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AGENDA

ECOBREED 21st EB Video Meeting

17th of November 2021 8:00 – 9:20

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MINUTES

Executive Board members present: Vladimir Meglič (Co-ordinator), Paul Bilsborrow (deputy Co-ordinator), Heinrich Grausgruber (WP2 leader), Peter Dolničar (WP3 leader), Werner Vogt-Kaute (WP6 leader), Mario A. Pagnotta (WP7 leader) and Antoaneta G. Kuhar (Project Manager and WP8 leader); Anton Brandstetter (Saatgut Austria). WheatSustain project's representatives present: Morten Lillemo and Hermann Buerstmayr.

Executive Board members absent: Pavol Hauptvogel (WP1 leader), Kristina Petrović/Vuk Đorđević (WP4 leader), Dagmar Janovská (WP6 leader).

The meeting of the Executive Board was constituted, and the zoom video & audio connection tested. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current covid-19 situation in Austria and the restrictions (partial lockdown) introduced 2 days ago at government and regional levels in the country, which are expected to be extended this Friday.

Discussion:

Heinrich Grausgruber explained the changes that have been introduced and the new ones that the government is currently working on. There are also measures at the regional level. It was decided to change the 72nd Austrian Plant Breeders' Conference to an online mode. Morten Lillemo (Project WheatSustain) also reported that. The only thing we have to do is to decide whether to hold the ECOBREED meeting in person.

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Heinrich Grausgruber reported who is travelling by plane or train, so reimbursement could be an issue. The same applies to all accommodations booked by the partners themselves and not by the recommended accommodations. Regarding the latter, Mrs. Geppner from Saatgut Austria will inform and cancel the accommodations.

All EB members present and Anton Brandstetter expressed their opinion and how they see the situation.

The Project Coordinator summarised that a face-to-face annual meeting would have been fantastic to meet as we are nearing the end of the project and discuss the upcoming work for the next season, missing dates and activities. However, we have already held an annual meeting this year, so that obligation has already been met. He then proposed to have an online meetings of WP2-7, convened by the WP leaders.

Antoaneta G. Kuhar, WP8 leader, will prepare a list of missing demo events and other planned dissemination activities along with scheduling peer-reviewed articles and present them at the WP2-7 online meetings. She will also immediately send out the cancellation email to partners and initial instructions (ppt and poster templates for the scientific conference; reimbursement, etc.).

Heinrich Grausgruber will first inform the speakers of the 72nd conference.

The agreed time slots for the WP sessions are as proposed:

WP2: Nov 25 (Thursday) morning

WP3: Nov 25 (Thursday) afternoon

WP4: Nov 23 (Tuesday) afternoon

WP5: Nov 22 (Monday) afternoon

WP6: Nov 24 (Wednesday) afternoon

WP7: Nov 26 (Friday) afternoon

The WP leaders will send the links to the partners involved, to Vladimir, Paul and Antoaneta.

The next 22nd EB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 30 November from 14h CET. Alternative date is December 6 from 14h CET. A new WP4 leader will be appointed at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting finished at 9:20 pm.