

**Programme for COST E53, WG 3 “Strength, stiffness and appearance grading”, Hamburg May 14-15, 2007**

**14 May**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Person/s</b>
13.00	Start, introduction to meeting	Charlotte Bengtsson, SP Sweden
13.15	Background to the methodology in EN 14081	Frederic Rouger, CTBA, France (invited)
14.00	The combigrade project	Antti Hanhijärvi, VTT, Fi
14.30	A discussion on the control of grading machine settings with regard to EN 14081	Markus Deublein, ETH Zürich, Switzerland
15.00	Coffee break	
15.30	Machine strength grading with a flexibility in use and application	G.J.P. (Geert) Ravenshorst, TNO, NL
16.00	Influence of Bioecological factors on Scot Pine ( <i>pinus sylvestris l.</i> ) physical and mechanical wood properties	Marius Aleinikovas, Lithuanian Forest Research Institute
16.30	Discussion	
17.00	End of day	
19.00	Dinner	

**15 May**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Person/s</b>
08.30	Overview, existing grading machines	Julia Denzler, TU Munich, Germany
09.00	Investigating end consumers' preferences for wood products	Anders Q Nyrud, UMB, Norway
09.30	Wood properties testing in laboratory using computer tomography	Marek Grzeskiewicz and Pawel Kozakiewicz, Warsaw agricultural university, Poland
10.00	Coffee break	
10.30	Variability of properties of poplar timber and visual grading	Lieven de Boever, University of Gent, Belgium
11.00	Information exchange: Ongoing and new projects etc.	All attendants
11.30	Future action plan for our WG	
12.00	Lunch	
13.00	MC meeting	
14.00	End	