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Objectives of the meeting

The objectives of the taskforce meeting were twofold:

- 1) Knowledge exchange with researchers and policy makers in the field of Kyoto Protocol reporting in connection with a workshop organised by Joanneum Research. (COST E43 was a co-organiser of the meeting.)
- 2) Planning of next steps within WG2, particularly regarding writing a scientific article based on the questionnaire report and application for non-COST funding to support future activities in connection with COST E43/WG2.

Minutes

Workshop exchange and conclusions

The workshop was structured into two parts. The first day was devoted to keynote presentations from researchers involved in policy and reporting issues in relation to Kyoto Protocol reporting for the land-use, land-use change, and forestry (LULUCF) sector. Two keynote presentations were given by participants from the E43 taskforce group: Emil Cienciala presented the results from the questionnaire regarding state-of-the-art of carbon reporting in European countries and Göran Ståhl presented the Swedish carbon reporting system. Both presentations were well received. Especially the presentation on state-of-the-art of carbon reporting systems was very timely and the results were used for further discussions during the workshop.

The second part of the workshop was the actual workshop part, during which policies and practices for the choice of definitions, selection of activities, and practices regarding reporting systems were discussed. The conclusions from the workshop are attached as an appendix.

Planning of next steps

It was concluded at the meeting that the questionnaire results of WG2 were of great current value and that a scientific article should also be written based on the results. Emil Cienciala will lead this work with assistance from Göran Ståhl. All people who

have actively participated in taskforce groups or short-term scientific missions for planning the questionnaire or evaluating the results will be co-authors.

Further, it was decided that Göran Ståhl will coordinate the application for funding from external sources to support work in connection with COST E43/WG2. Most likely this application will be written during June.

During the previous meeting in Vienna it was decided to form two new taskforce groups – one on revising the questionnaire for a new submission beginning of 2006 and one on initial work to propose reference definitions and methods for core parameters in connection with the UNFCCC/KP reporting. Emil Cienciala will coordinate the first group and Göran Ståhl the second. It was decided that both groups should start up the discussions before June so that the discussions can provide input to the application for funding.