

**Minutes of the 2<sup>st</sup> Management Committee Meeting of the COST Action**

**CA19128 Pan-European Network for Climate  
Adaptive Forest Restoration and Reforestation  
PEN-CAFoRR**

*Online ZOOM meeting*

*13-14/10/2021*

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**ACTION Status**

- Action parties: 33 COST countries
- CSO approval: 24/03/2020
- Start date: 08/10/2020



## 1) Agenda and Materials

The agenda is in Annex 1. The meeting was organised following a participatory methodology. The material presented by the hosting team and produced by the participants during the two half days (referred to as Day 1 and Day 2) is available on the Action's website (<http://www.pen-caforr.org/mc-meetings/>).

Because of the small number of the participants on the first day of the meeting and the large number of indications from the MC members on unavailability to attend the second day of meeting (the Voting Session) at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> MC meeting it was decided to cancel the second day of the meeting and to organize the online voting at the COST e-service platform.

## 2) Participants and Local Organisers

The participants (list in Annex 2) were actively participated with discussion and suggestions.

The Action Chair, Vladan Ivetić, supported by the technical staff from University of Belgrade – Faculty of Forestry hosted the meeting. Vladan Ivetić presented the draft of the financial report and results of the scientific activities. Following this presentation, Vladan Ivetić, moderated the meeting.

## 3) Relevant Information to the Management Committee

At the meeting, MC members were introduced to the up-to date results and activities of CA19128 PEN-CAFoRR. The presentation with more details is available at <http://www.pen-caforr.org/mc-meetings/>. The following informations were shared:

The first Grant Period (GP) was extended from ending in 30/04/2021 to 31/10/2021.

Out of three deliverables scheduled for the month 12 of the Action's lifetime, two are almost finished and should be delivered on time. The third deliverable (ForestRestorationWiki) will not be delivered because there is not a budget for that activity in the 1<sup>st</sup> Grant Period. Even if the Action is in the month 12, we are still in the 1<sup>st</sup> GP.

Each Work Group (WG) is actively working to meet Grant Agreement Period Goals (two GAPGs per WG).

The Action is close to use the full budget for the 1<sup>st</sup> GP with reallocation of budget for some networking tools.

In the Work & Budget Plan (WBP) for the 1<sup>st</sup> GP, there is one online MC meeting planned with the budget for local support of 1.500 EUR, one Core Group (CG) meeting, and two WG meetings for the each WG. No budget was planned for the online CG and WG meetings. The MC meeting scheduled for March 2021 is postponed for the October 13-14, due to the extension of the GP. Out of one planned, a total of three CG meetings were organized, and each WG organized more than two meetings.

Out of two planned Training Schools (TS) only one was organized. Due to the travel restrictions the CG has decided to put all our efforts to one TS with more chances to be succesful in number of participants. Following this decision, TS planned to be organized in Serbia was cancelled and budget was reallocated to support TS in Denmark. TS Planting for the future: Global thinking materialized into site-specific silvicultural action was succesfully organized by the leadership of WG4 (Palle Madsen and Ieva Bebre) in Løvenholm (Auning), Denmark, from September 10 to 17, with total of 16 participants: 12 trainees and 4 trainers. This TS costs more than planned in WBP and this difference will be covered by the reallocation from other unused networking tools.

Out of eight Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) we were able to organize only two. One in Denmark (30/08/2021 to 10/09/2021) and one in Italy (06/09/2021 to 17/09/2021). Both were successful and reports were available at the Action's website (<http://www.pen-caforr.org/mc-meetings/>). There was total of five applications. The remaining budget is reallocated to other networking tools.

The 1<sup>st</sup> GP WBP was planned 3 Inclusiveness Targeted Countries (ITC) Conference Grants and we did received 18 applications, but none of these was good enough to be supported. The main reason for rejection was the fact that conferences that applicants were going to attend are far away from the PEN-CAFORR topics and goals. The remaining budget is reallocated to other networking tools.

From the newly introduced Virtual Networking Tools (VNT) we have one approved Virtual Mobility Grant (VMG), still ongoing but on time to be finished by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> GP.

For the Action Dissemination in the 1<sup>st</sup> GP WBP a web site and a multimedia (animated movie) were planned. The website is published and regularly updated. The animation movie is still not finished due to some creative differences between Action Chair and production company working on it. However, we have a strong insurance from the production company side that this multimedia will be finished and published before end of October.

From the Other Expenses Related to Scientific Activities (OERSA) we purchased one Zoom license. We will know the Bank charges for reimbursement of participants once when all payments are finished.

From initial 30 participating COST Countries and 121 Participants, up to date these numbers are increased to 33 countries and 168 participants.

There is many ongoing scientific activities in the PEN-CAFORR network. Initiated by Pavel Cudlin, each activity was presented in more details, by Enrique Andivia, Dagnija Lazdina, Jelena Lazarević, Barbara Mariotti, and Vladan Ivetić.

#### 4) Pre-requisites for the Decision Making

There are two issues to discuss and to vote for. The first one is position of Science Communication Manager and the second is draft of the WBP for the 2<sup>nd</sup> GP.

The position of Science Communication Manager is open due to resignation of Somidh Saha, who is no longer available to hold this position because of significantly increase workload related to the new position. The present MC members were asked for the candidates to cover this position. It is agreed suggestions to be sent to the Action Chair by the Monday, October 18, 2021. The candidates will be voted on online voting initiated via COST e-service platform on October 18, 2021.

The budget for the 2<sup>nd</sup> GP is estimated to 182,600.00 EUR, but it is still not encoded. Because the 2<sup>nd</sup> GP will start on November 1, 2021, the Action MC needs to make a formal approval of WBP. Yet, as the drafting of WBP is still not possible on the COST e-service platform, Action Chair initiated the preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> GP WBP with the following table:

CG Meeting - Live	Belgrade, Spring 2022	
MC Meeting - Live	Firenze, Autumn 2022	
WG Meetings - online		
<b>TS - Vegetation management for mine reclamation Training School</b>	Spain, Summer 2022	
<b>TS - Plant cultivation and quality</b>	Spain, Spring 2022	

STSM - <b>Soil and plant properties restoration after different wildfire regimes in Mediterranean areas</b>	Spain, Spring 2022	
ITC Conference Grant	Yes, numbers to be discussed	
VNT	Yes, numbers to be discussed	
COST Action Dissemination	Yes, numbers to be discussed	
Other Expenses Related to Scientific Activities (OERSA)	Yes, numbers to be discussed	
Financial and Scientific Administration and Coordination (FSAC) - MAX. 15%	To remain 15%	

The participants agreed to send suggestions for the new networking tools to the Action Chair by the Monday, October 18, 2021. The draft WBP will be formally voted on online voting initiated via COST e-service platform on October 18, 2021.

## 5) Further discussions and decisions

Discussion 1: Open position of Science Communication Manager

Discussion 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> GO WBP

Suggestions and proposals to be sent to the Action Chair by the Monday, October 18, 2021.

## 6) Next meeting and Closing

The MC agreed to meet in Firenze, Italy presumably in the period September to October 2021 for a joint MC+CG+WG meeting.

The Action Chair gave some final words about the PEN-CAFoRR and the core group was offered the opportunity to meet face to face in Belgrade in spring 2021, before the second MC meeting. The participants expressed their individual follow up actions for the success of the Action.

The MC Chair thanked the participation of all the MC members and closed the meeting.

## 7) List of Annexes

- Annex 1 - Agenda
- Annex 2 - List of participants

**Minutes prepared by:**

- *Action Chair*

## ANNEX 1- AGENDA

### Agenda of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Management Committee Meeting of the COST Action

## CA19128 Pan-European Network for Climate Adaptive Forest Restoration and Reforestation PEN-CAFoRR

*Online ZOOM meeting*

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October 13, 09:00-12:00

1. Presentation of our Action's results in the first GP.
2. Discussion on how we can improve our performance.
3. Presentation on the W&B Plan for the next Grant Period.

October 14, 09:00-11:00

- 1) Discussion on WBP.
- 2) Voting for the Science Communication Officer.
- 3) Voting for the WBP.

## ANNEX 2- LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

### Attendance list

1	Andivia, Enrique	✓
	Aneva, Ina	
2	Annighöfer, Peter	✓
3	Bilir, Nebi	✓
	Bogdan, Saša	
4	Bozic, Gregor	✓
5	Chiatante, Donato	✓
	Collet-Levy, Catherine	
	Csillery, Katalin	
6	Cudlín, Pavel	✓
	Cvjetkovic, Branislav	
	Ferus, Peter	
7	Fløistad, Inger Sundheim	✓
	Fonseca, Teresa	
	Ganatsas, Petros	
	GÖKER, Parisa	
	Gomory, Dusan	
	Gudynaitė-Franckevičienė, Valda	
8	Hanssen, Kjersti Holt	✓
9	Heinze, Berthold	✓
10	Ivetic, Vladan	✓
	Karaszewski, Zbigniew	
	Kolevska, Dana Dina	
11	Lazarevic, Jelena	✓
12	Lazdiņa, Dagnija	✓
	Lévesque, Mathieu	
	Löf, Magnus	
	Makovskis, Kristaps	
	Maletic, Vladimir	
	Małek, Stanisław	
13	Mariotti, Barbara	✓
	Marisson, Ellert	
	McCarthy, Nick	
14	Metslaid, Marek	✓
15	Milovanovic, Jelena	✓
16	Monteiro, Antonio	✓
	Nicolescu, Valeriu-Norocel	
	Pater, Cathrine Steffy	
	Peltoia, Heli	
	Peric, Sanja	
17	Pötzensberger, Elisabeth	✓
	Roșca, Ion	
	Saha, Somidh	
18	Saksa, Timo	✓
	Sheffer, Efrat	
	Stanturf, John	
	Stavi, Ilan	
	Svavarsdóttir, Kristín	
	Tsakalimi, Marianthi	
	Villar-Salvador, Pedro	
19	Witzell, Johanna	✓
	Zhelev, Petar	