



Meeting Report

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EPSO Forestry Working Group Meeting

Brussels, 29 October 2014 from 11:00 to 16:00

The EPSO Working Group on Forestry met for the first time on 29 October 2014 at the VINNOVA office in Brussels to launch the Working Group and discuss views on the situation for forestry research at national, European and global levels. The group considered the goals and longer term activities of the working group – to raise awareness for the potential of forestry research and its inclusion in respective research and innovation programmes at European, national and international levels. Ove Nilsson (Umea Plant Science Center, SE) and Elspeth Mac Rae (Scion, NZ) kindly agreed to chair the group.

First steps will be to engage in development of future Joint Programming Initiatives and ERA-Nets in plant sciences and in forestry, providing additions to the EPSO / Plants for the Future ETP input towards the future Horizon 2020 Work Programmes, engaging in the Forest Based Sector ETP and in activities of the European Innovation Partnership on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability.



Participants were: Mayte Cervera (INIA-CIFOR, ES), Nathalie Franck (EPSO), Thomas Geburek (BFW, AT), Calum MacKichan (EPSO), Elspeth MacRae (Scion CRI, NZ), Ciaran Mangan (EC RTD, Karin Metzloff (EPSO), Ove Nilsson (Umea PSC, SE), Margarida Oliveira (ITQB, PT), Ivan Scotti (INRA, FR). As Matthias Fladung (Thuener Inst, DE) and Elina Oksanen (Univ east FI) could not join that day, they sent their contribution by email beforehand. Following the meeting Giovanni G Vendramin (CNR,

IT) joined the Working Group.

The group welcomes more members from the main forestry research institutes and university departments across Europe (subject to EPSO institutional membership).

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