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AGENDA

ECOBREED 10th EB Meeting

Gräfelfing, 26 - 27 of February 2020

Wednesday, 26th of February | 13:00 - 18:00

13:00 – 13:30 | Introduction & general items

13:30 – 18:00 | 1st Technical report: revision

Thursday, 27th of October | 08:00 - 16:00

08:00 – 13:00 | Operational plan for year 2020 (WP1-7 leaders)

13:00 – 14:00 | *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:00 | 2nd annual meeting

15:00 – 16:00 | Any other business and end of the meeting

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Executive Board members present: Vladimir Meglič (co-ordinator), Paul Bilsborrow (deputy co-ordinator), Pavol Hauptvogel (WP1 leader), Heinrich Grausgruber (WP2 leader), Kristina Petrović (WP4 leader), Werner Vogt-Kaute (WP6 leader), Mario A. Pagnotta (WP7 leader) and Antoaneta G. Kuhar (project manager and WP8 leader).

Executive Board members absent: Peter Dolničar (WP3 leader, sick leave) and Dagmar Janovská (WP5 leader, Svalbard business trip).

The Co-ordinator welcomed everyone and explained what the focus of the 10th EB meeting was; the agenda was presented and accepted. The representatives of NATURLAND association, Ann-Kathrin Trappenberg and Sophie Hédon, presented its mission, vision and projects.

The project manager made an overview of the requested additional explanations of the Financial Statements and Use of resources for 11 beneficiaries; as well as stressed that each WP leader needs to revise the PM of the partners involved and estimate if there is rationale behind or changes need to be introduced. Financial statements will be sent by KIS to partners for editing of the PM, where applicable.

The Co-ordinator and his deputy elaborated on the timing of the General Project Review Consolidated Report, suggesting at the very beginning:

- All changes in the Technical report and Deliverables to be done in track changes;
- Following the ECOBREED Quality Protocol approved in May 2019 the revision to be done in 3 steps:
 - o Each deals with his/her own WP and send both to Vladimir and Paul his/her contribution not later than Monday, March the 9th.
 - o Vladimir and Paul go together and better structure the whole report and return it to WP leaders by March 16th for additional revisions/additions/clarifications.
 - o Submission of the whole package by the Co-ordinator through the Portal by March 23rd.

The content of the General Project Review Consolidated Report was elaborated and the following main conclusions conducted:

1. One of the most critical point is the terminology used. Explanations on the definitions used for inventory, putative and core collections need to be added. Having in mind the importance of the above mentioned, it was agreed that D1.1., D1.2 and D1.3 will be rewritten in a way to include how the end users were included in the selection of accessions (varieties), as well as:

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- D1.1 Inventory of genetic resources for the 4 crops ("Eco-geographical principles will be applied in order to identify materials from diverse environments across Europe i.e. from N to S and W to E, including landraces, varieties presently popular in organic farming and commercial conventional varieties.")
 - D1.2 Putative collection to be renamed to "preliminary collection" ("include ~ 200 accessions for each species").
 - D1.3. Core collection to be renamed to "working collection" ("A new inventory for each target crop will be created, merging the gathered information together with additional descriptors. A set of standardised descriptors including passport and characterisation information will be selected. It will include all the information available from original databases (i.e. accession number in genebanks, collection site, seed availability, etc.) and links to genebank holder website/s.").
2. Include also explanations on the inclusions of the farmers for the PPB.
 3. Reduce data on preliminary phenotyping and make it consistent for the 4 crops.
 4. DMP: Heinrich will share the excel file for wheat with the rest 3 crops and update the DMP.
 5. Language for the training materials (WP7): working translations to be provided for participants, who do not understand English.
 6. Website for T6.1 to be translated into native languages.
 7. Draft of PEDR to be written by KIS and send out for inclusions of indicators.
 8. Kristina will distribute the MTA electronically.
 9. All rejected deliverables to be rewritten and submitted by the responsible partners following the Quality Protocol for Ds and Ms submission, along with the comments outlined in the General Project Review Consolidated Report and in the Ds rejection letters.

Consult the General Project Review Consolidated Report for any particular comments on the WPs.

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Day 2

Expert opinion on **Milestones** was discussed with the following outcomes expected:

- MS1: Pavol puts together the list of accessions that have been made available to partners. The list is going to be added as an annex to the technical report.
- MS6: Communication strategy to be developed by KIS and attached to the technical report.
- MS7: The list to be completed by WP3, 4 and 5 and then altogether with WP2 to be deposited at zenodo. Zenodo link to be provided in the report.
- MS9: Clarification to be provided in the report (UNEW).
- MS10: WP2 & 3 clarify in the report.
- MS12: WP 2-5 add clarification put in the report. Protocol for common bunt is already uploaded at zenodo.
- MS15: in WP5 report add the dates for receiving the 3 packages of DNA extractions.
- MS21: Johann resends the protocol to IFVC. In the report WP4 writes when the protocols with partners were exchanged.
- MS23: Elaborate in the text for WP6 report.
- MS25: Linked to D7.1.
- MS26: Linked to D7.2.
- MS29: IP report to be attached by KIS as an annex to the technical report.

Impact to be rewritten as well and stress the steps towards reaching the impact. Comments and arguments to be included in the letter with answers to the reviewers and further uploaded into the system.

Gender: address it both in the report and in the letter to the reviewers.

Management of the project: explain again the Quality Protocol (procedures) and roles of EB and PMT. 3-month technical report to be provided by WP leaders to KIS following the attached template. 6-month financial report to be provided by each partner to KIS. Both technical and financial reports template will be provided along with instructions to the partners.

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OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR YEAR 2020

Operational plans were discussed, no deviations are foreseen. WP1-4 and 6-7 to follow the structure of WP5 and provide the edited OP to KIS by March 13th. Johann and Pavol look at T2.1 and check what belongs to WP1 and what to the rest WPs than send out the feedback to the partners.

AOB

Publications: Initial list of publications to be developed by WP1-7 leaders and exchange with the partners involved. The list to be finalised in Matala.

KIS will send an e-mail to all partners with a request to get updated information **who is involved in which WP.**

Annual meeting: clarifications were made how many persons are expected to attend it in line with Table 3.4b. Further concerns about possible complications due to the corona virus were made. The Co-ordinator to contact PO and ask how to proceed.

Oregon: The Co-ordinator attended the 3 days conference. LIVESEED attended, as well. The conference was multi-actor coloured. There was a participant from WSU (Kevin Murphy), who is interested to take the project from Steve Jones. The Co-ordinator to communicate further legal and content wise involvement of WSU with Kevin Murphy.

UP: Peter got a short e-mail saying they don't know what they should do and think they won't be able to perform FPT, because they didn't do the multiplication and they do not have the staff. Werner could give a hand and provide contacts of organic farmers in Hungary.

NPPC subcontractor: The Co-ordinator presented the outcomes of the phenotyping workshop that took place in Nitra at the end of January 2020 and the unwillingness of the Agricultural University of Nitra to serve as a sub-contractor of NPPC. Pavol Hauptvogel presented a Czech company, producing the machines for phenotyping. Next week (March 2 to 8) an official offer from the company Photon Systems Instruments should arrive and Pavol will distribute it with the EB members. Than we proceed further.

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World Organic Congress will take place in Rennes in September 2020, there is a pre-conference on PPB (Mon-Tue) organised together with Organic Seed Alliance. Werner and Vladimir are going to have presentation.

EUCARPIA meeting together with LIVESEED and BRESOV will be in Latvia (end of October is abstract submission): request who wants to lead what section was done, EB members to provide their inputs to the Co-ordinator by the end of March.

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TECHNICAL REPORT *Reporting period: 1.11.2019 – 31.3.2020*

WP1 – *names of the partners involved*

1. **Brief description of tasks.** Brief description of the activities developed in each task and by each partner involved (max. 500 words).
2. **Description of problems encountered and delays (if any).** Describe the contingency plan and actions performed to solve the problems/delays (max. 500 words).
3. **Brief description of the results achieved in each task.** Indicate if results are uploaded into the repository (if not, justify and indicate the date foreseen to be uploaded) and list the publications (max. 500 words).
4. **Partners control.** Indicate if all partners are participating in the tasks and performing their duties according to the Document of Action. If not, indicate the partners that are not correctly implementing their tasks (max. 300 words).
5. **Milestones.** Indicate if a milestone was planned to be achieved in this period. Was it achieved on time? (if not, please indicate the reason, partners involved, actions performed to solve the problem and foreseen date of achievement of the milestone) (max. 300 words).
6. **Deliverables.** Indicate if deliverables were planned to be released in this period. Were they released on time? (if not, please indicate the reason, partners involved, actions performed to solve the problem and foreseen date of delivery) (max. 300 words).

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