

## EFORWOOD IP Board meeting (25) – Minutes

Date: January 23, 2008, 13:00-16:30 CET. Physical meeting including EAP meeting at the European Commission, DG Research, Square de Meeûs 8, Brussels.

### Participants

#### *IP Board members:*

Gero Becker (GB), M3	Present
Margarida Tomé (MT), M2	In place of Jean-Michel Carnus
Denis Mc Gowan (DMG), M6	Present
Arie Hooimeijer (AH), M4	-
Carl Olsmats (CO), M5	Present
Piotr Paschalis (PP), M0	Present
Risto Päivinen (RP), M1	Present
Kaj Rosén (KR), M0	Present, chairman
Anna von Schenck (AvS), M4	Present

#### *Others:*

Gunilla Rodfors (GR), M0	Present, secretary
Ingemar Ekdahl (IE), EAP	Present, Item 1 and 2
Fritz Mohren (FM), EAP	Present, Item 1 and 2
Andrzej Kundzewicz (AK), EAP	Present, Item 1 and 2

### 1. Opening and adoption of agenda

### Responsible

KR welcomed the participants to the 25th EFORWOOD IP Board meeting.

As the EFORWOOD Expert Advisory Panel 3rd meeting had been included in the IP Board meeting (Item 3), Item 3 on the Agenda was moved directly after Item 1. After Item 3, the EAP members were excused.

Item 5 on the Agenda was decided to be taken before Item 4.

### 2. 3rd EAP meeting

Chairman: Piotr Paschalis

Invited: as listed above.

The main item for discussion on the Agenda of the EAP meeting was the just finalised EFORWOOD Review meeting at the European Commission.

#### Experiences from the evaluation 1): Communication and dissemination

During the Evaluation, EFORWOOD Scientific Officer Astrid Kaemena especially underlined the importance of a) communication and dissemination during the project and b) establishing what will happen with the results after the end of the project. There was a discussion about different matters in this respect.

IE said there is at present a mix of vocabulary between the terms "stakeholders" (= anyone) and "target groups" (selected persons/groups) and

that the target groups must be defined in order to be able to adapt ways of communicating results. He said he would be prepared to help M6 in this respect, especially as the Stakeholder panels had not worked out well, but had been replaced by the Road-shows. A possible drop of the Stakeholder panels would require a change in the Consortium Agreement and in the DoW. KR, GR

There was a discussion about the book project and the final conference. FM said there is a case for having a final conference but it should be arranged in connection with another major forest-sector event in order to attract more people. Before the final conference and in connection with the FTP meeting in Slovenia, EFORWOOD will have the opportunity to present itself together with the other ongoing forest-sector projects. DMG

AK said that EFORWOOD has to simplify its message and PP that we must hurry to formulate who will benefit from and use the EFORWOOD results. DMG

FM meant that EFORWOOD research is summarised in M1. M1's task is not easy as they accumulate problems from other groups. They have, however, more coordination money for this period than earlier. A small group of selected scientists could be gathered to discuss these matters. RP said that that could be combined with letting end-users (incl. scientists, industrialists and politicians) test the models as their questions will lead to clarifications. The Road-shows also generate similar clarifying questions. RP, KR

RP suggested an exercise where the modelling efforts of M2, M3, M4 and M5 should be summarised and their connections to ToSIA be explained. GB wondered if it would be possible to go faster towards a ToSIA demo version. KR suggested that 2-3 modellers could work on a demo version with Marcus Lindner and Tommi Suominen.

Experiences from the evaluation 2): Comments to the EFORWOOD Activity Report for Months 13-24, the EFORWOOD Management Report for Months 13-24 and the EFORWOOD Implementation Plan for Months 25-42

FM asked about a possible standardisation of the M2 models for M1 and MT replied that they are standardised through EFISCEN. There will be a meeting in Uppsala on April 10-11 about this. The inclusion of climate change in the scenarios is a problem, which we have to deal with. This could perhaps best be done in a partial model?

There were no comments or suggestions to the current Implementation Plan. But weak points in EFORWOOD were said to be plantations, biomass and bio-energy.

**Decisions:**

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) with answers about ToSIA and ToSIA results to be put on the Portal (a new Portal version will soon be ready).
- FM to speak with Marcus Lindner and Harald Sverdrup for finding suitable scientific modeller(s) to discuss ToSIA within 6 months. DMG
- IE and DMG to draw up a proposal for adapted dissemination of ToSIA for identified target groups. FM, ML, HS, RP, KR
- The EAP will be invited to the EFORWOOD Week in Vienna. Tentatively (depending on the attendance of the EAP), the EAP could make prepared inputs to the Consortium at the event, such as e.g. a reaction to the Review meeting. IE, DMG, KR, PP

With this, the 3rd EAP meeting was ended.

**3. Minutes from IP Board meetings 23 and 24**

The minutes were accepted without comments.

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

KR said this was the last IP Board meeting at which it was still possible to make changes to the Implementation Plan for Months 25-42.

Comments by M2

a-b-c) MT said that the Iberian Case Study methodology used will have to be further developed, and so will the methodology for the EU-FWC. The Iberian forest part is very complex with a lot of species, etc.

**Decision:**

- M2 to solve the problems and meet the deadline of June 2008.

MT

Comments by M3

a-b-c) According to GB, all has been taken care of and there are no major problems. But of course the picture is complex and "if you provide better data, you will get better results on the European level". For item c), M3 has to work with assumptions, available statistics and expert advice. There is a special problem with countries not taking part in the Consortium. There was a discussion about who enters the data into the data client. RP said it will probably be IFER. Note: they will have a workshop in February for those interested.

**Decision:**

- M3 to meet the deadlines.

GB

Comments by M4

a-b-c) AvS said M4 is comfortable with the situation except for problems with the solid wood chain; the Baden-Württemberg chain has been done mainly by Franka Bruechert. A strong partner for the solid wood chain in M5 could help to improve work also in M4. Katie Livesey, BRE, will be back from maternity leave in February and will resume her position as coordinator of the solid wood chain in M4.

Comments by M5

a-b-c) CO said that both the fibre and the bio-energy parts are OK. The wood part is, however, problematic (esp. regarding construction/buildings) with delays related to AIDIMA. Assuming M5 gets a new partner to take over part of the AIDIMA responsibilities, there will still be an overlapping period of learning and probably also higher person-month costs.

Comments by M6

**Decisions:**

- For project-internal use, information about the decisions made above should be published on the Portal (Project News).
- For project-external use, there should be an article about the ongoing activities in the EFORWOOD Newsletter.
- The results from the Single FWCs should be presented consistently, e.g. in flow-diagrams for use in up-coming presentations.

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### Comments by M1

a-b-c) RP was concerned about decisions on who is responsible for data collection for the EU-FWC in different countries. Delays may create problems down the chain.

### General discussion

KR and RP said that already now we need a technical paper about what we perceive as the end product, stating what ToSIA will include and what ToSIA can/can not be used for. Later it will have to be professionally rewritten and illustrated, for Road-shows etc.

### **Decision:**

- RP to write the first technical version. Cf. Petri Vasara's presentation at Kerkrade. RP

Concerning who will own EFORWOOD after the end of the project, AH and EFI are writing a paper about this (decision from IP Board meeting 23), which could be used in the introduction of a user manual. AH and EFI

### Standardised description of models used in EFORWOOD

In answer to RP's suggestion (see Item 2), KR suggested that there is a need for a standardised template describing the models developed (also by others) and used by the Modules. A small Task Force (one person per Module) should be set up to define and fill in the template.

### **Decisions:**

- GB was appointed to coordinate the establishment of a Task Force as suggested above. Members will be appointed by Modules 1-5. When the Task Force is established, it will appoint its coordinator amongst its members. GB  
Modules 1-5
- The IP Board wants the final report by the end of March. Modules 1-5

## **5. Report and decisions on AIDIMA/FCBA**

CO reported from a meeting with FCBA representatives.

### **Decisions:**

- There will be a meeting with AIDIMA on February 14, at which the budget and person-months distribution for AIDIMA's future tasks will be discussed. The IP Board meeting of Feb. 14 is the last date possible for changing the Implementation Plan for Months 25-42. CO, AIDIMA
- For the Iberian Case Study, the IP Board decided to drop the parts related to solid wood and as a consequence of that also the closely interlinked parts related to bio-energy. The major justification for doing this is the problems identified to trace back the material flows from the aggregated consumer products groups, and also that consumption of bio-energy is very small in the Iberian peninsula. The justifications should appear in the DoW for months 25-42. M-leaders to report to KR on needed changes in draft DoW for months 25-42. M-leaders, KR

## **6. Discussion about the Minutes from the Scenario Workshop at Schiphol on November 12, 2007**

A concern from M5 is that data to be processed by the EFI-model will be delivered too late. Can the deadline in April really be met?

### **Decision:**

- CO to send an e-mail to RP and Alex Moiseyev, so that RP can stress

the high priority of the matter at EFI.

CO, RP

## 7. Next EFORWOOD Week, Vienna, Austria

KR reported that the planning is going on and going fine.

### *Decisions*

- The Week will start at lunch on Monday, May 5, and end late on Wednesday, May 7, with a probable departure for most partners early on Thursday.
- Plenary meetings were said to be prioritised in the program planning.
- M-leaders and PP are urgently requested to start planning their meetings.

KR, GR,  
Maria  
Söderlind

M-leaders, PP

## 8. Report on the current status of the Book project

DMG reported on the development of the book project so far. There was an extensive discussion about its future, including a suggestion to drop the project. Advantages and disadvantages of such a decision were discussed. Before a final decision could be made we need to be sure of in which way a solid scientific reporting of EFORWOOD could be secured.

### *Decision:*

- KR to suggest alternative ways of securing a solid scientific reporting of EFORWOOD.
- The final decision of the future of the book project will be made at next IP Board meeting on February 14.

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## 9. Initial planning of the final EFORWOOD Conference

### *Decision:*

- DMG to make a background paper (planning, dates, occasions) to be presented at the IP Board meeting of February 14, keeping in mind to attach the final EFORWOOD Conference to another suitable forest-sector event.

DMG, KR,  
GR

## 10. Next IP Board meetings

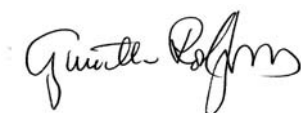
- February 14 at 13.00 CET (telephone conference),
- March 7 at 13.00 CET (**Note change of date and time!**) (telephone conference),
- April 11 after 13.00 CET (**Note change of date and time!**) (telephone conference),
- May 5-7 (in connection with the EFORWOOD Week in Vienna),
- June 18 at 13.00 CET (**Note time!**) (telephone conference).

KR

## 11. Any other business

There was no other business.

Date as above.



Gunilla Rodfors



Kaj Rosén