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4. Projektperiod	Projektstart 31 /1 2008 projektslut 1/2 2008
5. Projektkostnad	SNS-medel: 6000 Euro Total projekt kostnad: 12626 Euro
6. Projekt mål/ huvudsakliga problemställningar /uppsatta hypoteser	The goal of the project was to organize a two-day workshop for discussions around a FP7 proposal on initial training network in Sustainable Forest Management of North European Forests and to prepare an action plan for an improved proposal.

<p>7. Kort beskrivning av forskningsplanen och av ev. större avvikelser från planen</p>	<p>The project was carried out as planned. A two-day meeting took place in Malmö, January 31 – February 1, 2008. The participants were: Dr. Aija Ryyppö, Prof. Seppo Kellomäki and PhD student Sanna Peltola (Univ. Joensuu, Finland); Prof. Andreas Brunner and PhD student Evan Bergseng (UMB, Ås, Norway); Prof. Erik Dahl Kjaer (Copenhagen Univ., Denmark); PhD student Friedrich Putzhuber (BOKU Univ. of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Austria); Dr. Dagnis Dubrovskis, Prof. Henn Tuherm and Prof. Imants Liepa (Jelgava, Latvia); Dr. Kalev Jogiste, coordinator Eda Tursk and PhD students Marek Metslaid and Kajar Koster (EMU, Tartu, Estonia); Prof. Urban Bergsten, Assoc. Prof. Johanna Witzell and PhD students Anna Monrad Jensen and Maria Birkedal (SLU, Umeå and Alnarp). In addition, Dr. Vilis Brukas, NOVA coordinator Knut Wålsted and the leader of the forestry library at SLU Umeå, Lillemor Lyrén attended the meeting. The selected representatives of industries could, however, not be present in the meeting due to their tight schedules. The discussion about the involvement of industries therefore remained at a preliminary level.</p>
<p>8. Resultat (max 2 sidor här)</p>	<p>The meeting started with presentations where representatives of forestry faculties and research schools summarized their activities and described their resources and industry contacts that could be relevant for a future proposal. The participants of the meeting thus received an updated overview of the current status of PhD training in forest management in Nordic-Baltic area and in Austria. Common interests in the participating units were obvious - exchange of students and staff in forest management research was considered necessary and advantageous and there was a common willingness to invest to the network. The core actions to improve the earlier Initial Training Network proposal to Marie Curie call were defined: 1) the network should be strengthened by further partners from southern or south-eastern parts of Europe to increase the relevance for the community; 2) partners should explore and utilize the national contact points and other resources to get advice; 3) they should also contact the possible SMEs to discuss the concrete possibilities for participation (if the company is willing to include a PhD student in a shorter project or employ a post doc from a network); 4) a list of central research topics and work packages was written based on common discussions. The submission of the proposal was postponed to 2010 to allow proper preparations with current and new network partners. For instance, discussions have been initiated with European Forest Institute about their possible involvement to the training network.</p>
<p>9. Vilka fördelar har uppnåtts med det Nordiska samarbetet (vad har samarbetet tillfört, hur påverkar det användningen av projektresultat)</p>	<p>The benefits of this activity in the short term are concrete: by gathering together representatives of forestry faculties and relevant research schools, the meeting has already improved the exchange of information about research and PhD education activities in the field of forest management across Nordic and Baltic countries. A concrete result has been the mailing list that has been used to spread information about PhD courses, PhD and post doc positions and other activities in participating universities during 2008. In the long-term, the activity is expected to stimulate exchange of PhD students, early stage researchers, and senior researchers in forest management between Nordic and other European countries. If the planned EU proposal would be successful this would allow organization of such exchange in a large scale. In addition, the meeting will spin off other joint proposals (alternative or supporting to the larger EU proposal) that will be directed to national and nordic research financiers.</p>

<p>10. Publikationer och kommunikation (vänligen notera vetenskapliga rapporter, mera populära rapporter och kommunikation med olika parter)</p>	<p>Because the meeting agenda was about a future proposal to be submitted to a competitive call, detailed descriptions of the discussions during the meeting are not published. However, general information about the meeting and the network that it gathered together has been presented at faculty levels in participating units. In particular, the organizing unit, research school "Sustainable Management and Utilization of Forests" at SLU has informed about the meeting in several oral presentations and in a poster, directed to private research financiers, to the regional "Sektorsrådet" of the Swedish Forest Agency at the province of Scania, to general public at the event "Skogens dag" in Malmö, as well as to informal students and researchers of the faculty during 2008. Information about the network and its meetings will be presented at the recently established homepage of the research school (www.phd-forestry.se) in January 2009.</p>
<p>11. Projekt sammandrag (ca 1/3 sida) av resultat; läsvänligt skrivet för publicering i tidskrifter, t.ex. i News & Views sektionen av Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research</p>	<p>The operating environment of the forest-based sector in the boreal countries of Northern Europe is experiencing changes that bring about new challenges. Globalization is altering the markets and increasing the competition, and the forest sector needs to meet the growing demands for sustainability and adjust the forest management practices to the changing climate. To ensure future expertise in the forest-based sector and to meet the needs of the changing society and environment, Nordic countries need a well-functioning and organized researcher training in forest management. A crucial element of high quality training is an active exchange and mobility of the researchers and students between leading research units and innovative research environments. In January 2008, representatives of forestry faculties and relevant research schools from seven countries (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Norway, Latvia, Austria and Sweden) gathered in Malmö, Sweden, to discuss collaboration in this issue. It was obvious that there are common interests in forest management research and PhD training across the region and even at European level. For instance, the countries can help each other by joining the student pool to get critical mass for courses and other activities. The meeting agreed on aiming at establishing network activities that will improve the exchange of information, students and staff across the countries. In addition, the network agreed to work to increase the synergy between forest industries and forest management research, both at Nordic and European levels.</p>
<p>12. Datum och underskrift</p>	<p>Datum: _____ Underskrift av projekt ledare/koordinator _____</p>