

Life after the COST Action?

Starting point:

- expectations and goals for future activities and a community

FORSYS - Community of Practice (CoP)

Mission:

- organizes knowledge on the construction and use of forest DSS
- promotes sustainable forest management through the use of forest DSSs

Members:

- individuals from research, public bodies, business and NGOs with an interest in the promotion of forest DSSs

FORSYS CoP Organization

- Working committee: motivated members
 - Administrators for working groups
- Council: active members
 - Shares knowledge and experience
- Members: passive participants

- Coordinator

CoP Working committee

- Maintenance and development of the Wiki
 - Administrators for different working groups
- Moderates discussionboards/forums
- Motivates people to publish
- Stimulates other actions

CoP Council

- Active members!
 - shares knowledge and experience
 - offers learning opportunities
- The major decision making body

Open questions:

- CoP committee meetings?
- Fundings for meetings etc?
- Rules and tasks for different level of participation
 - task lists,
 - acceptance of memberships?
- Dissemination activities?
 - topics leading to online available resources
 - newsletters etc.
 - training school (Sokrates, Leonardo)

Open questions (cont.):

- Communication platform
 - what channels do people use today?
- Wiki technical details
 - transfer to another organisational body

Good experiences and examples?

- See links to examples of communities in the document:
 - e-agriculture
 - Agricultural Information Management Standards
 - Community of knowledge