



Uppsala, February 29, 2008

EFORWOOD IP Board meeting (26) – Minutes

Date: February 14, 2008, 13:00-15:30 CET. Telephone conference.

Participants

IP Board members:

Gero Becker (GB), M3	Present
Jean-Michel Carnus (MT), M2	Present, until early Item 10
Denis Mc Gowan (DMG), M6	Present
Carl Olsmats (CO), M5	Present
Piotr Paschalis (PP), M0	Present, until early Item 10
Risto Päivinen (RP), M1	Present, until mid Item 7
Kaj Rosén (KR), M0	Present, chairman
Anna von Schenck (AvS), M4	Present, until mid Item 8

Others:

Gunilla Rodfors (GR), M0	Present, secretary
Arie Hooimeijer (AH), M4	Present, until mid Item 7
Marcus Lindner (ML), M1	Present
Diana Vötter (DV), M3	Present
Gert-Jan Nabuurs (GJN)	Present, only for Item 4

1. Opening and adoption of agenda

Responsible

KR welcomed the participants to the 26th EFORWOOD IP Board meeting.

Under "Any other item", KR added a discussion about a presentation of EFORWOOD at the UNECE/FAO Timber Section workshop in Geneva at the turn of the month March/April.

KR

2. Minutes from IP Board meeting 25

Item 4 Reports from M-leaders on the present situation concerning a) data collection, b) Case Study development and c) EU-FWC development

RP had promised to write the first version of a technical paper about what we perceive as the end product, stating what ToSIA will include and what ToSIA can/cannot be used for. However, no deadline had been set.

Concerning post-EFORWOOD issues, AH reported that he had not yet got any draft from ML.

GB had been appointed to coordinate the establishment of a Task Force for Module related modelling and had started the process.

Decisions:

- RP to deliver in a couple of weeks. RP
- ML to deliver during March. ML
- RP and ML to harmonise their efforts. RP, ML
- Those Modules (1-5) that had not yet appointed their members in the modelling Task Force were asked to do so and inform GB soonest. Modules 1-5

Item 5 Report and decisions on AIDIMA/FCBA

All M-leaders had been asked to report to KR on needed changes in the draft DoW (Implementation Plan) for months 25-42 following the changed roles and amount of work for AIDIMA and FCBA. Only M3 had responded so far.

Decisions:

- All IP Board members soonest to report changes caused by changes in the roles of AIDIMA and FCBA as well as of the changes decided for the Iberian Case Study to KR. All IPB members

Item 6 Discussion about the Minutes from the Scenario Workshop at Schiphol on November 12, 2007

M5 was concerned whether data to be processed by the EFI-GTM-model will be delivered on time for the deadline in April. GJN

3. Communication activities

Road-shows

KR reported the following from recent and future road-shows and that the activity will go on for the whole year of 2008:

- AH and KR had met Marco Mensink and Bernard de Galembert at CEPI. AH meant it was a more positive meeting than expected.
- On February 12, KR had met MCPFE, the Petersen Group and representatives of Borregaard. The meeting will probably lead to more contacts with MCPFE.
- In April, there will be a meeting with ASPAPEL, CONFEMADERA (wood federation) and possibly COSE (forest federation) in Spain.
- In September, an EFORWOOD seminar organised by DG Research, is planned with participation of identified DG officers within the European Commission. For that meeting, KR will invite some partners to make presentations. KR
- JMC reported that France will chair the European Union during the second half of 2008. The French national support group, consisting mainly of industrial companies, could very well be approached for a road-show meeting in the autumn of 2008, after the EFORWOOD Week in Bordeaux. JMC

Invitation to conferences

- Impact Assessment of Land Use Changes, Berlin, April 6-9: Key note presentation from KR. EFORWOOD has several presentations at the conference.
- COP9, Bonn, May 19-20 (ML, JMC).
- FTP, Kranjska Gora, May 19-22 (KR, RP).

Decision:

- KR to advertise the EFORWOOD Final Conference at the FTP meeting in Kranjska Gora. KR

Portal up-date

DMG reported that M6 will next week provide KR, GR and Maria Söderlind with an up-dated version (including FAQs) of the EFORWOOD Portal for their final approval. By early March, it will replace the present Portal version.

There will be a Wikipedia functionality on the up-dated Portal. It will be used for introducing definitions of commonly used EFORWOOD terms and M-leaders et al will be asked to improve the definitions with time.

Newsletter draft

Early March DMG will meet with Ingemar Ekdahl of the EAP for defining EFORWOOD target groups, e.g. for project-external distribution of the newsletter and conference invitations.

Decision:

- To distribute the Newsletter with the DVD from the Lisbon training session directly and to make a separate article or leaflet about the single chains. DMG

4. The EFORWOOD Book project

This is a remaining issue from IP Board meeting 25. KR had proposed a decision in favour of dropping the book project.

There was a discussion. ML said that if we drop the book project, which would approach a wider audience, scientists will no doubt get hold of the information anyway as they rather read scientific papers but other target groups, such as post-graduate students and stakeholders, will not.

Decisions:

- The IP Board decides to drop the Book project.
- So as to ensure scientific quality control of the work done in the project, targets for scientific publications should be developed for each Module including information on what is scheduled before and after the project is finalised, respectively. KR to distribute an inquiry to the Modules for them to list what they will publish besides the already listed deliverables during and after the EFORWOOD project. The list will also be used for filling in gaps of needed publications from EFORWOOD. KR to come back to the IP Board after reception of this input from the Modules. KR, Modules
- There will be a ToSIA handbook (is included in the EFORWOOD description of work), which could also include some general EFORWOOD material. DMG, M1

5. Progress of Scenario development

GJN described where we are and how we proceed from here as regards the scenario situation. ALTERRA wants first to focus on the reference futures, which are on track but a little delayed, before the Vienna meeting and finalise them and make the EFI-GTM running.

The scenarios and the Modules in charge for each of them have been decided but the responsibilities need to be clarified. ML said that also scenarios for the case studies are necessary (they were not prioritised at the Schiphol meeting). KR asked whether working groups should be formed for each scenario.

The Task Force on scenarios will have a teleconference on March 3. Work is postponed by about a month, which means that work on the real scenarios will start around mid-March. KR said he would like to minimise further delays and recommended parallel work on reference futures and on the scenarios. As the work on baseline futures is obviously on track, KR recommended that one person per Module is appointed to take part in each scenario working group, while GJN meant that it would be satisfactory to continue working with the persons already appointed in the Task Force on Scenarios (see yellow cells in minutes from the Schiphol scenario meeting).

Decisions:

- GJN to formulate a proposal for terms of reference for each of the scenarios and for each Module in charge for the March 3 meeting. The draft to be circulated before the March 3 meeting. GJN
- The Case study leaders to be invited to the March 3 teleconference. GJN
- Possibly also to invite to a physical meeting after the March 3 meeting but before the Vienna EFORWOOD Week. GJN

6. Report and decisions on AIDIMA/FCBA

CO reported on the recent development in this matter:

There are budgetary difficulties as there will both be an overlapping period and a change to a more high-cost partner. This will lead to a slight increase in the budget and a slight decrease in person-months. AIDIMA has agreed to this in principle; FCBA has given a preliminary response, asking for a confirmed commitment as regards help from other partners when it comes to collecting data for solid wood in other countries. If they get such a confirmation, they are prepared to use AFOCEL person-months for part of the job. KR asked for a positive attitude from the Modules. A problem is, however, that FCBA needs until mid-April, which is very late, to explore difficulties with data collection. The following information was given at the meeting:

- Germany and the Baden-Württemberg case will not be a problem according to GB.
- The Scandinavian case can be solved with the help from Skogforsk.
- With M5 and the EU-FWC, the situation is unclear. Maybe TUZVO can provide some help with Eastern Europe.
- A Plan B could be to finalise the current Implementation Plan for months 25-42 without planned changes but later to make an amendment to the contract. This way to proceed would not need an IP Board decision.
- CO suggested a Plan C, which would contain the present suggestion from M5 not yet fully confirmed by FCBA.

7. Next EFORWOOD Week, Vienna, Austria

Decisions:

All Session numbers refer to the program version attached to the IPB 26 agenda.

- S8 (Session 8) Plenary "ToSIA – What and for whom?": The goal of this session is to collect views from partners on the functionality and user-groups of ToSIA (will take 30 minutes). ML to send a proposal about the collecting of these views to DMG and Christian Gamborg within a week. KR to ask Gamborg to compile information from the Road-shows on stakeholder views for the Vienna meeting. ML
- S9: This session to be shortened to 30 minutes. KR
- S10: More time needed, to be taken from S9. KR
- S15: RP will discuss the content in phone meetings next week. S15 to change places with S19. RP, KR
- S16: General Assembly meeting. Content to be discussed at next IP Board meeting. KR
- S17: The target audience of this training session to be clarified. Session for everybody (AvS)? Role of M2? JMC to discuss with CO and Dorotea Slimani. AvS, CO, JMC, Dorotea Slimani
- S18: To be shortened. The session will contain information and marketing issues such as the external evaluation, the new Portal version etc and eventually an interactive part. DMG, KR

- S19: S19 to change places with S15. KR
- S20: 10-15 minutes' presentations. KR

8. Planning of the EFORWOOD final conference

DMG had distributed a background paper to this item. The following was suggested and discussed concerning the EFORWOOD final conference:

- Planning to continue and decision to be taken by up-coming IP Board meetings. DMG, KR
- Time: Autumn 2009.
- Place: Sweden will chair the EU during the second half of 2009. An FTP conference is planned to take place in Stockholm in October/ November 2009. Therefore, Stockholm (or Uppsala) could be a suitable meeting place for the EFORWOOD final conference. KR will provide data about the Swedish plans (dates, venues, conference themes etc). KR
- Focus and target groups: A scientific conference with involvement of industry and politicians. DMG
- To invite: For instance speakers among those visited by the Road-show, the Commission as user of the results. DMG, KR
- Possibly organised together with IUFRO. JMC
- Organising committee: To be appointed. DMG, KR
- First announcement: To be made by KR at the FTP Conference in Slovenia plus flyers and addresses to be available for the distribution by e-mail or ordinary post at the same time. KR, DMG
- Addresses for the distribution: DMG to contact the FTP (Andreas Kleinschmit). DMG

9. Next IP Board meetings

- April 11 at 13.00 CET (teleconf.), (AvS cannot take part), KR
- May 5-7 (in connection with the EFORWOOD Week in Vienna),
- June 18 at 13.00 CET (teleconf.) (GB probably cannot take part).

10. Any other business

Decisions:

- GB will make a presentation of EFORWOOD at the UNECE/FAO Timber Section workshop on "National wood resource balances – empirical data gathering on sources of wood supply and use" on March 31 – April 1, 2008, in Geneva, Switzerland. KR to send updated Road-show presentation to GB. GB

Date as above.



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