

Kick-off meeting

22nd- 23rd November 2022, Belgrade, Serbia

The BIOLAWEB kick-off meeting (WP1) took place in Belgrade at the University of Belgrade, Institute of Chemistry, Technology and Metallurgy, National Institute of the Republic of Serbia (UB-ICTM) from 22nd to 23rd November 2022.

The kick-off meeting brought together researchers and research-supporting staff from the University of Belgrade, the Institute of Chemistry, Technology and Metallurgy (UB-ICTM), the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE), and the Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA).

The President of the Scientific Board of the UB-ICTM, Dr Dejan Opsenica, opened the meeting and the director of the UB-ICTM prof. Dr Jasmina Stevanović was the first to address the audience, followed by the project coordinator, Dr Miloš Ćirić who presented the project and the leading institution (UB-ICTM). Partner institutions were presented by Dr Frederic Rimet (INRAE) and Susanne Schneider (NIVA). Work package leaders, Dr Miloš Ćirić and Dr Aleksandra Marković (UB-ICTM), Dr Andreas Ballot (NIVA) and Dr Frederic Rimet (INRAE) presented the objectives and tasks within each work package to the attendees. This part was open to, researchers from UB-ICTM and other institutions in Serbia, other guests interested in BIOLAWEB topics and the media. We feel grateful to all the guests and participants for giving us their valuable support: Anca-Adriana Cucu, EC representative, representatives of the Faculty of Biology, Belgrade, United Nations Development Programme, Institute for Multidisciplinary Research, Belgrade, Institute of Forest, Institute of Public Health of Serbia Dr Milan Jovanovic Batut, Magazine Politika, RTS- Educational and scientific program.

The second day of the BIOLAWEB kick-off meeting was intended for the consortium members, who discussed plans and activities for the next period and made an Action Plan for the first six months of the project.

Mutual affinity and enthusiasm have filled our hearts with inspiration through this 2-day of BIOLAWEB kick-off meeting.

FIRST EXPERT VISIT

23th November 2022, Belgrade, Serbia

The first Expert visit within the BIOLAWEB project (WP2), related to the development of a tailor-made Scientific Strategy for UB-ICTM, was realized on 23th November 2022 at the University of Belgrade, Institute of Chemistry, Technology and Metallurgy (UB-ICTM).

The leading researchers from the Norwegian Institute for Water Research (NIVA) and the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE) together with researchers from the UB-ICTM and the President of the Scientific Board of the UB-ICTM, Dr Dejan Opsenica, discussed in a positive and cooperative atmosphere.

The purpose of this visit was to identify gaps and propose measures to improve the research excellence capacity of our research staff.

FIRST WORKSHOP ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT – PRE-GRANT ACTIVITIES

23th- 24rd November 2022, Belgrade, Serbia

The 2-day workshop within the BIOLAWEB project (WP5) was held by Herve Dumont and Antoine Moatti from the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE), at the University of Belgrade, Institute of Chemistry, Technology and Metallurgy (UB-ICTM) in Belgrade. Research supporting staff, and experienced and early-stage researchers at UB-ICTM had a great opportunity to learn about pre-grant activities, how to prepare budget and how to analyze a call. Furthermore, the UB-ICTM research and administrative staff expressed their opinions on the functioning of new International Research Management Office (IRMO) at UB-ICTM. The lessons learned were a valuable first step into UB-ICTM development toward its goals of gaining more knowledge related to project proposal submission in different EU calls. Members of UB-ICTM were excited and happy to enjoy this opportunity.