EWPM General Assembly

WEI/EWPM Sustainability project - update

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Sustainability - Definition

- What is sustainability?
  - There is no universally agreed definition on what sustainability means. There are many different views on what it is and how it can be achieved. (globalfootprints.org)

- Impact
  - Makes it difficult to use other publications as kind of template. However, research of current sustainability documents for our industry is key.
  - Gives freedom to seek own venues in creating the paper. Sustainability of Biocides (EWPM) v Sustainability of treated articles (WEI).
  - EWPM Draft Framework is a good way to go, covering the three pillars of sustainability – social, environmental, economic
Scope & Target group

• ‘Wood preservatives’ or ‘treated wood’?
  – Both are to consider because they are connected

• Target group
  – Regulatory?
  – Consumer of treated wood?
  – Treater?

• Clear definition necessary
  – The targeted group will have influence on content, volume, costs
Funding

• Funding options were explored by Willie Clason (WEI), in order
  – To have sustainability specialists incorporated,
  – To lower the workload of WEI & EWPM members,
  – To enable costly layout with pictures, drawing etc.
• Institutes
  – Forestry Technology Platform
  – DG Grow
• Outcome
  – Process is complex
  – A costly funding expert is needed for application
  – Application self may take till 2018
  – No funding – ‘No frills’ paper
Literature

• Status
  – Compilation of various basic documents
  – Review process is ongoing (some 20 documents)

  ![PDF](image1)
  Commission

  ![PDF](image2)
  UBA

  ![PDF](image3)
  EBPF Rodenticides

  ![PDF](image4)
  Ohio State University

• Next steps
  – Identify additional documents
  – Complete review process
  – Develop/have an agreement on the Draft Framework

  ![PDF](image5)
  Draft Framework

But
Representation by WEI

- Historically
  - Stand-alone paper by EWPM considered

- Actually
  - Joint publication by WEI/EWPM has now been agreed
    Representatives so far …
    EWPM: Chris Coggins, Manfred Jung
    WEI: Kees Boon, Frederick Lauwaert, Willie Clason

Call for more sustainability experts to join the group - Are you interested in joining us?