



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)



Commission



UBA



EBPF
Rodenticides



Ohio State
University

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



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?



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