COST Action CA15206
Action Title: Payments for Ecosystem Services (Forests for Water)

Workshops, Working Group Meetings and Management Committee

Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland
From 4th to 6th June 2019

Programme 4th June 2019

Workshops and Plenary Meeting (**Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney**)

0830 - 0900: Arrival and registration

Plenary session:

0900 – 0915 Welcome & background

0915 – 0945 Keynote address: Kevin Collins, Forest Service (tbc) - The Native Woodland Scheme Woodland Environment Fund – a mechanism to involve private corporates in funding ecosystem services through native woodland establishment

0945-1000: Questions and answers

1000-1030: Tea/coffee break

Workshops:

1030-1230: WG1: Design & governance of European woodlands-for-water PES schemes

1030-1230: WG2: Assessing the effectiveness of woodland creation for reducing agricultural diffuse pollution

1030-1230: WG3: Assessing the cost-effectiveness & socioeconomic impacts of woodlands for water PES schemes: finalising common protocols

1030-1230: WG4: Dissemination, adoption & marketing – stakeholder mapping and engagement

1230-1400: Lunch (including external funding opportunities side meeting 1330-1400)

1400-1500: WG1 – WG4 workshops continued

1500-1530: Tea/coffee break

Inclusiveness Target Countries: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.

Plenary session:

1530-1600: Feedback on outcomes from the workshops & opportunity to raise issues for consideration by the MC

1600-1630: Keynote speaker: Keynote speakers/presentations on the KerryLIFE project – Richard O'Callaghan, CEO KerryLIFE (tbc): Background and implementation of forestry and farming practises with reference to freshwater pearl mussels and water quality requirements

1630-1700: Discussion, questions and answers

1700-1800: Knowledge Exchange session

1930: Dinner

Programme 5th June 2019

Excursion (Depart from **Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney**)

0930-1800 Excursion (depart from hotel): Case study visits - Blackwater catchment management: changing forestry and farming practises to restore freshwater pearl mussel populations – EU Life Nature project, KerryLIFE – forestry demonstration sites and local stakeholders

1030-1230: Forestry Mitigation measures, native woodland establishment and water quality enhancement – Slievaduff forest, Blackwater catchment.

1245-1345: Lunch – Blackwater Tavern

1400-1600: Agricultural mitigation measures, ecosystem services and water quality enhancement, Kealduff River, Blackwater catchment.

1700-2100: Networking Dinner at Mills Inn, Ballyvourney, Co. Cork (http://www.millsinn.ie/) preceded by a tour of the local brewery in Ballyvourney.

2130: Return to hotel

Programme 6th June 2019

WG, Plenary and MC Meetings (**Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney**)

Plenary session:

0900-0930: Keynote speaker: Dr Fran Igoe, Water quality, the Water Framework Directive and the Local Authority Water Programme (LAWPRO)

0930-1000: Keynote speaker: John O'Reilly, CEO, Green Belt Ltd. – Achieving our Native Woodland Afforestation Targets; Strategy, Rationale and Ecosystem Payment case study

1000-1030: Tea/coffee break

1030-1230: Management Committee Meeting: (draft agenda below)

1230-1400: Lunch

Parallel WG meetings: progressing GP4 deliverables & planning future activities

1400-1530: WG1: Design & governance aspects of European woodlands-for-water PES

1400-1530: WG2: Assessing the effectiveness of woodland creation for reducing agricultural diffuse pollution

1400-1530: WG3: Assessing the cost-effectiveness of woodlands for water PES schemes

1400-1530: WG4: Dissemination, adoption & marketing

1530-1600: Tea/coffee break

Plenary session:

1600-1630: Feedback from WG meetings

1630-1700: Cross-WG discussions on planning future activities & external funding opportunities

1700-1730: Keynote speaker: Hannah Hamilton, Executive Coordinator at the Irish Forum on Natural Capital – Applying the Natural Capital Approach in Ireland

1730: Closure of the meeting

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Agenda
Management Committee (MC) Meeting
(**Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney**)

6th June 2018 (1030 – 1230)

1. Welcome to participants

2. Verification of the presence of two-thirds of the Participating COST Countries or, if applicable, a quorum

3. Adoption of agenda

4. Matters arising from the last MC meeting and recent Core Group meetings

5. Update from the Action Chair
   a) Status of Action: start and end dates of Action, participating COST countries, participating NNC/ IPC institutions and Specific Organisations.

6. Update from the Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Coordinator:
   a) completed GP3 STSMs and applications accepted under the first GP4 call

7. Update from the Grant Holder: Action budget status

8. Update from the COST Association (optional)

9. Monitoring of the Action: addressing issues raised in the Rapporteur's report on first 2 years

10. Implementation of COST policies on:
    a) Promotion of gender balance and Early Career Investigators (ECI)
    b) Inclusiveness and Excellence (see below list of Inclusiveness Target Countries)

11. Follow-up of MoU objectives: progress report of working groups

12. Scientific planning
    a) Scientific strategy (MoU objectives, GP Goals, WG tasks and deliverables)
    b) Action Budget Planning
    c) Long-term planning (including locations and dates of future activities)
    d) Dissemination planning (Publications and outreach activities – including plans for the session at the IUFRO World Forestry congress 2019)

13. Requests to join the Action from:
    a) COST countries
    b) Institutions in Near Neighbouring Countries, International Partner Countries, and/or Specific Organisations: EU agencies, European RTD Organisation, International Organisations

14. AOB

15. Location and date of next meeting

16. Summary of MC decisions

17. Closing remarks

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