Report on the outcomes of a Virtual Mobility[1]

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Virtual Mobility Details

Title: Virtual Poster Presentation

Start and end date: 06/10/2023 to 20/10/2023

Description of the work carried out during the VM

Description of the virtual collaboration and activities carried out during the VM, with focus on the work carried out by the grantee. Any deviations from the initial working plan shall also be described in this section.

(max. 500 words)

The current virtual mobility project started with the preparation of a (Google) Form, in which the concept of the project was described in order to inform all participants what will happen to their contribution and why it is important to participate. Subsequently, the respondents were asked for some personal information (full name, affiliation and country) to be able to give them credit in the VM output. After that, the participants could upload their poster, together with a small introduction to their study (either orally or as written text), and information on the place this was presented and the most relatable PlAgri Working Group (WG). Finally, there was room for additional questions, and the respondents should indicate that they accept that this poster will be used in the current VM project. This form was distributed to the full PlAgri COST mailing list. Afterwards, the participants of the 2022 Workshop in Slovakia were contacted personally with the request to contribute to this VM project.

The call for participation led to the collection of 14 posters from 8 different countries, which is a certainly sufficient to work with. Only one of the participants opted for the inclusion of an audio fragment, which is a nice addition to his poster. Once all posters were collected, a video was created by the grantee (Klaas De Baerdemaeker). This video started with an overview of the participants and where their affiliations are located, after which all posters were shown one-by-one. Since many posters contain high amounts of (sometimes very small) text, the different parts of the posters were zoomed into.

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Description of the VM main achievements and planned follow-up activities

Description and assessment of whether the VM achieved its planned goals and expected outcomes, including specific contribution to Action objective and deliverables, or publications resulting from the VM. Agreed plans for future follow-up collaborations shall also be described in this section.

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Although participation was purposely low-effort, the response to this call for participation was higher than expected which should surely be considered as a good thing. Furthermore, it was very positive that submissions came from affiliations from all over of Europe: Slovakia (4), Spain (3), Belgium (2), Italy (1), Romania (1), Serbia (1), Ireland (1) and Poland (1). This shows that this COST Action is really a European project, rather than a small-scale affair from a few member countries. Moreover, the PlAgri COST Action consists of five working groups (WGs), the first one being communication and thus not suitable for poster presentation in this virtual mobility project. From the other WGs, all except WG 3 are represented by at least three posters, again demonstrating the large range of this project, showing the different aspects.

This all resulted in a video that allows the participating researchers to increase the reach of their studies, regardless of the limitations of presence on one specific event. By mentioning the different contributions (and their timing in the video) at the start, it is easier for interested parties to find the topics that they are most attracted to. Finally, as the video is submitted on the PlAgri members platform, it can now be posted on the PlAgri website. To reach a higher number of views, a shorter version, mainly the introduction (ca. 1 min), will be supplied for posting on social media (e.g. PlAgri Instagram page). That post will have a link to the full video on the website.