

COST Action E43
Harmonisation of National Inventories in Europe:
Techniques for Common Reporting

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Opening and adoption of the agenda:

- A. I. Sletnes, Head of MCPFE Liaison Unit Oslo – a description of the MCPFE process was given with current issues explained.
- E. Tomppo – discussed progress to date for the Action and the current funding situation.
- C. Vidal – updated the Task Force with WG1's work and progress.

The Task Force discussed the work remaining to WG1 within the time before the meeting in Portugal, the work to be carried out in Portugal and the work (and timeframe) for post-Portugal work. It was noted that there was some concern over the lack of clarity about the remaining funding from COST.

The Agenda was then agreed by the Task Force.

The Task Force divided into groups to work on a number of topics:

- Reference Definitions and work on forest area and boundary concepts
- Common tree definitions for National Forest Inventories in Europe
- Country Reports for COST E43 book

A presentation, followed by a discussion, on laser scanning in forestry was chaired by Prof. E. Næsset on the Thursday afternoon.

On the final morning a washup session was carried out to discuss the Status of WG1 work:

- discussion of the work done
- WG1 preparations for Lisbon meeting
- Country book, status of country reports, status of the other articles
- Special issues articles
- other articles and report
- next steps, deadlines and responsibilities