



## New curricula in Precision Agriculture using GIS technologies and sensing data (CUPAGIS)

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### Extraordinary regional coordination meeting - Minutes

Date	30 September 2021
Format	Zoom meeting
Participants:	Tarmo Soomere, coordinator, Tallinn University of Technology Svetlana Jasic, Exolaunch, Berlin Dmitry Ostroverkhov, formerly Technical University Berlin.

#### Agenda:

1. Information about status of the delivery of equipment
2. Inquiry of Technical University Berlin about withdrawal of the project

#### **1. Status of the delivery of equipment**

The coordinator informed that the entire set of equipment has arrived Oran Seaport at the end of August, has been customs cleared by now, and has arrived University Oran1 at the beginning of the week.

The team on University Oran1 is currently organising transport of equipment to all partner universities. The forwarding agent is the same who represented University Oran1 in the customs service. The relevant contract covers also local transport.

#### **2. Inquiry of Technical University Berlin about withdrawal of the project**

Mrs Carolin Schmidt, Team Lead Financial Administration EU Office, Technische Universitaet Berlin (TUB, Technical University Berlin) approached the coordinator on 22 and 23 September 2021, with two inquiries: (i) TUB is unable to continue its work in the project and would like to discuss a potential withdrawal from the project, (ii) TUB is willing to have access to the Mobility Tool or other databases used by the consortium to share data.

The reason for these inquiries is that the original members of the TUB CUPAGIS team are no more employed by TUB.

Dmitry Ostroverkhov informed the partners that TUB has fulfilled large part of agreed duties within CUPAGIS and has used up also a large part of the budget for staff costs. Travel and stay costs are mostly unused because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Exolaunch (Svetlana Jasic) is ready to take over part of the duties of TUB.

The partners were of opinion that formal withdrawal of TUB from CUPAGIS at this stage may lead to unnecessary complications. We already have one “sleeping” partner (the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Algeria) and the funding agency may decide to terminate or reshape the entire project. Also, it is possible to redistribute the duties of TUB to other partners and cover the possible additional expenses from funds originally foreseen for travel and stay. The project rules allow an increase in staff costs by 10% even if the resulting amount exceeds the formal ceiling set for the proposal.

### **3. Any other business**

The partners will consider options for an extraordinary physical meeting of Estonian and German partners in Berlin in October 2021.

The next coordination meeting was postponed until the equipment has arrived, and will be scheduled to mid-October.

Notes taken by Tarmo Soomere

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