



Invitation: Carbon experts meeting Barcelona – 20th of October 2016

Background: LIFE project Operation CO₂ (LIFE 11 ENV ES 535) has as main objective to demonstrate the viability of forestry and agroforestry projects on carbon sequestration in Europe. Although not yet developed in Europe, this project is expected to contribute significantly to the fight against climate change due to its financial incentives. However, during the course of the project several carbon credits accounting issues evolved, especially the problem of double counting at both private and national level that was experienced in our trial area Alinyà (Catalonia). More information on the LIFE project: www.operationCO2.com.

Objective event: organise a small-scale expert meeting in Barcelona to discuss carbon accounting issues in European carbon projects. The exchange of views will help to better understand the issues at stake and hopefully positively influence future policy making at EU level to promote the development of carbon positive projects in the private and public sector.

Participants: relevant decision makers will be invited from the following organisations

- LIFE programme (Climate and Environment)
- DG Climate (Unit C3 "Land Use and Finance for Innovation")
- MAGRAMA & Spanish Office for Climate Change
- Universities & research centers
- Carbon credit certification agencies
- Other specialised entities with an interest in the carbon credit market

Program: the following draft program is being proposed

- 09.30 hrs: Welcome and introduction of participants
- 10.00 hrs: Introduction LIFE Operation CO₂ and relevant carbon issues
- 10.30 hrs: Coffee break
- 10.45 hrs: Views from experts
- 14.00 hrs: Lunch (invitation of the LIFE Operation CO₂ project team)
- 15.30 hrs: Discussion and wrap up (policy recommendations)
- 17.00 hrs: Closure

Location: La Pedrera (offices of Fundació Catalunya la Pedrera), Gaudi's famous Paseo de Gracia 92, Barcelona. More information and how to get there via [link](#)

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