The EU COST Action FP0905 (2010-2014) aimed at collecting and evaluating the scientific knowledge on genetically modified trees (GMT) related to biosafety accessible and published in the last 30 years. All obtained results have to be coordinated in order to provide the correct information regarding the use of GM forest trees. The existing or new information from various European countries will provide a basis for future EU policy and regulation recommendations regarding the use of GM forest trees.

To fulfill these aims, the COST Action FP0905 was divided in four Working Groups (WGs). The Working Group 4 (WG 4) focused on the increase of public awareness on the use of GM forest plantations and environmental protection through science-based information management of the www.cost-action-fp0905.eu dynamic website (WG4).

For spreading information relevant to this COST Action, the website (http://www.cost-action-fp0905.eu/) was set up to provide communication between participants of the Action, and to disseminate the activities, knowledge and technology produced beyond the COST Action network. The Web 2.0 technologies were used to support the aims of the COST Action, with specific positive (YouTube and Twitter) but sometimes also negative communication experiences (i.e., hacker’s attacks) of the Action are reported.