

The Stakeholder Group (SHG) - General information

Invitation and composition: The project partners invited in the proposal stage organizations as well as individual experts to confirm their willingness to participate in the Stakeholder Group (SHG) to interact with CropBooster-P:

- Academia / researchers: Scientific entities / experts involved in research (projects) focusing on yield in changing environments, plant health, crops for better nutrition and human health, resource use efficiency and cycling, responsible research and innovation,
- National and local end-user / citizen representative groups,
- Policy makers at European, national and global levels,
- European industrial / businesses organisations as well as individual companies and,
- European, national and local agriculture / farming communities.

Opportunities and tasks for SHG members: **The Stakeholder Group will be involved throughout the project's lifetime in a variable geometry to engage with and provide advice to the project partners on how best to meet the demands of the different stakeholders and help disseminate the project results.** The SHG will receive information and be actively involved in knowledge exchange and transfer activities foreseen in this project. In addition, the SHG members are encouraged to support the project partners in the implementation of specific foreseen project activities that are of particular interest of the various SHG members as indicated in their Letter of Support (LoS, Annex 1).

Coordination and engagement of the SHG: this is shared by EPSO as the SHG coordinator and Plant ETP as vice-coordinator and all project partners. EPSO facilitates interaction with mainly academia, end-users and policy subgroups, whereas Plant ETP does so for the industry and farming subgroups. Individual partners invite relevant SHG members to workshops, Focus Groups for specific project tasks, based on the interest in Work Packages indicated in their LoS and the expertise needed.

In addition, each year at least two members of the SHG will be invited to the annual project meeting, which can change according to the focus of the meeting.

SHG reimbursement for travel and accommodation will be provided by the project partner(s) organizing the specific event they are invited to as stipulated in the project Grant Agreement / Annex. They will inform SHG members in the invitation accordingly.

Regarding additional participants to the annual project meeting, the project coordinator has a dedicated budget for two SHG participants to offer travel reimbursement with priority for academia and end-user groups to facilitate engagement. More participants could be invited as needed by WP / task leaders.

Status: The project partners committed themselves to have at least 2 members per subgroup in the SHG, resulting in min. 10 members.

Upon start of the project, the SHG had 41 members (they signed Letter of Support for the proposal) – 13 from academia / public science, 2 from end-user groups, none from policy (to avoid a possible Conflict of Interest), 19 from industries and 7 from agriculture / farming communities.

As the project started, these were invited to confirm their participation in the SHG and update their interest in project Work Packages. By 6.5.2019, 24 of these are confirmed (pages 2-4).

Next steps: The project partners already started inviting relevant SHG members to the first workshop, 'Scenario Impact Workshop' under WP1, Task 1.1. Similarly, relevant SHG members will be invited to the other activities.

The Stakeholder Group (SHG) - Members and their interest in the Work Packages

Status: F = Final confirmation upon project start received (grey background)
 L = Letter of Support in proposal stage receive (bold)
 I = Invited

Interest of SHG members in the Work Packages of the project they expressed versus the interest of the entire subgroup we aim at in the project:

WP1: Research Toolbox Crop Yield, Nutritional Quality, Sustainability

WP2: Economic, Social and Environmental Impact

WP3: Public Engagement

WP4: Strengthening International Cooperation

WP5: Strategy Development

WP6: Management

Entity: finally confirmed after project start	Status	Country	WP1 Res tool	WP2 Econ Soc Env impact	WP3 Public engage	WP4 Internat cooperation	WP5 Strategy develop	WP6 Management
Expertise needed			Plant science	Econ, soc, env sc	Citizen view	Plant science		
SHG will be source for			Expert panel	Expert Focus groups	Focus groups	Expert panel	Expert panel	SH Core Group
1-Academia / researchers	13 F		Involvement aimed at					
			xxx	x	xx	xx	xx	x
EPSO Working Group on Horticulture / Leibniz Institute for Vegetable and Ornamental crops (IGZ)	F	Eur / DE	x	x	x			
EPSO Working Group on Nutritional Security , University of Milano	F	Eur / IT	x					
EPSO Working Group on Tree Biology and Biotechnology / VIB Ghent	F	Eur / BE	x					
EPSO Working Group Global Plant Research incl. Developing Countries / National University of Ireland	F	Eur / IE	x			x	x	
EPSO Working Group on Outreach and Public Dialogue / University of Poznan	F	Eur / PL			x	x	x	
EPSO Working Group on Plants and Microbiomes / Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT)	F	Eur / AT	x			x	x	
EPSO Task Force on Data / Julich Research Centre (new TF)	F	Eur / DE	x	x	x	x	x	x
International Wheat Yield Partnership , IWYP	F	Globe	x	x		x	x	
Scandinavian Plant Physiology Society (SPPS)	F	Scand	x			x	x	
Zurich-Basel Plant Science Centre (ZBPSC)	F	CH	x	x	x		x	
PlantLink / SE (local network)	F	SE	x	x	x	x	x	
Aarhus University, Dept Molecular Biology and Genetics (AU)	F	DK	x					
Ghent University , Business developer CropFit	F	BE		x		x		

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2-End user groups / citizens /CSOs	2 F		Involvement aimed at					
			x	x	xxx	?	x	x
European Consumers Union (ECU)	F	Eur		x	x	x	x	
European Active Citizenship Network (ACN)	F	Eur		x	x	x	x	
<i>Consumer organisations will be invited upon start of the project</i>		Natl						
3-Policy makers	All I		Involvement aimed at					
<i>Member(s) of the European Parliament, representatives of the European Commission and of national funders / ministries, OECD and FAO will be invited upon start of the project to avoid conflict of interest</i>								
MEP (ITRE, AGRI, ENVI Committees)	I	Eur						
OECD (ENVI directorate)	I	globe						
FAO (Plant Production / Protection Division)	I	globe						
4-Industry / businesses:	9F 9L		Involvement aimed at					
			xxx	xxx	xx	x	x	x
Food for Life (European Technology Platform – food uses)	F	Eur	x	x	x			
Bio-based Industries Consortium , BIC (Industry partner of the BIC-PPP – non-food uses)	L	Eur		x	x			
World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD, agri-businesses)	F	Global		x				
Topsector TKI Horticulture and Starting materials (strategic national initiative of academia and industry)	F	NL	x	x	x	x	x	
GIS Biotechnologies Vertes (GIS BV - French PPP)	F	FR					x	
Association Francaise des Biotechnologiesa Vegetales (AFBV – French PPP)	F	FR	x	x	x	x	x	
GFPI (Plant breeder association DE)	F	DE	x				x	
Flanders' Food (FF – local industry network)	L	BE					x	
Seed Association of Serbia (SAS)	F	RS	x	x		x		
Bayer CropScience (crop protection, seeds, nonagricultural applications)	L	BE / globe	x	x	x	x	x	
Südzucker (food company for sugar, special products, CropEnergies, fruit)	F	DE / globe	x	x	x	x	x	x
KeyGene (AgBiotech company)	F	NL / globe	x	x				
Rijk Zwaan (breeding company)	L	NL						
Enza Zaden (seeds)	L	NL / globe	x	x	x		x	x
De Ceuster Meststoffen , DCM (fertiliser company)	L	BE / Eur	x	x			x	
Nova Institut	L	DE	x	x	x		x	

Apheo.Bio (Start-up company)	L	BE	x	x	x	x	x	
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Schuttelaar & Partners (agri-food consultant, link to consumers)	L	NL		x	x	x		
5-Agriculture / farming communities	7 L		Involvement aimed at					
			x	x	x	?	x	x
CopaCogeca (Eur farmers & Eur Agri-Cooperatives) → Dissemination to farmers across Europe	L	Eur						
IFOAM EU (European Organic Federation)	L	Eur		x	x			
Danish Agricultural and Food Council Association (farmers and companies)	L	DK	x		x		x	
Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board (AHDB, levy board funded by farmers)	L	UK		x				
Boerenbond (Belgian farmer association)	L	BE	x	x	x			
CONFAGRI (national farming organisation)	L	PT		x		x	x	
AGPB /MAIZ'EUROP (Maize producers FR and Eur)	L	FR / Eur	x	x				
Overall interest in the WPs	24 F 16 L 4 I		26	27	20	18	23	all