

## **COST E42 IN SWITZERLAND**

Since May 2005 Switzerland got officially the membership of COST action E42. This allowed proposing new research programs to Swiss government. The Swiss College of Agriculture SCA in Zollikofen near Bern worked out two project demands. The first one « Création et soins de peuplements mixtes à haut pourcentage de feuillus nobles » has been accepted in October 2005 and started in December, allowing a part-time employment of a young researcher for 3 years. The objectives are to collect in a systematic way the life-long experience of older foresters, who are a master in this type of sylviculture, to analyze the factors of success and to work out a synthesis, which will be used for training of younger colleagues and students.

A second project, which would deal with new methods of direct seeds with cherry and oak, is still under the way for approbation by the authorities. A decision is expected within the next days.

On the behalf to avoid doing things, others already are on the way to do in Switzerland, a stakeholder consultatoin was hold in the context of the first project. Some very intersting contacts started after that, allowing to extend the network of Switzerland's activities in this field and to enable access to COST action E42.

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