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Executive Board members present: Vladimir Meglič (coordinator), Paul Bilsborrow (deputy coordinator), Pavol Hauptvogel (WP 1 leader), Heinrich Grausgruber (WP2 leader), Peter Dolničar (deputy WP3 leader), Kristina Petrović (WP4 leader), Dagmar Janovska (WP5 leader), Werner Vogt-Kaute (WP6 leader) and Mario A. Pagnotta (WP7 leader).

Executive Board member absent: Barbara Škrbina (WP8 leader)

First meeting of Executive Board was constituted. The coordinator proposed the following agenda:

1. Inclusion of SCU (Carlo Leifert)
2. Partner CAAS demand for a higher budget
3. Other businesses

- 1) Coordinator explained the background of Carlo Leifert's collaboration during the preparation of ECOBREED proposal and his request to be included within the project without EU contribution and solely based on SCU budget. Activities of SCU would be added to the ones we have already foreseen; benefits for EU and Australia are evident due to the fact that material can be exchanged. Heinrich Grausgruber expressed his concern about the cost coverage for the shipment of the material to Australia, which we do not have in our budgets. Werner Vogt-Kaute added that the shipment can be paid by the receiver.
Decision and vote: EB members agree without objections on inclusion of SCU to the project if the shipping costs will be covered by Australian side.
- 2) Coordinator informed the EB members that Meiliang Zhou (CAAS) approached him with the request to increase CAAS's budget after the CA and GA were already signed. Chinese partner requested 3 times more budget from MOST, still contributing to ECOBREED project the same activities (genotyping of our material - buckwheat). Coordinator wrote a Letter of support to MOST for the extended budget pointing out that the benefits of the additional activities will be present only in China. According to Meiliang Zhou this was not enough and he sent an e-mail to PO Ivica Karas, asking him for support. PO did not reply. Since Meiliang Zhou arrived already the previous week, he came and visited the coordinator, presenting CAAS and their work and again asking for a support on the extended budget for working on phenotyping on 6 different locations in China. Coordinator again asked him what might be the benefits for EU and for the consortium. Meiliang Zhou stressed that exchange of material is not possible, we might get morphological data, but their value is questionable; solid output would be photos and data. **Decision and vote: EB members agree without objections to keep CAAS's role in the project as it was since benefits of the extended budget are not visible.**
- 3) Other businesses: Coordinator proposed and EB members agreed to have face to face meeting every 6 months (on the year basis one of them is

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overlapped with the annual meeting). These meetings will take place in Austria, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic or in Slovenia; or take place at the venues of the future conferences, seminars and events, where the project is going to be disseminated. In addition video meetings will be executed as planned in the proposal. **Vote: proposal confirmed without objection.** Kristina Petrović presented their plans for organising future Soy 2020 conference that is for the first time going to take place in Europe, hosted by IFVCNS.