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AGENDA

Day I - Joint meeting (7 February 2012)

9:00-11:30	Presentation of FP7 KBBE-2011-5-CP-CSA	Chairman prof. Salvatore L. Cosentino
9:00-9:10	Welcome by University of Catania management	Dean
9:10-9:30	FP7 KBBE-2011-5-CP-CSA introduction	Dr. Piero Venturi Dr. Tomasz Calikowski
9:30-9:50	Outline and consortium of OPTIMA	Prof. Salvatore L. Cosentino
9:50-10:10	Outline and consortium of OPTIMISC	Prof. Iris Lewandowski
10:10-10:30	Outline and consortium of GrassMargins	Dr. John Finnan
10.30-11.00	Discussions	
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-13:00	OPTIMISC activity description	Chairman prof. Iris Lewandowski
11:30-12:30	Work packages description	WP leaders
12:30-13:00	Discussions	All
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	GrassMargins activity description	Chairman dr. John Finnan
14:00-15:00	Work packages description	WP leaders
15:00-15:30	Discussions	All
15:30-17:00	OPTIMA activity description	Chairman prof. Salvatore L. Cosentino
15:30-16:30	Work packages description	WP leaders
16:30-17:00	Discussions	All
17:00-17:30	Coffee break	
17:30-19:00	Bilateral meeting among project consortia members	
19:00	End of DAY I meeting	
20:30	Social Dinner	

GrassMargins meeting Day II (8 February 2012)

8:00 Joint meeting between European project officers and coordinators

Project overlapping
Research gaps and recommendations

Bilateral meeting among project consortia members

Discussion about common interest among project consortia members

10:00 Coffee break

10:30 Consortium Agreement

P1 Teagasc

11:30 WP 5: External and internal websites, mailing lists and tutorial for those

P8 K-NOW

- current versions
- plan
- needed content (lists of what is needed but trying to collectively assign contributor names and dates to them)
e.g. more detailed background on the science aims of the project, techniques being explored. the aims we hope to achieve, outline of each WP etc.

13.00 Lunch

14:00 WP2:

P2 TCD and P5 Timplant

- Collection strategies in Europe
- State of Miscanthus propagation

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 WP1: Modelling

P6 CAS-MPG

17.00 End of DAY II GrassMargins meeting

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Visit to Catania downtown

GrassMargins Day III (9 February 2012)

9:00 WP3:

P4 Aarhus

- Selection of genotypes
- Organisation of sample management
- Field trials
- Standard protocols
- Cooperations

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 WP6:

P12 CIRCA

- Time recording
- Financial update
- Tutorial: Internal reporting

12:00 WP4:

P1 Teagasc

- Field trial planning and standard protocols (also for laboratory tests)
- Measurements

13.00 Lunch

14:00 WP4 continued

P1 Teagasc

15:00 End of DAY III GrassMargins meeting

16:00 Visit to Taormina

OPTIMISC Day II (8 February 2012)

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Project overlapping
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10:00 Coffee break

10:30 Consortium Agreement

P1 UHOH

11:30 WP1:

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- Internal Communication
- Website Management
- Scientific Advisory board

12:00 WP2:

P7 Schwarz

- Selection of genotypes
- Planning of propagation and distribution of genotypes

13:00 Lunch

14:00 WP3:

P4 DLO

- Screening methods
- Cooperations

15:00 WP4:

P2 IBERS

- Field trial planning and standard protocols
- Measurements

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Ff WP4 and WP5:

P2 IBERS

- Large Scale field trials
- Pelleting
- Modelling

18.00 End of DAY II OPTIMISC meeting

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Visit to Catania downtown

OPTIMISC Day III (9 February 2012)

9:00 WP6:

P3 WU

- Quality characteristics to be determined
- Selection of genotypes
- Organisation of sample management
- Cooperations

10:00 WP7:

P1 UHOH

- Assessment methods to be used
- Master data bank

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 WP7:

P1 UHOH

- Data provision by partners
- Cooperations

12:00 WP8:

P8 ANNA

- Dissemination strategy
- Dissemination and Implementation Advisory Board

13.00 Lunch

14:00 Final discussion:

P1 UHOH

- Exchange between WPs (e.g. PhD students)
- Reporting schedule
- Organisation of reporting
- Project Meeting schedule
- Next steps

16:00 End of DAY III OPTIMISC meeting

16:00 Visit to Taormina

OPTIMA Day II (8 February 2012)

8:00 Joint meeting between EU project officers and coordinators	Bilateral meeting among project consortia members
Project overlapping Research gaps and recommendations	Discussion about common interest among project consortia members
10:00 Coffee break	
10:30 Consortium agreement and Steering Committee	<i>Coordinator</i>
11:00 WP1 - Plant and leaf physiology	<i>(Chairman Prof. Salvador Nogues)</i>
- Physiology of switchgrass and miscanthus	UCD, INDEAR, IBERS, PRIMUS
- Physiology of giant reed and cardoon	UB, UIB
11:40 WP2 - Plant biotechnology	<i>(Chairman Prof. Alejandro Mentaberry)</i>
- Next generation sequencing for SNPs development of switchgrass	INDEAR
- Biotechnology of miscanthus, giant reed and cardoon	HZAU
12:00 WP3 - Plant agronomy	<i>(Chairman Prof. Salvatore L. Cosentino)</i>
- Characterization of endemic grasses and novel plant varieties	CNR-ISPAAAM, UNICT, UIB, CRES
- Good agricultural practices for perennial grasses	UNIBO, CRES, UPM, UNICT, PRIMUS
13:00 Lunch	
14:00 WP4 - Farm scale productivity on marginal lands	<i>(Chairman: Dr. Myrsini Christou)</i>
- Intercropping on marginal land	CRES, UNICT, CNR-ISPAAAM, CRDT
- Productivity in marginal large fields	CRES, UNICT, CNR-ISPAAAM, UNIBO, CRDT, PRIMUS
- Long term productivity of existing large-scale plantation	UNICT, UNIBO, CRES, UPM
- Reducing biomass losses during harvesting & storage	CRA-ING, SPAPPERI, UPM, CRDT
- From harvest, logistics and pre-processing	2ZK
14:40 WP5 - Energy products and bio-based products	<i>(Chairman: Dr. Douwe vanderBerg)</i>
- Determination of the characteristics for energy products	BTG, CRES
- Technology assessment of promising pathways	BTG, CRES
- Pilot tests with secondary conversion technologies: pyrolysis and torrefaction	BTG
- Bio-based Products	2ZK
- Market analysis and regulatory framework for bioenergy and bio-based products	2ZK, CRDT
15:20 WP6 - Environmental Studies on perennial crops	<i>(Chairman: Dr. Andrea Monti)</i>
- Assessment of CO ₂ and water exchange by "eddycovariance" measurement	UNIBO
- Root development and carbon storage in the soil	UNIBO, FCT-UNL,
- Energy balance	FCT-UNL, UNIBO
- Phytoremediation issues	FCT-UNL, PRIMUS, CRDT
- Soil Erosion mitigation by perennial grasses	UNICT
- Environmental Impact Assessment	FCT-UNL
16:00 Coffee break	
16:30 WP7 - Integrated assessment of sustainability	<i>(Chairman: Dr. Guido Reinhardt)</i>
- System description & technological assessment	BTG, 2ZK, IFEU
- Life Cycle Assessment	IFEU
- Cost analysis	AUA
- Socio-economic studies	IMPERIAL
- SWOT analysis and biomass potentials	IMPERIAL
- Integrated assessment of sustainability	IFEU
17:30 End of DAY II OPTIMA meeting	
19:00 Dinner	
20:00 Visit to Catania downtown	

OPTIMA Day III (9 February 2012)

9:00 WP8 – Dissemination OPTIMA (Chairman Prof. Salvatore L. Cosentino)

- Dissemination plant activities CRES
- OPTIMA events (workshop and conference) CRES
- Twinning opportunities CRES

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 WP9 – Coordination and management (Chairmans Prof. Salvatore L. Cosentino and Dr. Efthimia Alexopoulou)

- Website-Intranet (www.optimafp7.eu) UNICT
- Coordination and management UNICT
- External Advisory Board CRES
- Mid-term evaluation CRES

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Final discussion and future actions (Chairman Prof. Salvatore L. Cosentino)

- Coordination of WP Activity, WP meetings, ordinary and next meetings UNICT
- Financial and administrative issues UNICT
- Material transfer agreement (MTA) UNICT
- Exchange between WPs All
- Next steps All

15:45 Coffee break

16:00 Visit to Taormina