

FPS



DC FPS

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AGENDA

- 1. DC FPS**
- 2. FPS Domain**
- 3. FPS Actions**
- 4. FPS Strategic/ Exploratory Workshops**
- 5. Further information**



DC-FPS

- 29 (of 36) COST countries have nominated a Member of the FPS DC (the “missing” countries are: **BA, CY, GR, LU, MT, PT, SK**)
- If you know of a suitable delegate from one of these countries please recommend them to the CNC.



DC FPS

Chair, Vice Chair and Core Group of DC FPS

<p>Chair:</p>	<p>Dr Sjur Baardsen (NO) Department of Ecology and Natural Res. Man. Norwegian University of Life Sciences sjur.baardsen@umb.no</p>
<p>Vice Chair:</p>	<p>Dr Martin Greimel (AT) LebensministeriumForestry martin.greimel@lebensministerium.at</p>
<p>Core Group:</p>	<p>Chair, Vice Chair Elena Bobu (RO) Giuseppe Scarascia-Mugnozza (IT) Katri Ots (EE) Marc Van Leemput (BE)</p>



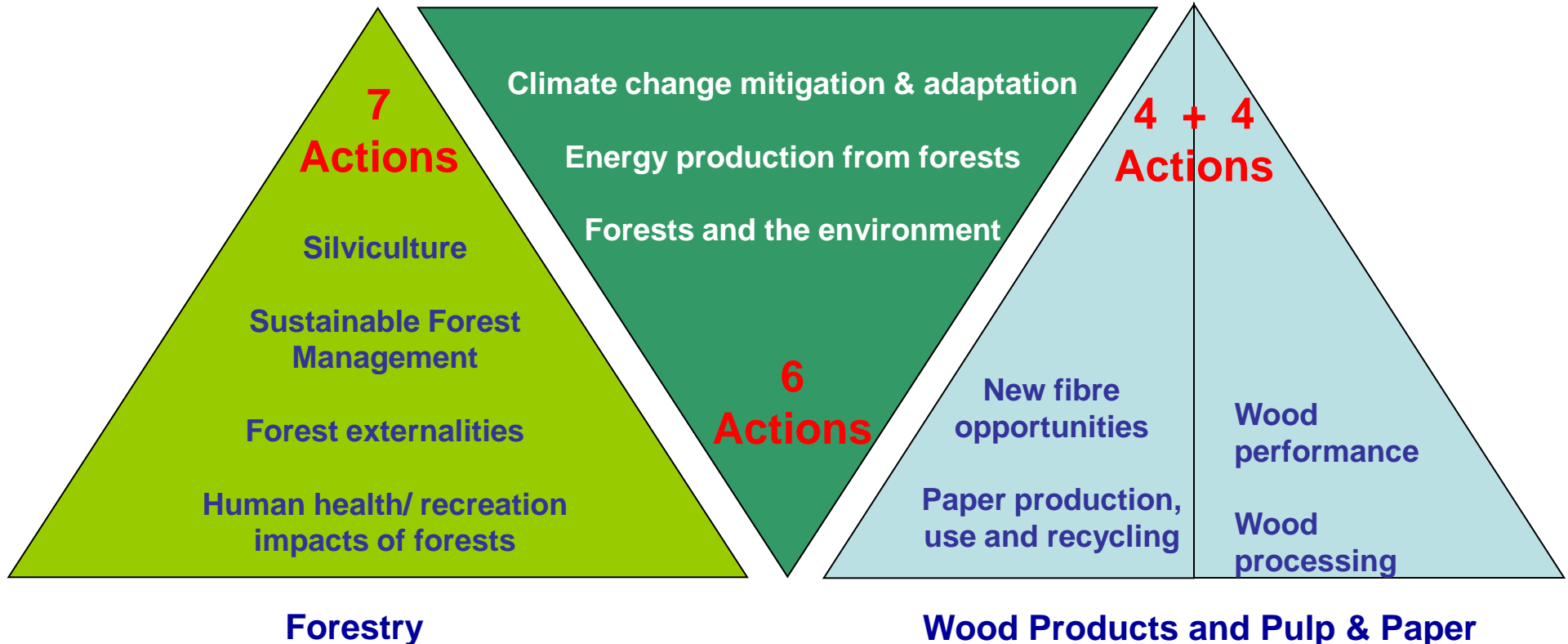
Responsibilities of DC

- **Quality Control:**
 - assessment of proposals of new Actions
 - monitoring of ongoing Actions
 - evaluation of completed Actions
- **Dissemination and exploitation of results of a COST Action**
- **Strategic developments in its domain**
- **Liaisons and Observers**



21 running FPS Actions

Forests, Energy and Climate Change





Wood related Actions

E 55: Modelling of the performance of timber structures (6/2011)

FP 0702: Net-Acoustics for timber based lightweight buildings and elements (8/2012)

FP 0802: Experimental and computational micro-characterisation techniques in wood mechanics (11/2012)

FP 0904: Thermo-hydro-mechanical wood behaviour and processing (4/2014)

New (2011):

- Bringing new functions to wood through surface modification
- Enhance mechanical properties of timber, engineered wood products and timber structure



Responsibilities of a Rapporteur

- **Monitoring the implementation of the Action ensuring the coherence with the objectives in the MoU;**
- **Assessing and reporting to the DC about the progress of the Action on the basis of the Annual Progress Report;**
- **Chairing the Evaluation meeting and compiling the final evaluation report;**
- **- is encouraged to attend MC/WGs meetings of the Action at least once a year ;**
- **- will be on the mailing list covering all Action's activities;**
- **- will receive and read MC minutes.**

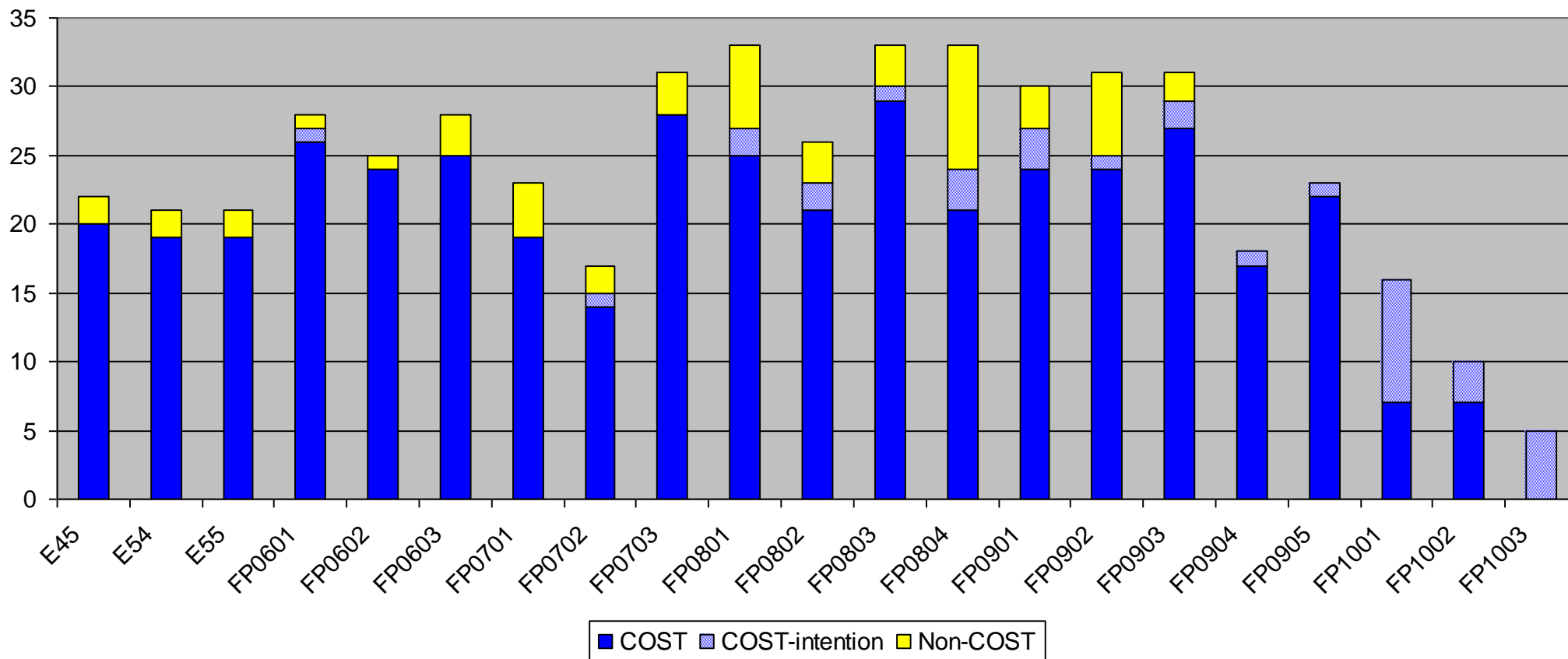


FP 0802

- The DC noted that the Action is running very well.
- The DC felt that the Action is outstanding with respect to the extremely high level of enthusiasm and the level of engagement and presentation of new ideas by members of the Action.
- The DC also commended the high number of ESRs and especially the excellent networking both among ESRs and between ESRs and established researcher, noting that this is a great strength of the action.
- The high industry participation as well as the high participation of institutes from non-COST countries was also praised by the DC.
- The DC noted the budget pressures caused by the high level of STSMs and commended the Action's commitment to STSMs.



Participation in FPS Actions (2010-09)





Any other business

- **Prolongation without additional funding:**
 - If you know you will not finish in time, reserve some budget already now
- **1 ESR Conference Grant still open:**
 - Send in proposal before February
- **Next DC and AC Meeting March 2011**
- **Lots of changes in the COST Office**



Strategic/ Exploratory initiatives

Strategic Workshop: Foresight on Future Demand for Forest-based Products and Services

- In conjunction with European Forest Institute (EFI)
- DC FPS representatives: Sjur Baardsen (Chair, NO); Niels Elers Koch (DK)
- Funding € 145 000 (approved by JAF)
- April 2010 – September 2011
- Final conference will be Polish Presidency event

Exploratory Workshop: Establishing a biological test-based system for determining the safety of paper and board products in food contact applications

- In conjunction with Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI)
- DC FPS representatives: E. Bobu, M. Greimel
- Funding € 41 300 (approved by COST Office Directorate)
- June – November 2010

To explore future scientific or societal needs, support policy developments or stimulate innovative activities



New Guidelines for Evaluation

Preproposal:

- Twice a year cut off deadline (collection date)
- COST Office allocates proposals to 9 DC (new: own Trans Domain)
- Evaluation by at least 5 DC members or Experts (failure: proposal will remain in the pool for next collection date)
- Marks that are not statistically consistent are discarded and to overcome inter DC variation a filtering process can be applied (both methodologies still under development)
- New assessment criteria for preliminary proposals
 - Right for COST
 - Public utility/Science
 - Innovation
 - Impact
 - Networking
 - Presentation
- 6 Points per criteria (previous only 5)
- A Minimum of 5 proposals is invited to submit full proposals



New Guidelines for Evaluation

Full Proposal:

- New assessment criteria for full proposals
 - A) Science and Networking (Weight 2) with 4 Sub criteria
 - B) Impact (Weight 2) distinguishing between 3 priorities and 3 Sub criteria
 - C) Structure and Organisation (Weight 1) with 4 Sub criteria
 - D) Contribution to wider COST goals (Weight 1) with 3 Sub criteria
- 4 Points (but different weights) for A (32), B (24), C (16) only 1 Point for D (3)
- Proposal financed: formula based on nr. of preproposals



www.call2010.woodwisdom.net

Publication: 15th September 2010

– Budget: ~ 18,5 M€

– Deadline Preproposal: 1st December 2010

– 3 Topics:

- 1) Forest for multiple needs of society, incl. Enhanced productivity and optimised use of forest feedstock
- 2) Advanced products and technologies for primary wood processing and manufacturing of wood and fibre-based products
- 3) Advanced biofuels and biorefineries



For more information on FPS. .

Link to FPS Fact Sheet:

www.cost.esf.org/module/download/7196

Link to list of FPS Actions:

[www.cost.esf.org/domains_actions/fps/Actions/\(all\)](http://www.cost.esf.org/domains_actions/fps/Actions/(all))

Link to FPS Domain Descriptor:

www.consilium.europa.eu/igcpdf/en/10/st04/st04165.en10.pdf

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