

## Progress report

### **Working Group 4: Animals**

Zagreb 18-20<sup>th</sup> February 2015

The meeting opened with a presentation by Andrea Amici and Attilio Coletta from Italy titled "Wild ungulates meat: the Italian figure in the framework of European rules, constraints and perspectives". This revealed that the imposition of EU meat hygiene regulations on game meat derived from hunting activities has greatly reduced opportunities to market game meat. Discussion of this topic suggests that this is a significant issue in all EU countries which has resulted in a diverse range of consequences. Discussion then turned to consideration of topics proposed in Krakow e.g. conflict analysis, a few new ideas arising from the results of the Common survey and also the need to prepare a chapter for the book to be prepared by the Action. The meeting decided to pursue the following topics:

- Paper on impact of EU meat hygiene regulations on game supply chains
- Paper on distribution of ownership rights for wild animals, hunting and meat
- Paper on conflicts in forest/wildlife management
- Paper examining trends in hunting statistics

The WG4 proposal for the book chapter was based on a conceptualisation that the chapter should be based on standardised information across all countries and should present an overview of the situation across Europe and set the scene for the more detailed papers. It should include sub-sections related to each of the Task Force topics. The WG is also happy to work with the TFs if a different organisational approach is decided.

### **Next steps**

Request MCs to provide missing information and to provide more detail on: (a) actors and nature of animal/forest conflicts, (b) ownership rights for game and hunting and (c) hunting statistics.

Development of outline and work plan for individual papers to include use of STSM opportunities to undertake data analyses and develop case studies.

Contribution to discussions on contents for book.

