience reports on their STSM for publication in the next issue of the COST E19 Newsletter.

8. Need for “guidelines”:

The need for “guidelines” has been endorsed; Americo Mendes will look for another word in order to avoid misunderstandings. The participants of the SC meeting understand “guidelines” as decision support for policy makers (but not as “blueprint”); in this sense “guidelines” show connections as well as preconditions for reaching something (“if-then”).

9. Miscellaneous:

The offer to contribute to a video produced by the COST Secretariat has been refused.

Chairman

Minutes taker

Participants of the SC meeting:

GLUECK Peter	Chairman of the Action	Austria
HOGL Karl	adviser	Austria
MENDES Americo C.	WG 2 leader	Portugal
PAJUOJA Heikki	Vice chairman of the Action	Finland
NEVEN Ine	WG1 leader	Netherlands
VOITLITHNER Johannes	minutes taker	Austria