



Non-native Tree Species for European Forests -
Experiences, Risks and Opportunities (FP1403)

AGENDA

6th Joint WG / 6th MC Meeting

COST Action FP1403 (NNEXT)

'Non-native tree species for European forests – experiences, risks and opportunities'

Dublin, Ireland

3 – 4 October 2017

Start of the WG meeting: Tuesday, 3 Oct. 2017, 09:00

End of the WG meeting: Wednesday, 4 Oct. 2017, 14:00

MC Meeting: Wednesday, 4 Oct. 2017, 14:00 - 16:00

Small Writing Meeting: Monday, 2 Oct. 2017, 08:00 – 17:00

Core Group Meeting: Monday, 2 Oct. 2017, 17:30 – 20:00

Excursion: Thursday, 5 Oct. 2017, 07:30 – mid afternoon



Local Organiser:

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Venue

Maldron Hotel Newlands Cross

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<http://www.maldronhotelnewlandscross.com>

Accommodation

Each participant is responsible for her/his own hotel reservation.
Recommended accommodation: **Maldron Hotel Newlands Cross.**

There are some other hotels in the area:

- Louis Fitzgerald Hotel (the nearest one, reachable on foot or by bus from Maldron Hotel) <http://www.louisfitzgeraldhotel.com/>
- Ibis Hotel Dublin <http://www.accorhotels.com/de/hotel-0595-ibis-dublin/index.shtml>
- Green Isle Conference & Leisure Hotel <http://www.greenislehotel.com/>

Registration 2 and 3 October 2017

The **Registration** will be open on 2 October **from 18:00 to 20:00** and on 3 October **from 07:00 to 09:00** close to the reception desk of the Maldron Hotel Newlands Cross.

A registration fee of 60 EUR will be charged in cash at the registration desk. The registration fee meets the eligible expenses of 3 meals (2 lunches, 1 conference dinner), meaning you will be reimbursed by submitting your Online Travel Reimbursement Request (OTRR) form.

Day 0

Monday, 2 October 2017

08:00 – 17:00 **Writing meeting** Participants: WG Leaders, leaders of manuscripts (nominated by the WG Leaders). *Participation is optional for everyone, but reimbursement for the extra day is only possible for the nominated participants of the writing meeting.*

17:30 – 20:00 **Core Group Meeting** Participants: Chair, Vice-Chair, WG Leaders, STSM coordinator;

18:00 – 20:00 **Registration**

Day 1

Tuesday, 3 October 2017

- 07:00 – 09:00 **Registration**
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome address of the local organisers** (M. POWER)
Introduction to the meeting (E. PÖTZELBERGER)
- 09:30 – 10:15 **Invited Speakers Presentations (Part 1)**
Niall FARRELLY (Teagasc, Ireland) and Bill MASON (Forest Research, UK) – *Pros and cons of non-native trees in Irish and Scottish forestry;*
- 10:15 – 10:45 *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Invited Speakers Presentations (Part 2)**
Sally AITKEN (University of British Columbia, Canada) – *Patterns of genetic diversity and adaptation in North American species;*
Etienne BRANQUART (Service Public de Wallonie, Belgium) and Anja BINDEWALD (FVA Baden-Württemberg, Germany) – *Risk analysis for introduced tree species in European forests;*
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Update Working Groups** (WG Leaders H. HASENAUER, M. KONNERT, F. MOHREN, A. GAZDA)
- 12:30 – 13:30 *Light Lunch*
- 13:30 – 15:30 **WG Scientific presentations**
Distribution of non-native tree species in Europe (H. HASENAUER)
Robinia pseudoacacia: Genetics, breeding, regeneration (M. van LOO)
European provenance recommendations for Douglas fir (J.-Ch. BASTIEN)
Opportunities and Risks of Eucalyptus in Portugal (M. TOMÉ, J. SANDE SILVA)
Evaluating the invasion potential of non-native tree species in Europe (T. WOHLGEMUTH)
Global effects of non-native tree species on multiple ecosystem services (P. CASTRO-DIEZ)
Distribution modelling of non-native tree species in Europe (A.S. VAZ)
- 15:15 – 15:45 *Coffee Break*
- 15:45 – 17:30 **WG Sessions**

18:00 Meeting point in front of the hotel

Conference Dinner 19:00 – 22:00

The Arlington Hotel O'Connell Bridge, 23-25 Bachelors Walk Dublin 1, <http://celticnights.com/>

Day 2

Wednesday, 4 October 2017

08:00 – 09:30 **WG Sessions**

09:30 – 10:30 **World Café – Group work (1h group work, 1h presentations and discussion)**

These four questions will be answered by everyone – please prepare yourself

1. Would you recommend an increase or decrease of the area/utilisation of Non-Native Tree species (NNT) in your country; Why and for which NNT?
2. Would you recommend introducing new NNT (which are not yet present in the forests of your country); Which NNT and why?
3. What needs to be considered specifically in your country when planting NNT?
4. What are your personal remaining open topics and expectations within NNEXT?

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 12:00 **World Café – Presentations** (5 min presentation per group)

12:00 – 13:00 **Synopsis of the meeting, including WG Reports, Discussion and Outlook**

13:00 – 14:00 *Light Lunch*

Official closing of the Joint WG meeting

14:00 – 16:00 **MC Meeting** (MC Members / MC Substitutes, Science Officer F. ORTELLI)
(Participation optional for WG Members)

Day 3 (Optional)

Thursday, 5 October 2017

Field trip to County Wicklow (south of Dublin): Topic Sitka spruce plantations

The participation is optional. An additional registration is required per email (nnext@boku.ac.at) until **17 September!**

Meeting point: in front of the hotel Maldron Newlands Cross

Departure time: 7:30am

Return: back to the hotel or airport mid afternoon

Contact person: Michael Power (michael.power@coillte.ie)

How to get to the venue/hotel?

The Meeting will take place at the **Maldron Hotel Newlands Cross**.

ARRIVING AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

Dublin Airport <https://www.dublinairport.com/>

The hotel is approximately a 25 minute drive from Dublin Airport and 20 minute drive from the city centre.

The Airport Hopper runs a bus from Dublin Airport to Tallaght. This bus stops just outside the hotel (bus stop Newlands Cross Clondalkin) and runs from 00.20 am until 22.30 from the Airport. Tickets can be bought on the bus or online, please check the airport hoppers website to get the timetable: <https://airporthopper.ie/tallaght-timetable> (tickets are cheaper, if you buy it online!).

Dublin City buses from Dublin Airport: <http://www.transportforireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Dublin-Airport-City-Routes1.pdf>

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Journey planner: <http://www.transportforireland.ie/>

Dublin Area Train and Tram services are available here: <https://www.transportforireland.ie/journey-planner/maps/>

Fares available here: <https://about.leapcard.ie/about/fares-discounts>

LUAS (for the conference dinner): <https://www.luas.ie/ticket-types-and-fares/>

By car or taxi

About 15 minutes' drive from the airport to the hotel.

Please keep in mind that the use of taxi is eligible for reimbursement when no other means of public transport are available and/or if taxis are taken before 7am for an early travel departure and/or are taken after 10pm due to a late arrival, up to a maximum of EUR 80 for the entire journey.

There is a complimentary car parking at the hotel.

How to get to the Conference Dinner on 3rd October?

The Dinner will be held at the restaurant of the Arlington Hotel O'Connell Bridge (23-25 Bachelors Walk Dublin 1) in the city center. It will be followed by the Celtic Nights Show at 20:30.

The "Maldron Hotel" to the "**Red Cow**" **LUAS** (Light rail) Red Line stop is about a 15 minute walk and a 20 minute journey to "**Abbey Street**" stop which is city centre and 100m away from our conference dinner restaurant. The Luas runs until midnight.



To buy a ticket, select "Dublin City Centre" as destination and then choose the option "Luas + Bus". Single ticket is EUR 2,00, return EUR 3,6. Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) are located at every stop. They accept coins, notes, laser and credit cards, and also give change. Please note that tickets may not be purchased onboard the trams. Single tickets are valid 90 mins from time of issue, for one trip only. Return tickets are valid for outward and return travel on day of issue only. <https://www.luas.ie/single-and-return-tickets.html>.

Reimbursement for eligible participants

- Participants who received an official e-COST invitation with the possibility for reimbursement are kindly asked to submit their OTRR forms via e-COST **within 2 weeks after the meeting**.

In this way we have enough time to check the eligibility of your expenses and ask the COST office for derogations' approvals, if needed. In any case, the OTRRs submitted later than 30 days after the end date of the meeting will not be considered.

- Make sure you sign the attendance list on every attended day of the meeting, as this is a prerequisite for the reimbursement of your expenses.

Eligible expenses

(for more see Vademecum May 2017: <http://www.cost.eu/download/COSTVademecum>)

*“Each eligible participant is entitled to claim for travel expenses ... provided they chose the **most economical means** of transportation and make their travel arrangements **as early as possible upon receipt of their official invitation to the event.**”*

„Travelling to and from countries other than that where the approved meeting is being held and the country where the eligible individuals is residing (as registered on their e-COST profile) is a rule derogation and must be explained and detailed by the participant on the relevant claims section on e-COST.“ -> please let us know, if you plan to travel from a different country as your country of residence saved in your e-cost profile.

Flight expenses

Only economy class flight tickets can be reimbursed. Full itinerary is required. VERY IMPORTANT: **tickets must be booked as soon as possible and as cheap as possible**. In any case, the airfares cannot exceed EUR 1200.

Car travel expenses and parking

Up to a maximum distance of 2,000 km at EUR 0.20 per km can be claimed by eligible participants. EUR 0.30 per km can be claimed when two or more eligible participants are travelling to the meeting. Only the driver can be reimbursed. Proof of distance is required. Parking->receipts required for timeframe that coincides with the meeting.

Train or bus expenses:

First and second-class train tickets are eligible to be reimbursed (supplements for fast trains and sleepers are eligible expenses).

Taxi

The use of taxi is eligible for reimbursement when no other means of public transport is available or when travel is required between 10pm and 7am on the dates of travel, up to a maximum of EUR 80 for the entire trip.

Local public transport

If the amount claimed is equal or less than EUR 25 → no receipts are required, but the details of the relevant journey must be detailed on your e-cost claims. If the amount claimed is more than EUR 25 → receipts, invoices are required.

Meals

Meal expenses are reimbursed against flat rates only (EUR 20 per meal). A maximum of up to 2 meals per day are eligible (lunch and dinner) up to 1 day before and 1 day after the approved meeting with the actual travel times always taking precedence over the 1 day rule.

When a participants' travel starts (when they leave their residence/institution)	When a participants' travel ends (they arrive back at their residence)
Before 12:00 = 2 meals	Before 12:00 = No meals provided
After 12:00 = 1 meals	Before 19:00 = 1 meal
After 19:00 = No meals provided	After 19:00 = 2 meals

Accommodation

Reimbursement of expenses for accommodation is based on a flat rate of **EUR 90 per night**. No receipts are required. The maximum number of nights is equivalent to the number of attended meeting days plus 1 night (3 nights for 2 attended meeting days).

Day 0 – Writing meeting: only nominated participants are eligible to be reimbursed for the extra day (nominated by WG leaders).

SEE YOU IN DUBLIN!

(don't forget warm clothes and rain gear 😊)