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AGENDA

ECOBREED 22nd EB Meeting

Zoom, 6 of December 2021

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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), Peter Dolničar (WP3 leader), Vuk Đorđević (WP4 leader), Dagmar Janovská (WP5 leader), Werner Vogt-Kaute (WP6 leader), Mario A. Pagnotta (WP7 leader) and Antoaneta G. Kuhar (project manager and WP8 leader).

1. Appointment of Vuk Đorđević as WP4 leader

The coordinator proposed to the EB members that Vuk Đorđević (IFVC) take over the leadership of WP4. The initial conversation with Johann Vollmann (BOKU) to become WP4 leader did not go positively, so Johann remains deputy. After reviewing the other partners working on soybean, Vuk is the most logical predecessor of Kristina. Vuk Đorđević participated in the discussion. The coordinator informed that the EB had no objection to his proposal and welcomed Vuk as WP4 leader. Vuk Đorđević said that he would do his best to complete the work planned in WP4.

2. Current issues

The coordinator thanked Heinrich and his team for organising the scientific conference, which was held online in late November. He added that the decision to go online was wise. Heinrich will send out another reminder to submit abstracts for publication. The deadline is mid-January and a template will be provided.

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Earlier submission is encouraged. A separate meeting with Anton Brandstatter (Saatgut), Antoaneta and Heinrich is planned.

3m report: project manager and coordinator proposed to change the report for July-September and submit a 6-month report. The WP leaders did not agree with this. Therefore, WP1 and WP2 leaders will submit their reports by the end of this week and the complete 3m report for July-September 2021 will be sent to PO next week. The 3m report for October-December 2021 will be submitted by the WP leaders to Antoaneta by 7 January 2022.

PR2 payment: 2 partners have not yet confirmed bank accounts (CRI and SZG). The transfer will be executed by KIS as soon as both partners have confirmed their bank accounts, but no earlier than next week.

Audit of NPPC: The Project Manager reported that NPPC was selected by the European Court of Auditors for a financial audit of the costs reported for reporting period 2 (reported costs EUR 71,754.39). The project was randomly selected as part of the Statement of Assurance for the financial year 2021. Pavol is currently preparing the final version of the documents to be uploaded on the Auditor's link.

3. Amendment

The most recent version of the amendment's working document will be redistributed by Antoaneta with Mario's and Peter's contributions by tomorrow. Feedback is requested from WP leaders by the end of this week.

4. Any other business

The coordinator proposed for the next EB meeting: Covid-19 permitting, we could have a face-to-face meeting in Viterbo in the spring, starting at noon on March 7 and all day on March 8, 2022.

A short meeting before Christmas is planned.

The meeting ended at 3:00 pm.