

MGT update

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Administrative issues

Contract amendment SCR

- Draft provided to PO 3 times, still waiting for permission to submit

Contract amendment extension

- Sent official notification to EC, stating that there is delay due to COVID-19 & that we consider this force majeure
- If EC agrees, amendment request will follow
- Adapted deadlines for 6 m extension (see later); if granted SoilCare ends 31 Aug 2021

Effect of COVID-19

Questionnaire to project partners

- 27 out of 28 partners responded
- 25 out of 27 said extension was needed
- 19 out of 25 said 6 m was needed

Effects mentioned e.g.:

- Lab closed
- Interaction with stakeholders difficult (e.g. workshops)
- Fieldwork more difficult
- Policy workshop & plenary meeting cancelled
- Recruitment not possible or difficult

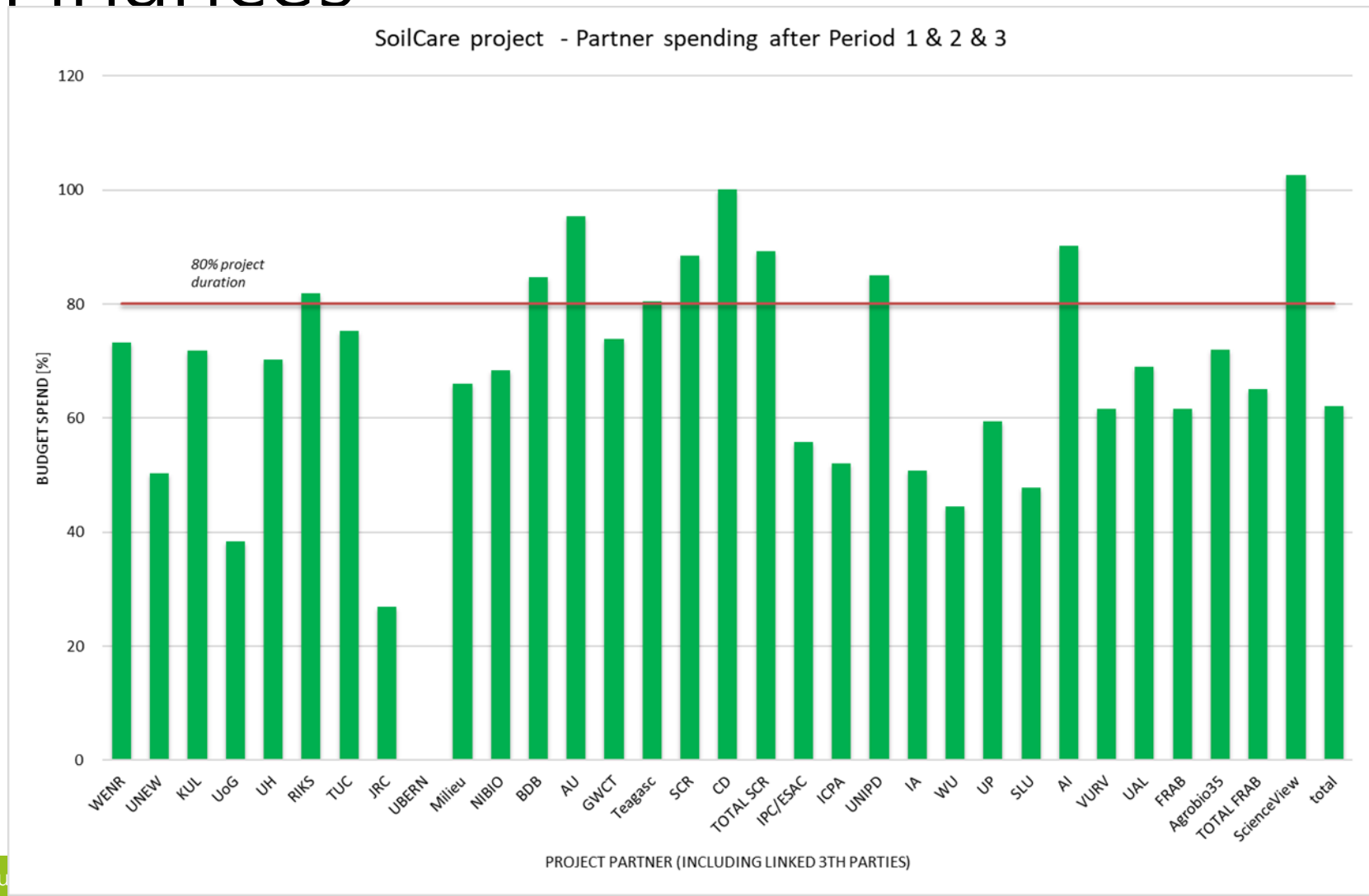
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Effect of COVID-19

Feedback during Panel Review meeting:

- More information needed on effects of COVID-19 per partner
- Is there only delay, or are there also tasks that cannot be completed anymore?
- Information on resources per partner → i.e. effects of COVID-19 on finances
- PO will provide instructions

Finances



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Financial management

Spending in P1 – P3

- Depends on role in the project; i.e. tasks early or late
- Individual cases of high/low spending discussed with partners
- UNIBE does not receive EC funding
- Project extension means more costs (e.g. extension temporary contracts)

→ Overall no concern on spending; partners report to be on schedule (considering COVID)

Project meetings

Plenary

- Budapest, October 2020??
- Final plenary/policy meeting June 2021 in Brussels?

Other

- SoilCare session at Eurosoil (23-27 Aug 2021, Geneva)

WPL

- No physical meeting planned

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Project meetings

On-line (this week)

- Monday: SS meeting
- Tuesday: WPL meeting
- This meeting
- Wednesday afternoon: WP5
- Thursday afternoon: WP4

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Project meetings

On-line (other)

- WP3 webinar on influencing policy makers (Feb 21st)
- WP3 webinar on final stakeholder workshop (May 18th)
- WP6: will organise meetings for each cluster
- WP8: might have session at plenary (if in October); otherwise online meeting in autumn

SoilCare Planning

Number	Deliverable name	Type	Diss level	month	Delivery date	New date
D3.3	Report on the role of trust and other factors in the adoption and social acceptability of soil-improving innovations	R	PU	36	28 February 2019	31 March 2021
D1.2 (v3)	Data Management Plan	R	CO	36	28 February 2019	n.a.
M8	Working version of IAM available			40	30 June 2019	n.a.
D2.2	Scientific publications	R	PU	48	29 February 2020	31 Aug 2020
D7.2	Report on the selection of good policy alternatives at EU and study site level accompanied by an analysis of their performance on multiple criteria	R	PU	48	29 February 2020	28 February 2021

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D1.2 (v4)	Data Management Plan	R	CO	48	29 February 2020	n.a.
D5.1	Database with monitoring data	R	CO	50	30 April 2020	30 Nov 2020
D5.2	Report on demonstration activities in Study Sites	R	PU	50	30 April 2020	n.a.
M9	Integrated scenarios with qualitative and quantitative components available			50	30 April 2020	31 January 2021
D6.1	Report on the integration and synthesis of Study Site results and their potential for upscaling	R	PU	50	30 April 2020	31 March 2021

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D4.1	Final version of assessment methodology for Study Sites	R	CO	52	30 June 2020	30 Nov 2020
D6.2	Report on the potential for applying soil-improving CS across Europe	R	PU	52	30 June 2020	30 April 2021
D3.4	Report describing final stakeholder workshops held in study sites, detailing stakeholder feedback on preliminary findings	R	PU	56	31 October 2020	30 April 2021
D5.3	Report on monitoring results and analysis	R	PU	56	31 October 2020	31 January 2021
D6.3	Interactive mapping tool for the application of soil-improving CS across Europe	R	PU	56	31 October 2020	31 May 2021

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D8.3	Final conference to disseminate the project results to a range of stakeholders	DEC	PU	58	31 December 2020	30 June 2021
D7.3	Policy briefings translating the scientific evidence to a policy audience	R	PU	60	28 February 2021	31 august 2021
D8.1	SOILCARE information hub	DEC	PU	60	28 February 2021	31 august 2021
D1.2 (final)	Data Management Plan	R	CO	60	28 February 2021	31 august 2021
D8.4	Exploitation and Sustainability plan	R	CO	60	28 February 2021	31 august 2021

SoilCare Planning

- Planning files still to be adapted in accordance with new deadlines (as soon as extension approved)
- New deadlines will have to be kept – no further extension possible
- If COVID-19 returns will need to use alternative methods

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Panel Review

Panel Review meeting held June 2nd (Webex):

- All WPs represented
- Same reviewers as last time
- No major issues; generally content with progress
- Stressed importance of dissemination/impact
- Waiting for report...

Open Access

29.2 Open access to scientific publications: Each beneficiary must ensure OA to all peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to its results.

29.3 Open access to research data (for actions in open Research Data Pilot):

The beneficiaries must:

- (a) deposit in a research data repository and take measures to make it possible for third parties to access, mine, exploit, reproduce and disseminate free of charge:
 - (i) the data, including associated metadata, needed to validate the results presented in scientific publications as soon as possible;
 - (ii) other data, including associated metadata, as specified and within the deadlines laid down in the 'data management plan';
- (b) provide information — via the repository — about tools and instruments at the disposal of the beneficiaries and necessary for validating the results (and — where possible — provide the tools and instruments themselves)

Open Research Data Pilot

- ‘As open as possible, as closed as necessary’
- FAIR: findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable.
- Data Management Plan submitted each period
- Zenodo repository
- Relevant issues: IPR (Intellectual Property Rights), GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) – SoilCare guidelines available on website

The screenshot displays the Zenodo website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the Zenodo logo, a search bar, and links for 'Upload' and 'Communities'. On the right side of the header, there are 'Log in' and 'Sign up' buttons. Below the header, the main content area features a title 'Soil care for profitable and sustainable crop production in Europe'. Underneath this title, there is a section for 'Recent uploads' which includes a search bar and a list of datasets. The first dataset listed is titled 'Accompanying material to the Inventory of opportunities and bottlenecks in policy to facilitate the adoption of soil-improving techniques', dated 'March 2, 2018 (1.0)', and marked as 'Dataset' and 'Open Access'. Below the title, the authors are listed: 'McNeill, Alicia; Bradley, Harriet; Muro, Melanie; Merriman, Nicholas; Pederson, Robert; Tugran, Tugce; Lucakova, Zuzana;'. The description mentions 'Inventory of policies at EU and country level for the inventory and analysis of bottlenecks and opportunities in sectoral and environmental policies to facilitate the adoption of Soil-Improving Cropping Systems (SICS)'. It also states 'Uploaded on March 28, 2019'. To the right of the dataset list, there is a green button labeled 'New upload'. Further right, there is a 'Community' section for 'SoilCare' with the tagline 'SOILCARE FOR PROFITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE CROP PRODUCTION IN EUROPE'. Below this, there is a description of the project: 'Soil care for profitable and sustainable crop production in Europe. European crop production is to remain competitive while reducing environmental impacts, requiring development and uptake of effective soil-improving cropping systems. The overall aim of Soilcare is to identify and implement soil-improving cropping systems that are profitable and sustainable.' At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a green banner with the text 'MGT update, June 2020' and the SoilCare logo.

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Soil care for profitable and sustainable crop production in Europe

Recent uploads

Search Soil care for profitable and sustainable crop production in Europe

March 2, 2018 (1.0) Dataset Open Access View

Accompanying material to the Inventory of opportunities and bottlenecks in policy to facilitate the adoption of soil-improving techniques

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Uploaded on March 28, 2019

November 17, 2016 (v1) Other Open Access View

SOILCARE Study Sites

New upload

Community

 **SoilCare**
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Soil care for profitable and sustainable crop production in Europe

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Procedure Zenodo

- Leaders of WP2, 3, 5, 6, 7 manage databases on Zenodo
- WENR curates uploads in consultation with WP-leaders
- WP-leaders to update description of databases in DMP in each reporting round

Open Access publications

Summary requirements:

- **If we choose Green Open Access we have to select a journal that has an embargo period of not more than 6 months!**
- Publication should be included in a repository **immediately** after publication. This applies to Green Open Access as well as Gold Open Access. Responsibility first author.
- An official repository should be used (so not e.g. your own website or ResearchGate); generally your library will be able to arrange this
- The version in the repository should preferably be the published version, or otherwise the final peer-reviewed manuscript as accepted for publication.

Open Access Publications

(see data sharing agreement, annex of DMP)

- Communicate intention to write a paper to Coordinator
- After writing a publication, send around for comment
- After publication, send paper to Coord, with info on:
 - Type of Open Access (Gold or Green)
 - Cost of Open Access or length embargo
 - Resulting from private/public partnership?
- Special issue?

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Open Access Procedure

- First author responsible for publishing OA (Gold or Green).
- OA costs are mentioned but not specified in DoA
- Each partner has at least 2000 € in budget
- Budget can be shifted between categories
- Some institutes have arrangements with OA publishers – please check (e.g. library)
- If Gold OA is not possible, Green OA is required

Acknowledgement EC

Article 38.1.2: any communication activity related to the action must:

(a) display the EU emblem and

<http://europa.eu/about-eu/basic-information/symbols/flag/>



(b) include the following text:

For communication activities:

“This project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 677407”.

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Finally...

- Last stages of the project...
- Strange, difficult, uncertain, times...
- Together make the best of it...

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Thanks



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