LIBBIO 48M consortium meeting was held remotely with 20 participants on 29th September 2020.

This meeting had originally been planned in Groningen, Netherlands, as a final project meeting but moved to the internet due to travel and meeting restrictions. That didn’t decrease much the value of the event because LIBBIO partners are quite used to remote meetings. From project start in 2016 the regular project technical meetings have been held remotely on Zoom.

The last six months since previous formal consortium meeting has been unusual. Some tasks were delayed due to COVID-19 and closure of laboratories. Project time has therefore been extended to March 2021 through contract amendment between the consortium and BBI JU/EC.

The project progress was discussed, especially the results of agronomic trials in Greece, Romania and Portugal. Some of the trials are very promising, fields gave good yield while the performance was not as good under other conditions, as expected. The agronomic research has been according to plan but field demonstrations to farmers was partly hindered by the local epidemic prevention rules.

Status of communication and dissemination was discussed. Partners have been very active in this field and project specific activities have reached one hundred, including LIBBIO conferences in Greece, Portugal, Austria and Germany, field demonstrations in Romania, Greece, Portugal, Austria, Germany and Netherlands, four peer reviewed publications and three thesis. DG Research has published a success story on LIBBIO. Further dissemination is foreseen, two peer review papers are in the pipeline and two others are being discussed.

Remote technical meetings will be held in January 2021 and a project webinar is planned in March instead of the final project conference which was previously planned.