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AGENDA

ECOBREED 30th EB meeting

On-line meeting (Teams)

13 September 2023

Wednesday, 13 September 2023 | 9:00 - 12:00

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| 9:00 – 9:15 | Welcome and introduction Vladimir Meglič, project coordinator |
| 9:15 – 11:30 | Preparations for the ECOBREED Final Conference from 17 to 19 January 2024 All EB members |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Discussion All EB members |

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ECOBREED 30th EB Meeting

Meeting started on Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 9:05.

Executive Board members present in person: Vladimir Meglič (coordinator), Paul Bilsborrow (deputy coordinator), Pavol Hauptvogel (WP1 leader), Peter Dolničar (WP3 leader), Vuk Đorđević (WP4 leader), Werner Vogt-Kaute (WP6 leader), Mario A. Pagnotta (WP7 leader), Antoaneta G. Kuhar (project manager and WP8 leader),

Executive Board member absent: Heinrich Grausgruber (WP2 leader), Dagmar Janovská (WP5 leader)

Other project members present: Marjana Vasiljević (IFVC), Andreja Žibrat Gašparič (KIS)

Welcome and introduction

Vladimir Meglič, the project coordinator, welcomed everyone to the 30th EB meeting and presented the agenda. The meeting is important for the preparation and organisation of the final conference of the project. The conference will be held between 17 and 19 January 2024. At this meeting, the topics, sessions and plenary speakers should be set so that invitations to the conference can be sent out soon. The agenda of the conference must be finalised by Friday, 22 September 2023.

Preparations for the ECOBREED Final Conference from 17 to 19 January 2024 & discussion

Antoaneta G. Kuhar (project manager) first reminded the EB members that the conference will take place during the three days, but before the conference a General Assembly meeting (on 16 January 2024) and an EB meeting (on 15 January 2024) are also planned. Then she presented the excel file with the proposed programme of the final conference.

The EB members had questions regarding the proposed length of sessions and whether all partners will be asked to present their work. After a short discussion it was decided that not all partners need to contribute to the conference programme. The project coordinator proposed to ask all partners to prepare a short presentation about their work within ECOBREED for the General Assembly meeting. This was accepted by all EB members.

The EB members then discussed the proposed plenary speakers in the draft programme. It was decided that plenary sessions should be open to external speakers, not only ECOBREED partners as the conference is dedicated to organic

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plant breeding. It was decided that at least a half of plenary sessions should be reserved for speakers outside of the project. The project coordinator stated that for invited speakers the accommodation and travel expenses will be covered by the project.

There was a question regarding the young researcher's session. The project coordinator stated that it is important for young researchers to have the opportunity to present their work as ECOBREED had many training sessions organised for this target group. With this session young and early career researchers from ECOBREED and outside of the project can show their work. Also, we can still offer some bursaries for young researchers even outside of ECOBREED as this is important for WP7. The EB members agreed to this.

Werner Vogt-Kaute (NATUR) suggested to contact the partners from WP6 to ask them about suggestions on plenary speakers for the FPT session. He also said that in this session there will not be many presentations, but this could be filled with experiences on the populations.

The EB members agreed with the proposed draft of the final conference.

Antoaneta G. Kuhar (project manager) stated that the programme and agenda will be prepared soon and sent to all EB members to check. Paul Bilsborrow (deputy coordinator) asked about whether the chairs of the sessions will be ECOBREED members, and the project coordinator confirmed this.

The plenary speakers will be invited soon, first informally and then with a finished conference invitation.

The project manager said that the first draft of the programme will be finished by the end of this week and after that the EB members will be asked to start contacting plenary speakers. Paul Bilsborrow (UNEW) suggested that the organising committee (all EB members) should have regular meetings on-line every two weeks. This was accepted by all present members.

The final conference organisation meetings will be held on-line every Thursday morning at 9am. The next meeting will be on 28 September. Andreja Žibrat Gašparič (KIS) will send out invitations.

The EB members also discussed the possibility of publishing the proceedings of the final conference or a book of abstracts. The project coordinator proposed to publish the book of abstracts on-line as a book within the Agricultural Institute of Slovenia's series of books, but there will not be a printed version. This was also agreed by all present EB members. The minimum word count for the abstract will be 250 words. The abstracts will need to be sent by mid-November latest.

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The project manager said that the logistics of the conference need to be ready by end of October and sent out to all participants (registrations, reservations, hotels, location etc.).

The project manager also announced again the in-person meeting in October and the EB members discussed who will be able to attend the meeting. Paul Bilsborrow (UNEW) proposed to hold a hybrid meeting. This will need to be discussed with Heinrich Grausgruber (WP2 leader, BOKU) as he will again host the EB meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be sent soon.

The project manager also again announced that the internal financial report will need to be prepared by all partners soon. She will send out an email as a reminder to all partners soon. The internal reporting was already announced at the annual meeting.

The meeting was finished at 10:05.