



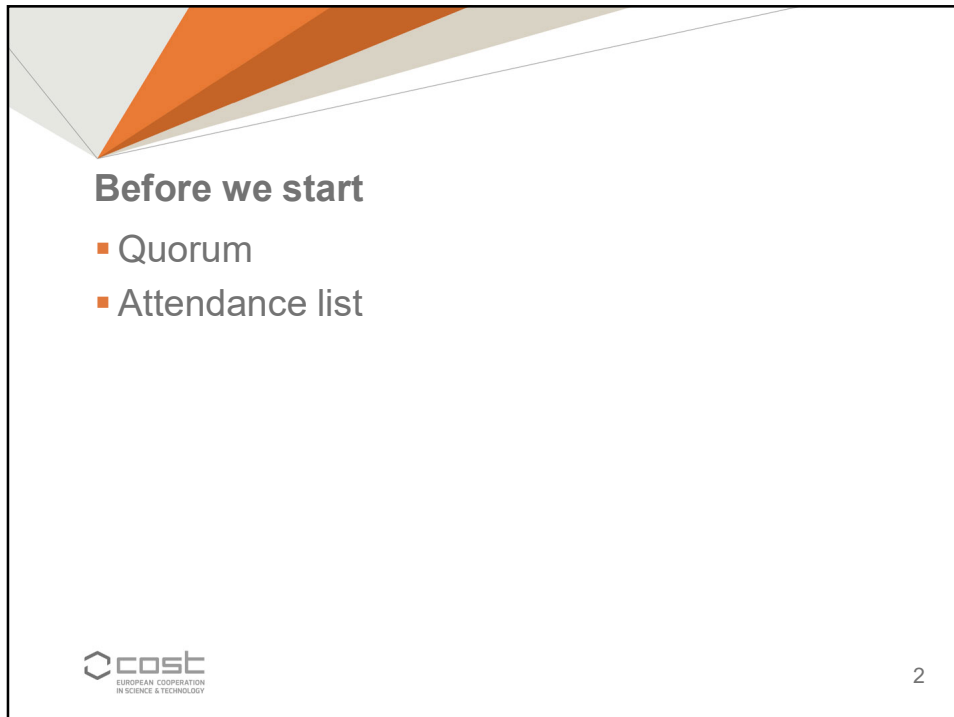
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COST CONVERGES – MC meeting

3rd April


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Before we start

- Quorum
- Attendance list

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Adoption of the Agenda (VOTE)

1. Presentation SO Karina Marcus
2. New participants and Evote (vote)
3. Change in leadership positions (vote)
4. GP1 and First progress report
5. Work and Budget Plan 2 (WBP2) achievement
6. Next WBP
7. Questions, comments ?



1. Presentation SO Karina Marcus

2. New participants and E Votes (to include in minutes) (VOTE)

- New demands : Cyprus (Ioannis Vogiatzakis, Open University of Cyprus) and Albania (Artan Hysa, Department of Architecture at Epoka University).
- « Ongoing » demand : Israel (Roey Egozi, Soil Erosion Research Station, Israel Ministry of Agriculture)
- Approvement of new countries participation (evotes) :
 - the Netherlands, Turkey
 - Kosovo (as MC Observer)

2. New participants and E Votes (to include in minutes) (VOTE)

- WBP 2 (evote)

2. New participants and E Votes (to include in minutes) (VOTE)

International partners (vote)

Contacts and exchanges with

- John Stella, Forest and Natural Resources Management, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, USA
- Dr Tanya Doody, Managing Water Ecosystems group, CSIRO Land and Water, Australia

=> already in the proposal

3. Changes in leadership positions (VOTES)

3.1. Changes of responsibilities :

- Ragnhildur Sigurdardottir wishes to leave her place of WG2 leader

3. Changes in leadership positions (VOTES)

3.1. Changes of responsibilities :

3.2. ITC conference grant

Reminder, eligibility criteria :

1. reserved for PhD students and ECI's with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC.
2. The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference program. The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation / speech at the approved conference must be on the topic of the Action and must acknowledge COST.
3. The participation of each applicant must be pre-approved by the Action MC

3. Changes in leadership positions (VOTES)

3.1. Changes of responsibilities :

3.2. ITC conference grant

For the last period : some confusions

- who evaluate : Vice-Chair, Core group, or an appointed Coordinator / Committee
- evaluation criteria : consideration of the scientific scope of the proposed participation and how it will support the Action in achieving its scientific objectives
=> should be communicated to all potential applicants.

4. GP1 and First progress report

- Last MC minutes (Rennes) VOTE
- GP1: We spent 93 % of the grant
- Progress report (Submitted: 26-11-2018)

4. GP1 and First progress report

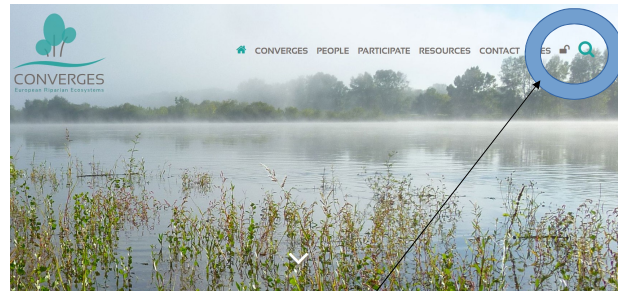
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		% ITC	%ECI	Gender
All Actions		49		27
39				
CONVERGES	53		46	
48				

- => SC Recommendation : The proposed Action must ensure that the good representation of ITCs, ECIs and gender balance is maintained in the implementation of the Action, including in leadership roles.

4. GP1 and First progress report

- Last MC minutes in Rennes (vote)



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5. WBP 2 progress

Meetings

Expected 5/6 / EUR 113 423

May	Krakow	Phytosociology (WG1&2)	13 participants
Jul	Madrid	WG1	16 p.
Sep	Selfoss	WG2	15 p.
Sep (dissemination)		Reykjavik	SER conference 1p.
Feb	Dublin	Ecosystem services synthesis (WG2)	3 p.
Apr	Pruhonice	MC, WG Action Meeting	

=> *Ratio participants/expected : 98 %*



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5. WBP 2 progress

Training Schools 0 EUR 0.00



5. WBP 2 progress

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM)

See Rob Francis presentation

5. WBP 2 progress

ITC Conference Grant

- Expected 3 / 7 500 euros
- Realised 3 / 3 160 euros
 - Renata presents some results at 27th Congress of the European Vegetation Survey in Poland
 - Pinar ad Yasar Selman will present some works and look for partners (socio-economica dimension) at 5th International Conference on Sustainable Development in Serbia



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5. WBP 2 progress

COST Action Dissemination

EUR 3 400.00

- Video « presentation of the action » => done before the end April
- Website improvement
- Proofreading (report)
- + Sep 2018 Reykjavik Dissemination meeting at 11th Society for Ecological Restoration Europe 2018 Conference



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6. Next WBG

- Grant Period 3 : May 2018 to April 2019
- Expected budget : 155 000 euros

6. Next WBG

Action scale

- MC + annual meeting, 2 days, 65 participants, February
- 2 propositions (Greece, Netherlands)
- 2 dissemination meetings
 - proposition : WG1 and 2 => Biennial Symposium of the International Society for River Science (ISRS) September 2019 in Vienna, Austria theme "Riverine landscapes as coupled socio-ecological systems"
- 3 ITC conference grants

6. Next WBG

Working Group 1

Riparian Vegetation status Assessment

- STSM (or small Workshop) to analyse questionnaires and to prepare a common report on riparian vegetation assessment, June, 2019

Relationships between pressures and Status

- WG Meeting: "Riparian vegetation responses to global changes (regulation, climate, land uses)", Madrid, November to February, 15 participants

Training school

- Development of phytocoenological databases and numerical methods for analysis of vegetation data, Bulgaria, oct 2019



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6. Next WBG

Working Group 2

Riparian restoration review + genetic conservation

- WG Meeting, Autumn 2019, 2/3 days, 15 participants, Belgrade Serbia => draft report and scientific publications
- 1 or 2 STSM => draft report and scientific publications

Training school on tools (remote sensing, etc) ? When ?

Current management & Legislation + Public & Stakeholder awareness

- STSM or WG Workshop, March 2020, 2/3 days. 10 participants Estonia => analyse the questionnaire, draft report



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6. Next WBG

Working Group 3

Launch WG activities

- 1 STSM to prepare the framework

Discussion and validation of the framework : next

Annual meeting

Grant Period 3 => Misalignments between science and management

- series of regional stakeholders meetings (France, etc.)



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6. Next WBG

Working Group 4

- Website, Updating, skill database
- A series of videos to present the Action, testimonies
- Translation version of core documents (Definition report)
- Publication fees for Ecosystems services, Genetic, remote sensing, etc.
- Guidebook on indicative species, when ?



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6. Next WBG

Synthesis

Some topics are not completely covered in the expected schedule (e.g. exotic species in scientific knowledge, indicators in tools)

Some topics were not initially identified but emerged (e.g. genetic resources)

Some topics will be covered but not with the expected deliverables

Do we agree ? If not, how to manage this in the GP 3 and 4 ? Is something really missing ?

Considering that we reach the expected grant amount.

6. Next WBG

Synthesis

Progress report 2 = october 2019, please check your deliverables

Suggestion : for July => a table « deliverables in the proposal » <=>
« deliverables produced and under production » ; evote ?



7. Questions or comments ?

CA16208 CONVERGES
Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Report
(Grant Period 2)

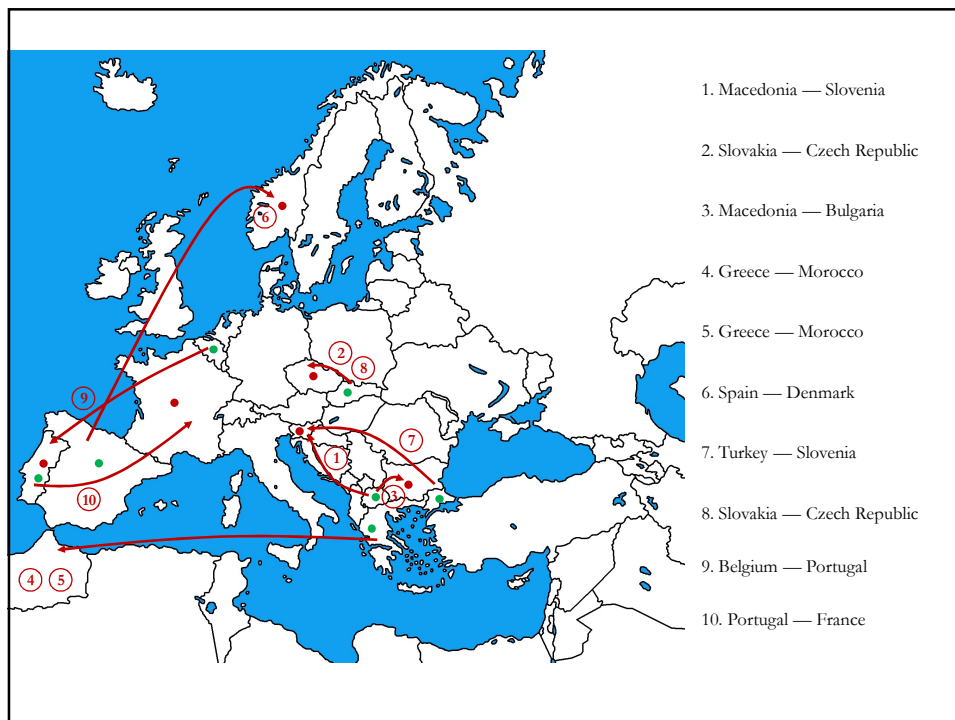


STSM Overview

- For this GP we required that all STSMs meet the grant period goals (GPGs) 1+2:
- GPG 1: Define and analyse a common protocol to assess riparian vegetation status, pressures and changes across Europe using a questionnaire sent to the network (contribution to the Working Group 1).
- GPG 2: Define and analyse a common grid to identify three types of responses to riparian vegetation changes across Europe (production of knowledge, management practices and social response) (contribution to the Working Group 2).

STSM Overview

- 10 x STSMs in GP 2 (GP 1 was 6)
- Mean value: €2,024 (GP 1 was €2,860)
- Total spent: €20,240 (100% of budget)
- 4 x STSMs were F, 6 were M
- 4 x STSMs were ECI, 6 were not
- Origin 7 were ITC, destination 6 were ITC and 2 NNC



Training : 1, 6, 7
WG 1 goals : 2, 3, 8
WG 2 goals : 4, 5, 9, 10


- (1) Kjushterevska (F, ECI) — €2000 — 15 days
 Update of new methods used for data elaboration in vegetation science [GPG1].
 Status: Completed.
- (2) Sibikova (F, ECI) — €2200 — 21 days
 Standardisation and preliminary analysis of updated riparian forest data from SE Europe [GPG1]. Status: Completed.
- (3) Mandzukowski (M) — €1500 — 15 days
 Analysis of syntaxonomical diversity of *Platanus orientalis* woodlands in Southern Europe using different numerical methods for analysis [GPG1]. Status: Completed.
- (4) Kavvadias (M) — €2460 — 11 days
 Remote sensing applications for management of riparian ecosystems [GPG1]. Status: Not yet undertaken.
- (5) Psomiadis (M, ECI) — €1980 — 8 days
 Remote sensing applications for management of riparian ecosystems [GPG1]. Status: Not yet undertaken.

Training : 1, 6, 7
WG 1 goals : 2, 3, 8
WG 2 goals : 4, 5, 9, 10

- (6) Poblador (F, ECI) — €2100 — 19 days
 Riparian zones as greenhouse gas sources and riparian vegetation influences [GPG1]. Status: Completed.
- (7) Kavgaci (M) — €2000 — 15 days
 New methodological approaches to elaborate forest vegetation [GPG1]. Status: Completed.
- (8) Sibik (M) — €2200 — 20 days
 Syntaxonomical revision of updated riparian forests data from south-east Europe [GPG1]. Status: Completed.
- (9) Ugille (M) — €2500 — 25 days
 Potential of Copernicus data to assess European riparian zones integrity with landscape metrics [GPG1]. Status: Undertaken, report not yet submitted.
- (10) Rodriguez-Gonzalez (F) — €1300 — 5 days
 Emerging socio-ecological challenges for riparian vegetation management [GPG1]. Status: Not yet undertaken.

STSM GP3

- Budget?
- Deadline – we had several post-deadline applications for GP2, and some STSM queries since – we currently miss the summer period (end of GP2 but before start of next call), so are we missing STSM opportunities for people who can only do exchanges in summer?
- How to prioritise? ECI, ITC – for criteria, consider GPG for period 3



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Karina Marcus – Průhonice – 3 April 2019

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Some numbers... up to now

- 30 (out of 39 possible) COST Countries
 - Missing Albania, Austria, Cyprus, Israel, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldavia, Switzerland
- 7 Meetings in GP1 and GP2 (MC, WG, etc.)
- 1 dissemination meetings
- 16 STSMs in GP1 and GP2
- 4 ITC Conference Grants

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Preparation for Grant Period 3

- For the activities from 1/5/2019 to 30/4/2020
- Estimated budget: 155,000 €
- The Work and Budget Plan must be
 - Submitted by the Action Chair
 - Validated by the Science Officer
 - Approved by the COST Financial Team
 - Approved by the Management Committee (e-COST voting), one week
 - Signed by the Grant Holder Legal Representative
 - Signed by the COST Director

In GP2
174,310 €



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Action Monitoring

Type	Time (months)	Focus	Referent
PR1	12	Implementation of SC Recommendations & COST Policies	Scientific Committee
PR2	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress • Impacts and successes • Dissemination & Exploitation • Urgent needs for improvement 	Action Rapporteur
FA	48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoU Achievements • Expected Impact & Successes • Dissemination & Exploitation • Added value of the networking • Lessons for the future and success stories • Emerging themes/ potentially important future developments 	Action Rapporteur

Done

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PR2 in e-COST

Manage MFA

This panel allows you to manage the status of the various MFA reports for COST Action CA16

► 1st Progress Report (PR1) — Completed(6)

▼ 2nd Progress Report (PR2) — 2 - Draft Action Chair

Status	2 - Draft Action Chair
Consult data input forms	Action Chair
Available documents	Action Chair report

► Final Assessment (FA)

Report Reference:
CA16-MFA-PR2

Report due:
2019


Report status:
2 - Draft Action Chair

Checklist:

- ✓ Keywords
- X MoU Objectives
- X Deliverables
- X Additional Outputs
- X Action Publications
- X Proposals / Projects
- X Other Outputs
- X Impacts
- X Dissemination
- ✓ Meetings
- X Other Activities
- X Exploitation
- X Other Matters
- X Summary

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Objectives

MoU Objective 1

Objective description

Objective type(s)

⚠ This Action's MoU Objective Types have not yet been set.
Please go to the [MoU Objectives Overview](#) panel and add at least one Objective Type to each MoU Objective.

Assessment

Level of achievement of MoU Objectives *

Description of progress with achieving the MoU Objective *

-- Please select an option --

-- Please select an option --

76 - 100%

51 - 75%

26 - 50%

0 - 25%

[Comments](#)

p Words: 0

10 to 500 words. For technical reasons please use only "explicit" hyperlinks (e.g. <http://www.cost.eu>) and not "implicit" links (e.g. link) to ensure accessibility of the link in PDF generated from this input.

Current planned deliverables

Deliverable	Month
A series of videos to present the Action and the main findings	6
Website with a progressive access to all reports, documents, etc. produced during the Action	6
Guidance to implement the protocol for the riparian vegetation status and pressures assessment	10
Guidance to implement the protocol for the responses to riparian vegetation degradation assessment	10
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Report about the socio-ecological function and ecosystem services provided by riparian vegetation	14
Translated version of core documents progressively produced during the Action	14
Skill database of riparian researchers the work on riparian vegetation across COST Countries	20
Graphic description of relationships between riparian vegetation pressures and riparian vegetation status	20
Report of existing management practices of riparian vegetation across COST Countries by country and/or region	20

Deliverables

Deliverable 1

Description

D.1.1:

Month delivery foreseen

February, 2018

Assessment

Progress towards achieving this Deliverable *

--- Please select an option ---

--- Please select an option ---

Delivered

Not delivered, but expected before end of Action

Not delivered, but expected within 2 years after the end of the Action

Not foreseen

Assessment

Progress towards achieving this Deliverable *

Delivered

URL of proof of delivery *

eg, <https://doi.org/10.1109/5.771073>

Communication and Dissemination

- An active and attractive Action website is a must!!!
- Contact your Action Science Communication Manager: Mila Chilikova milasemail@yahoo.com
- Supporting Tools
 - Eligible costs: Vademecum requirements
 - COST strategy and visual identity: our brand book <http://www.cost.eu/visualidentity>
 - Guidelines for Dissemination of COST Action results: http://www.cost.eu/Action_dissemination_guidelines



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COST Connect 8 – Climate Change and Forest Systems

The COST Connect event on "Climate Change and Forest Systems" will look at new horizons for research and innovation in the forest-based sector. The event will be held in Sofia on the 5th June and is by invitation only.



COST Connect 6 – How to Shape a Sustainable Urban Mobility for all?

The COST Connect Event on "How to Shape a Sustainable Urban Mobility for all?" aims at bringing together relevant actors, funding initiatives and researchers to reflect on the current state of the art, and to identify and provide input on desirable developments on urban mobility.

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COST Connect

COST Connect on data sharing
- Sharing is daring?

March 13, 2019 12:00

Read more...

Participants from CA16208:

- Dr Milica Zivkovic
- Dr Remigiusz Pielech



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