



Joint Think Tank Group SUMFOREST-FORESTERRA

Kick off meeting 25th September 2015

Mipaaf, Via XX Settembre 20, 00187 Rome (IT)

Sala Medici, scala B, 3rd floor

AGENDA

11.00 - 11.30 **Welcome coffee**

11.30 - 13.00 **1. Introduction to the context:**

JTTG Annamaria S. Marzetti (*aim, introduction to JTTG members, 5-10 min*)

FORESTERRA David Gonzalez Martinez (*experience, outcome, Lisbon conference, medium-long term perspectives, 20-30 min*)

SUMFOREST Martin Greimel (*first period experience, outcome, Paris meeting, next steps, Horizon 2020 SC2 Work Programme 2106-2017, 20-30 min*)

International scenarios *invited speaker (to be confirmed, 20 min)*

13.00 - 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 - 14.10 **SUMFOREST WP 4: towards a strategic action plan**

SWOT Analysis: draft report Annabell Amm (*introduction to the main results*)

14.10 - 16.00 **Group Discussion on:**

Role of the JTTG in building synergies between SUMFOREST and FORESTERRA: short-medium term perspectives

Identification of possible contribution of JTTG to:

SUMFOREST Swot Analysis report and Paris workshop

FORESTERRA Lisbon Final Conference discussion on “*Forestry research for the future*”

Horizon 2020 SC2 WP 2016-2017: towards an ERANET Cofund on “*Innovative forest-based bioeconomy*”

16.00-16.20 **Discussion wrap up, prioritization of activities and time schedule for the JTTG**

Annamaria S. Marzetti, Martin Greimel, and David Gonzalez Martinez

16.20-16.30 **AOB and closure of the group meeting**



Introduction to the JTTG kick off meeting

In the frame of the SUMFOREST WP 6, the task 6.2 “Link to FORESTERRA”, led by Mipaaf, aims to integrate the outcomes of FORESTERRA strategic plan regarding emerging priorities in Mediterranean forest research into the more general pan-European research strategies and forest policies pursued by SUMFOREST, in order to maximize synergies (e.g. planning joint activities) and avoid overlaps.

We have worked in the last year to define a Joint Plan of Activities that has been endorsed by both ERA-NETs. In the plan the establishment of a joint working group (Think Tank group) has been foreseen. Among the members of the JTTG there should be: one representative from each of those countries that are involved in both actions (IT, FR, ES, SI and GR), the WP6 leader of SUMFOREST representing the other regional specificities, the WP4 leader of SUMFOREST responsible of the strategic activities, one delegate from FORESTERRA for each of the countries representing South Mediterranean (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia), one EFI delegate, one forest stakeholders representative.

JTTG is expected to be an operative group that can make proposals and advice on future joint activities, being final decisions in the hand of the governing bodies of the two actions.

As some important meetings are approaching (SUMFOREST workshop in Paris on 17th November and the final FORESTERRA Conference in Lisbon on 24th -26th November) and the new Horizon 2020 new WP 2016-2017 has been pre-published, the kick off meeting of the JTTG is an opportunity to share views, discuss scenarios, identify activities and contributions to design future collaboration between the two ERA-NETS and also other EU – International initiatives to support research and provide outputs to policies in the forestry sector.

It is hoped that the JTTG would be able to prepare a contribution of idea for the discussion at the SUMFOREST workshop whose outputs will be used to write the Strategic Action Plan of SUMFOREST and to identify priorities for the 2016 call. In the Lisbon Conference a section will be devoted to “forestry research for the future” where the group and its view can be presented to stimulate further discussion on the future FORESTERRA activities and the integration with SUMFOREST.

Finally the two actions are now facing the instruments designed in the new H2020 WP 2016-17 to support research in the forestry- and bioeconomy domain and the JTTG can contribute in defining a strategy and a work plan to participate in.