

Draft Minutes
Core Group meeting of COST 734
EI Escorial, ES, 3.10.2007

1. Welcome
MC Chair S. Orlandini thanked COST734 members for their active participation in AW8 sessions and opened the meeting. Agenda of the meeting is listed in Annex 1.
2. Status of information collection for the questionnaires
-The WG leaders or their deputies presented the status of the collection of the questionnaire. WG3 report will be communicated in written by P. Calanca and in oral at the next MC meeting in Vienna.
Some difficulties in collecting information on the national level were reported; personal contact has appeared as the most efficient way to collect the information. WG2 leader presented also a proposal for the structure of the WG2 report.
-WG4 elaborated an updated version of questionnaire which will be distributed before October 10. It is a structural non verbal based on the environmental classification of Europe, which makes it easy to fill out and further to use the results. The results of this questionnaire will be communicated to the MC at its next meeting in Vienna.
-It was mentioned that a certain general description/statistics of the agricultural sector from each country should be added to the general information.
3. The information is collected but not fully analysed so far. This work should be done either by the WG leaders or by appointed experts for the particular tasks /as in WG1/. The analysed information will be communicated by WG leaders at the MC meeting and further synthetized by the WGs.
4. It has been decided to publish one book of the survey at the European level. Second book at the crop level can be considered later. The draft of the WGs Reports should be delivered before the end of 2007.
5. -S. Orlandini informed the participants about the preparation of COST 734 leaflet. All participants are encouraged to send resonable appealing pictures for possible use in this leaflet.
-P. Nejedlik informed the participants about the Green Paper being issued by the European Commission and rised the question about the possible response from COST734 site to the repevant points dealing with the climate change impact on the european agriculture. The participants recommended to communicate this message to the MC at the next meeting and are in favour to comment the Green Paper as an expert group.
- Tor Siversten offered the possibility of organising an intermediate COST action workshop in June, opened to external experts and to present the status of the action.

6. The meeting was closed at 17:00 with the afternoon break for attending the EMS sessions. WG1 meeting of participating experts continued at 18:30.

Annex 1

1. Welcome
1. status of information collection for the questionnaires
2. elaboration of the information
3. finalisation of first year activity for the publication of two books with the collected information at European and crop level
4. discussion for the preparation of the following MCM (Vienna)
5. AOB
6. Closure