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

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Regional coordination meeting – Minutes

Date: 21 November 2019

Format: Meeting with CUPAGIS Algerian partners in Mostaganem

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Agenda:

1. Presentation of progress by CUPAGIS project partners
2. Recommendations for purchase of equipment
3. Experience from project management and dissemination
4. Any other business

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1. Progress by CUPAGIS project partners

The task of mapping of existing curricula has been largely completed. The development of the new curricula has been launched in all partner universities. The aim is to get the new curricula approved nationally in summer 2020, at the latest, to start teaching in autumn 2020.

2. Purchase of equipment

The plans for purchase of equipment have been finalised. The recommendation from Algerian partners is that we need several kinds of sensor equipment to launch teaching of precision agriculture at high level. The relevant justifications have been composed and accepted by the coordinator. The resources for sensor equipment will be defined after the core IT equipment has been purchased.

3. Experience from project management and dissemination

The partners discussed the course of management. Reports once in 6 months give a good overview of progress. The next (12 month) report is due soon. There are several dissemination highlights from partners. For example, a conference presentation was done by Pr. Benaissa on Precision Agriculture in Oran just on previous day (20 November): GIS, sensors data, data collected remotely. This has raised



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long discussion. It seems necessary to raise more awareness on GIS and remote sensing. A workshop in this direction is planned during 2020.

4. Any other business

The partners' perception was that the project is running mostly as planned. It is a pity that it was possible to organise only one training (Berlin, August 2019) while the other foreseen one in Plovdiv did not take place because of time constraints. Also, because of visa problems only one teacher from UMAB participated in the Berlin training. It is hoped that these issues will be solved for the two remaining re-training events.

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