



COST Action FP1204 – Nice 1-2 June 2015, Management Committee (MC) Meeting

Monday, June 1, 2015

9:00-10:30 MC meeting (only for MC members)

The COST Action Chair, Carlo Calfapietra, showed the main activities of the Action so far, the deliverables for the future and together with the MC members were evaluated the allocation of costs in the budget.

First, the agenda for the following days of COST Meeting was presented, which involved all participants of the three Working Groups.

Then the following **deliverables** for the next months were scheduled:

- 1) An interactive website (month 3)
- 2) A database collating all scientific evidence available on the above mentioned topics (month 24)
- 3) The results of questionnaires developed among all the countries involved in the Action (month 36)
- 4) Guidelines for managers and private citizens which will advise on the best tree species and the best practices for the maximization of benefits from GI and UF (month 48)
- 5) A scientific position paper to highlight research priorities and challenges regarding GI & UF (month 48)
- 6) Implementation and diffusion of models for the estimation of the benefits derived from UF (month 48)
- 7) A roadmap for policy makers in order to provide indicators, thresholds and tools to be included in legislation at local, national or European level regarding the governance of GI and UF (month 48)
- 8) A Book, including all the main achievements by the different WGs (month 48)

The main further **meetings** that are going to be organized until the end of the action were showed to the Committee, and the importance of the publication of a handbook about COST Action activities was underlined:

- 1) The kick-off meeting at the beginning of the Action (3 month)
- 2) The annual workshops (month 12, 24, 36, 48)
- 3) The WG meetings, which will occur both in conjunction with the MC meetings and also through audio-conferences, particularly among smaller subgroups to develop specific initiatives (frequent)
- 4) Training Schools; it is anticipated that three Training Schools will be organized within this Action (month 21, 33, 45)
- 5) Final conference, where the results of the Action will be disseminated and new initiatives emerging from this Action will be launched (month 48)
- 6) Handbook of the STSMs, including the reports by the STSMs funded by the Action (month 48)

The participation to **Short Term Scientific Missions** (STSM) was shown, in order to present the actual mobility of participants, the origin countries and the hosting countries.

Then, the **achievements** for 2015 were listed:

- 1) 35 COST countries involved + 4 Near Neighbour countries
- 2) Two main workshops (Barcelona, Nice)
- 3) 1 training school: 25 attendees (Pieve Tesino, end of June)
- 4) STSM approved: 8
- 5) WG activities in progress also through small WG meetings
- 6) People involvement: around 225 people so far
- 7) Dissemination video and interviews realized and posted on the website and on youtube
- 8) Dissemination gadgets realized
- 9) Scientific papers realized

It was especially presented the huge participation to the next **Summer School** in Pieve Tesino (Italy) during June/July 2015.

A video was created for the dissemination of the action and uploaded on the **GreenInUrbs** dedicated **youtube channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlhOleH6ePs>), and it was shown during the meeting.

The actual Action dimension was presented also by evaluating the visits to the web site (www.greeninurbs.com), and analyzing the origin countries of the web site visitors. The peak of visits was found for April 2015, probably because in the same period the official invitations to the summer school were sent to the selected participants.

The **budget** until the end of 2015, for all the Action several activities, was thus presented and evaluated:

Action no. and title: FP1204 Green Infrastructure approach: linking environmental with social aspects in studying and managing urban forests. Grant period: 1 December 2014- 31 December 2015

Allocated budget: 170000

A. SUMMARY BUDGET

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|---|--------------|--------|
| (1) MEETINGS | € 100000 | |
| (2) SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS | € 25000 | |
| (3) TRAINING SCHOOLS | € 19000..... | |
| (4) PUBLICATIONS, DISSEMINATION, OUTREACH | | € 3800 |
| (5) OERSA | € 0 | |

B. TOTAL SCIENCE EXPENDITURE (sum of (1) to (5)) € 147800

C. Financial & Scientific Administration and Coordination

(max. of 15% of B.) € 22170

D. TOTAL EXPENDITURE (B+C) € 169970

- *Workshop at the Mediterranean Forest Week* - Location: Barcelona (E) date 17-18 March

Number of participants to be reimbursed: 40 (Travel costs: €24000)

Organizational support: €5000

Saved 2000-3000 euros

- *MC-WG meeting in conjunction with IUFRO 7.01.00* - Conference Location: Nice (F) Date 1-2 June

Number of participants to be reimbursed: 60 (Travel costs: €42000)

Organizational support: €7000

smaller WG meetings (4 x 5500) € 22000

Alnarp (WG3or4) €2900

Riga (WG2) €1500

Nice (WG2) ?

One of the small meetings will be held in Florence during the second week of November for the book definition and will involve all the Editors and subject leaders.

- *Summer School Pieve Tesino-Padova (I)* - Date June- July 2015; Target audience: students, Post-doc

Number of Trainees to be reimbursed: 25

Trainees Grants: 500

Travel costs for trainees: 12500

Number of Trainers to be reimbursed: 5

Travel costs: 3500

Organizational support: €3000

- *STSM costs so far (2015)*

15 STSM x ≈ 1700 € ≈ 25000 €; So far 8 STSMs spent 10550 €

- *Publications, Disseminations, Outreach*

Website set up: €1500

Dissemination tools: €1300

Publication on scientific journal: €1000

The main **Objectives** and relative **Activities** were presented and discussed:

Work plan for 2015 – 2016, Objectives:

- To involve the main stakeholders within the COST Action
- To have papers submitted
- To define book chapters, authors and publishers
- To have WGs finalize the databases and questionnaires
- To disseminate principles and results of the Action

Activities:

- Main scientific and technical papers related to the different WGs will be identified
- Update of the website
- Finalization of the databases and questionnaires
- Organization of the Book
- Preparation of Papers

- Involvement of Stakeholders

Finally, the planned **outputs** and the main **proposals** for 2016 were presented:

- 2 opinion/review papers on a “science-oriented” journal
- 2 scientific papers related to database and/or questionnaire construction
- 2 major workshops organized
- 1 summer school organized
- STSM (at least 15 STSMs funded)
- Database related to the different tasks of WG1 and WG3 realized
- Questionnaire/s realized for WG2
- Database regarding stakeholders and their possible degree of involvement/collaboration with the Action

2016 Proposals:

- There was an agreement with David Pearlmutter and Moshe Shaler to try re-organizing a meeting in Israel for 2016.
- Contacts have been taken in order to organize a workshop at the IFLA 2016 World Congress in Turin (18-23 April)

“Green Infrastructures and Urban forests in the urban planning: new approaches and challenges”.

The workshop would have the aim to involve different stakeholders (which has been a weakness so far of our Action), in particular urban planners and managers, administrators and policy makers, students, citizens associations.

1st day: presentations and round tables

2nd day: parallel WGs divided in the different stakeholders categories