

MID-TERM EVENT

WP 2. Communication activities

Activity 2.5 International activities and participation to extra project events

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Introduction

The mid term event, planned to be realised in Croatia during springtime 2020, has been several times postponed, due to ongoing COVID 19 pandemic crisis.

In springtime 2021, still continuing health risks linked to the participation of live events, GECO2 partners decided to convert the planned mid-term event into a virtual conference.

The conference was held the 23th-24th of June 2021.

Minutes

Informal welcome and Project overview

Carlo Cacciamani welcomes participants.

Giulia Villani opens the annual meeting with a brief description of the project status and the agenda overview.

Antonio Cinti (Arpae Emilia-Romagna, Project Manager): welcome speech and introduction speech about the state of the project:

Following the approval of the project prolongation, there has been a Major budget change on SIU, already approved by the Officer and the Managing Authority.

Budget main modifications:

- expenditure not yet reported has generally been spread on the remaining three semesters, including the two additional ones;
- expenditure on the budget line Travel and Accommodation

have been reduced with reference to the sharp reduction in physical displacements due to the pandemic situation.

- staff and External expertise budget lines have been changed according to the different management organization model adopted by each partner.

Antonio Cinti warns all the partners about the risk of insufficient expenditure.. From the financial point of view we have spent less resources than scheduled and we need to focus ourselves on spending in the next two periods.

In particular, in the next semesters, a consistent budget has to be spent (over 372 000 €) in communication.

Finally, Antonio Cinti resumes activities yet to be implemented:

- Definition of pilot areas and sectors and selection of enterprises in secondary and tertiary sectors
- Design and activation of marketing support actions towards production and services companies interested to buy co2e credits
- Identification of buyers
- Signing of the contracts
- Insertion of data in the project DB
- Organization of complementary promotional seminars for public bodies, agricultural and industrial operators with the aim to increase awareness of actors on projects topics and opportunities.

Session 1: Financial and administrative state of the art - Sebastiano Simionato (ARPAE Emilia Romagna)

Sebastiano Simionato presents to PPs the financial and administrative state of the Project:

Payments received up to now, taking into account the recovery of the Advance Payment, which will continue until the end of PR5.

Overview of the reporting process up to the end of PR4;

Financial state at project level up to the end of PR4. PPs have been warned not to certify all expenses at the last minute during PR7, but to try to distribute the expenses in the last 3 PRs.

Overview of the new Budget after the remodulation.

A series of recommendations for the next reporting periods.

Session 2: WP2 – Communication activities (Emilio Gelosi – Legacoop Emilia Romagna)

Emilio Gelosi starts with a recap of communication activities, in terms of results and outputs already reached up to now: web and social media (6 websites updates, 15 Facebook posts and and 1 Project Twitter Account), media relations (1 press release and 1 radio interview) and video production (7 video interviews).

Afterwards communication tools and promotional materials - both already in place and to be finalized - are stated.

Emilio also presented the state of the art of the dissemination activities, seminars and special events. Most of the events have been already finalized.

For what concerns the two international events, they must be rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With regard to the external events 6 to 10 of them must be identified.

The next activities to be carried out are:

Next newsletter;

Releases on EU press or thematic reviews;

Regional events.

Session 3: WP3 Studies and Training – Giulia Villani (Arpae)

The activities under WP3 can be considered as accomplished, excepting for Molise region that has scheduled to realize all the 3.2 activities within January 2021.

Roundtable and wrap-up

Session 4: WP4 Antonio Cinti (Arpae - project manager)

Antonio Cinti made a presentation about the main activities included in WP4.

In particular he underlined that the following documents have been prepared by the project.

- A measurement and calculation system of CO₂e absorption and emissions
- A cultivation protocol
- Carbon_Market_Protocol
- Cultivation and CO₂e credits Agreement
- A farm plan project
- A seller-buyer contract related to co₂ credits
- A buyer carbon report and plan

In addition to the already developed items, he pointed out the following topics:

Together with the calculation and cultivation protocols foreseen in the original planning, the project has decided to focus WP4 activities on the creation of an IT tool, able to receive all the indications from the protocols in order to ease the collection of technical information and automatically compute assessments of carbon emissions and absorption. This will give reliability and homogeneity to the project results. In this regard, Antonio Volta presents the Carbon Calculator Tool to the PP, specifically conceived for the project to compute CO₂ budget in agro-ecosystems.

Before meeting closure, all partners agreed that the next project meeting will be held in December 2021.

Fifth Joint Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee, according to Project's rules, has the legal number to vote.

The two main topics that have been discussed and agreed during the Steering Committee are:

The project prolongation: the partnership received the official letter sent to LP by the MA regarding the confirmation to the request of project extension of 11 months. This procedure will be implemented in the SIU system after the confirmation of the PR4.

The remodulation of the budget: in order to do that, PPs will have to send to Arpae a provision of the costs they intend to certify in the PR4. Based on that information, Arpae will draft a budget reallocation for the additional Reporting Periods coming from the prolongation of the Project and will discuss the remodulation with PPs. The budget remodulation proposal will be shared with all partners.

Attendance list



Agenda

Wednesday 23 June, afternoon (14.00-17.30) Official start of the Mid term Meeting

14:00 – 14:15 Informal welcome (Carlo Cacciamani - Arpae)

14:15 – 14:30 Welcome address by Project responsible (Giulia Villani - Arpae)

14:30 – 15:00 GECO2 Project overview (Antonio Cinti - Project Manager)

- State of the art of the project
- Major budget change submission
- PA Addendum

WP1 - Project management (Sebastiano Simionato - Arpae)

15:00 – 15:45 Communications related to Administrative and Financial management and Reports (Leader partner ARPAE)

- State of the art after the 4th Reporting Period
- Overview of the budget after Major budget change
- Roundtable

WP2 - Communication activities (Emilio Gelosi, Marilena Raule - Legacoop Romagna)

15:45 – 16:15 WP2 status and discussion with GECO2 Partners

16:15 – 17:30 Day 1 wrap-up and round table

Thursday 24 June, morning (09:30-13:00) - Official start of the Project Meeting

WP4 – Pilot Project Implementation (Antonio Cinti - Arpae)

09:30 – 10:30 State of the art of the WP4:

- 4.1 Design and setting up of an integrated monitoring and observing system (Vincenzo Verrastro, IAMB)
- 4.2 Pilot project preliminary actions (Antonio Cinti - Arpae)
- 4.3 Pilot project implementation (all partners)
- 4.4 Collateral training activities (all partners)
- 4.5 Follow up activities

10:30 – 11:15 WP4 Roundtable

11:15 – 12:15 JSC Meeting