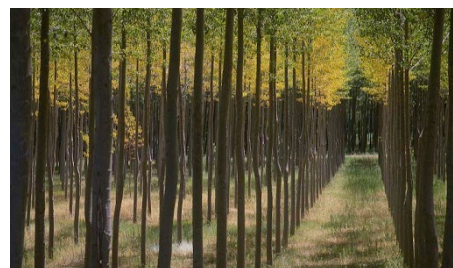


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## 1<sup>ST</sup> EUROPEAN MEETING OF POPLAR GROWERS

18 -19 May 2010 | Valladolid, Spain

### **Objectives**

Present the common situation of poplar grow in Europe and the future perspectives in a context of globalization, climate change and social changes.

Analyze the threats and opportunities of the poplar grow in different European regions. Achieve a common diagnosis of the poplar grow.

Establish common priorities actions on a European, national and regional scale.

Taking into account some aspects as:

Profitability of poplar grow.

Legal framework and public policies.

Insertion in the dominant political attachment lines (Rural Development, climate change, biodiversity).

Innovation and knowledge sharing.

Make awareness on the reality and actual needs of poplar grow.

### **Date and venue**

Venue: Valladolid

Date: 18-19 May 2009

### **Participants**

#### *Morning session*

Poplar growers associations from Spain, France, Italy, Belgium,... poplar growers, industries and representatives of administrations in charge with poplar development policies, centers et reds of R&D, certification entities etc.

#### *Afternoon Session*

Open to all involved or interested person on poplar grow.

### **Wished results**

Purpose a common diagnosis, common priorities and an action calendar aiming to strengthen poplar grow.

Generate synergies between the poplar growers associations from different regions, at national and European level.

### **Languages**

Spanish/English

### **Organizers**

USSE / PROPOPULUS /COSE

## Agenda – 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement

### 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of European Poplar Producers

18<sup>th</sup> of May

9.00-9.20	<b>Welcome and Presentation of the Seminar</b>  <i>Inazio Martinez de Arano, USSE</i>  <i>Bernard Mourlan, Pro-populus</i>  <i>Fernando Molina, COSE</i>
<b>ACTUAL SITUATION OF THE GLOBAL POPLAR SECTOR</b>	
9.20-9.40 9.40-10.10	<b>I. Actual Situation in the Poplar Markets. Global outlook on resources, markets and trends of poplar</b> <i>Arvydas Lebedys and Walter Kollert, FAO</i>  Discussion
10.10-10.30	Coffee Break
10.30-11.45	<b>II. Specific Situation in European countries</b>  <i>France Yves Rigole, Sylv'Union / Cofogar Les Forêts du Sud</i>  <i>Italy Fabio Boccallari, Confragricoltura Lombardia</i>  <i>Spain José Luis García Caballero, Servicio Territorial de Medio Ambiente de León</i>  <i>Romania Bogdan Popa, Romanian Poplar and Willow Commission TBC</i>  <i>Belgium André de Terck, Centre de Populiculture du Hainaut</i>
11.45-12.15	Discussion
<b>POPLAR SUSTAINABILITY</b>	
12.15-12.35 12.35-12.55	<b>II. Interferences between environment and poplar sector.</b> <i>Eric Paillassa, IDF.</i>  <b>IV. Economic and social aspects on poplar production.</b>  <i>(pending confirmation)</i>
12.55-13.25	<b>V. Rivers, Riverside Management and Poplar</b>

13.25-13.55	MMARM ( <i>pending confirmation</i> ) Discussion
13.55-15.00	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>PERSPECTIVES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE POPLAR</b>	
15.00-15.30	<b>VI. The Poplars sector in the European Forestry/agricultural Policy – and Post CAP 2013</b>  ( <i>pending confirmation</i> )
15.30-15.50	<b>VII. Overview on Poplar R&amp;D and Technology Transfer in Europe</b>  <i>Carlo Calfapietra, CNR. TBC</i>
15.50-16.10	<b>VIII. Studying the possibility of Short Rotation Coppice (SCR)</b>  <i>Gianni Fiacotto o Giuseppe Nervo TBC</i>
16.10-16.40	<b>IX. Current and future uses of poplar</b>  <i>Guillermo Hernanz, Garnica Plywood</i>
16.40-17.00	<b>X. Strategy of poplar in Castilla y León</b>  <i>José Manuel Jiménez, Viceconsejero Medio Ambiente CyL</i>
17.00-17.30	Discussion
<b>PRIORITY STRATEGIES AND FIELDS OF ACTION</b>	
17.30-19.00	<b>XI. Round Table – Moderator Alvaro Picardo</b> <i>Asesor de la Dirección General del Medio Natural, Junta CyL</i>  <b>Challenges and opportunities for poplar: Priorities for Common Action</b>
19.00	Summary Conclusion and Closure.

## **19<sup>th</sup> of May**

**FIELD TRIP:** Visits to several poplar groves, nursery and to the production unit of Plywood, taking advantage to discuss on various related aspects to the selection of the clones, the forestry addressed to the production of high quality panels, the plant production and establishment techniques. In the factory we will debate on the relation between poplar forestry and the quality of the final product.

The departure from Valladolid is planed at 8.00 am returning back at 6.30 pm. The organizers provide buses to registered participants. For this trip there are limited places that will be covered in order of registration. Lunch is included.