

# CropBooster-P

## *WP6 Overview*



European  
Commission

Horizon 2020  
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# Mid-term Report & Review

- Beginning July, we submitted our Mid-term Report to the Commission
- Mid July, our progress was reviewed by an external commission (Nazim Gruda, University of Bonn, Humboldt University of Berlin & Mary Taylor, Taylor AgriConsult) in an online session with the ExCom
- In September and October, 2 updates of the Mid-term report were send to the Commission, mainly to clear some remaining financial issues
- Beginning November, we received the Review Report which, in general, was very positive about the progress that we have made:
- “Overall outputs achieved are significant and in line with the overall objective of developing a roadmap for futureproofing the food system and the European economy”



# Mid-term Report & Review (2)

- The Review Committee made the following recommendations:
- “A first recommendation is the introduction of a **concrete success control** with quantitative approaches for the parameters in the scope of the project. For instance, for yield, a starting base for different crops cultivated in greenhouses and/or open field has to be introduced in the database”
- “A second recommendation relates to considering the **types of agricultural systems** for the future to ensure that trade-offs between sustainability, quality, and yield, and the crops are considered.”
- “As a third recommendation, the need to combine the so-called soft measures, such as explanation, training, education, dissemination etc. with recommendations for **hard measures**, such as taxation and legislation, if any should be addressed.” (climate change, COVID-19)
- “A fourth recommendation is the **intensification** of communication and dissemination of results”



# Mid-term Report & Review (3)

- We now have till end of November to send our reactions on the review report, if any, to the Commission.
- Thereafter, the Mid-term Report will be considered as final, and payments will be made within 90 days thereafter.



# COVID-19 Contingency Planning

- In consultation with the Commission, a COVID-19 Contingency Planning was made in March:
- All workshops and other meetings were replaced by online events
- A number of Milestones and Deliverables were shifted backwards due to encountered delays
- An Contract Amendment was made allowing the re-allocation of Person Months of 2 partners (EPSO and ACTA), and allowing a budget change for partner WU from 'other direct costs' to "personnel cost"
- Further contingency planning now is needed in relation to the second Corona-wave that hit Europe after summer, and a new Contract Amendment is required.
- Please contact the Coordinator on short notice in case you would like to make changes in Tasks, Milestones, Deliverables or Finances



# Rules for Publication

- Before submission to a journal, please send your manuscript to the ExCom for approval
- All publications of CropBooster-P results have to be Open Access, so only suitable journals are acceptable
- Next to publication in an open access journal, your article also has to be stored into a public repository like PubMed Central.
- Please send the link to your publication in the journal AND the link to your publication in the repository to the Coordinator so that you results can be uploaded to Brussels

