



Bringing Organisations & Network Development
to higher levels in the Farming sector in Europe

BOND NEWSLETTER July 2019

Our BOND newsletters are an easy way to keep up-to-date with new developments at our project. From successful finished deliverables to upcoming activities, our newsletter informs you on how we are reaching the aim of this project - to reach higher levels of organisation and networking, and develop a healthier, and more productive and harmonious farming sector in Europe for the long term.

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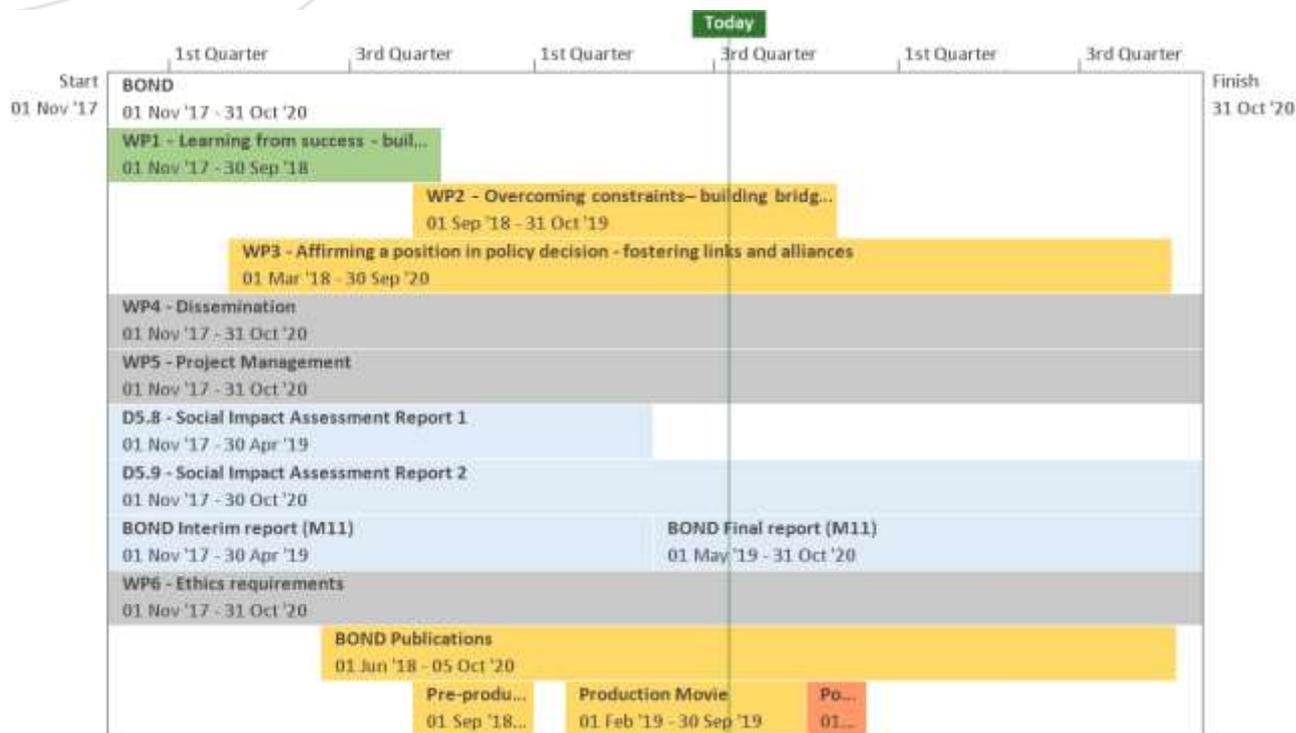
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Overall Project Status

The BOND project successfully **completed the 18-month interim report** at the end of **April 2019**:



The BOND project has accomplished at the **end of June 2019** the **18 deliverables** and **6 milestones**.

The next deliverable to be submitted at the end of July 2019 is the following:

No	Title	Lead	Due Date
D2.2	Portfolio of tools and methods for organisational strengthening	FAO	Jul-19

FAO led the “Creation of a Portfolio of tools and methods for organizational strengthening”, which encompasses the development of the:

- BOND Learning Guide for Trainers on “Empowering farmers and their organizations through the creation of social capital”
- Virtual Library being hosted in the EU BOND website (<https://www.bondproject.eu/tools-developed/>)

Project Highlights of the last months

BOND Project 18 months Interim Review in Brussels on the 8th July 2019

The **BOND project 18months interim Review** took place in **Brussels**, where the 3 work package leaders, WP2 FAO, WP3 KLT, WP4 LEGA, the PI, the PM and the PO from EC and an external expert reviewed the achievements of the project.

The main agenda point:

- Overview of the Reporting Period:
 - Work Plan & Deliverables
 - Objectives & Next Steps
 - Resources- Management
- Reporting on Work Packages:
 - Work done and results
 - Next steps planned
- Project – Policy Session
 - Policy issues related to project (EC PO)
 - Project results for policy
- Communication, Dissemination & Exploitation
- Administrative/financial aspects related to project implementation
- Preliminary conclusions (REA PO)
- Next steps - review finalisation and Interim / Final project payment (REA PO)

National thematic workshops

Romania

BOND Romanian National Workshop “**CAP & Peasants Rights -a BONDing process / How can the collective grassroots mobilization bridge a human rights approach in public policies for food and agriculture?**” Bucharest, **1-2 June, 2019**

Program 1st June, 2019

Morning

- Welcome and Presentations by the participants
- Presentation of the Aims, Agenda and Methodology of the meeting
- 1st Discussion - Peasants Rights – a unifying process for the region
- Working groups exercise on Peasant Rights

Afternoon

- 2nd Discussion - How does CAP affect producers and consumers in the EU and outside the EU Strategy exercise - why and how to put small-scale sustainable food producers at the core of the new CAP?
- 3rd Discussion - How to use the FAO processes, to facilitate political dialogue at national level and influence national legal frameworks

Program 2nd June, 2019

Morning

- WELCOME Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Attila Szocs – president of Eco Ruralis – Romanian peasants association
- Panel 1: The Decade for Family Farming – an opportunity for smallholders
- Panel 2: The Implementation of the Declaration for the Rights of Peasants and other people working in rural areas
- Opened discussions on the first two sessions

Afternoon

- Panel 3: CAP post 2020 – Strategic plans from small scale family farmers Perspective
- Panel 4: CAP post 2020 – Common organization of the single market from small scale family farmers perspective
- Opened discussions on the last two sessions
- Conclusions and Policy Recommendations from grassroots



<https://www.bondproject.eu/a-summary-of-the-bond-romanian-national-workshop-cappeasants-rights-a-bonding-process-how-can-the-collective-grassroots-mobilization-bridge-a-human-rights-approach-in-public-policies-for-food-and/>

Moldova

The national workshop in **Moldova, Chisinau** covered two days (**13-14 June 2019**) and was attended by around 23 participants on day 1 and 17 participants on day 2 including representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Agency for Research and Development NARD, World Bank, ILO, IFAD, FAO, representatives from cooperatives and farmers, the National Farmer Federation of Moldova, the National Youth Council, the Organization of Small and Medium Enterprises (ODIMM).

Day 1: Cooperative development: challenges & options

Morning

- Welcome Speeches
- Session 1: Policy framework for the cooperatives development current situation
- Session 2: SWOT analysis on regulatory framework and cooperation in agriculture

Afternoon

- Session 3: Drawing a common vision by participants
- Session 4: Develop concrete propositions to be achieved in the short, medium and long term

Day 2: Youth in the Farming sector: Key challenges and concrete solutions

Morning

- Session 1: Youth engagement in agriculture. Access to knowledge, information and education. Engagement in policy dialogue
- Session 2: SWOT analysis on youth involvement in agriculture

Afternoon

- Session 3: Drawing a common vision for involving more actively youth in agriculture
- Session 4: Develop concrete propositions to be achieved in the short, medium and long term which will facilitate the youth involvement process in agriculture



<https://www.bondproject.eu/agenda-of-the-two-days-national-workshop-in-moldova-13-14-june-2019/>

Hungary

Follow up the May 6 Hungarian national workshop **Kislépték presented #bondprojecteurope and the findings of the national workshop at the social farming conference Szak-Ajtó held at the Ministry of Human Resources in Budapest, Hungary**. Deputy State Secretary Dr Attila Szinay from the Agricultural Ministry explained the importance of social farming in maintaining sustainable rural areas, while Deputy State Secretary Dr Attila Simon from Ministry of Human Resources emphasised the significant role of farming activity in the life of vulnerable people in the country side and Ministry Advisor Zsolt Ruszkai from Ministry of Finance talked about the Government policies on social farms. Kislépték described the need of tailor-made regulations (land-use, flexible hygienic rules for production, taxation) for social good economy and sustainable farming as to enhance their effective operation. It was highlighted that consumers and society awareness and consciousness could be developed by setting up a social economy registration and the introduction social economy label as to identify positive social impact. The participants (decision makers, NGO's and researchers agreed a well-elaborated social farming regulatory framework could contribute to sustainable farming with agro-ecologically accepted methods as the main stakeholders are good messengers of sustainable technics. The finding and proposals of the May 6 National Workshop, organised by Kislépték and Védegylet, was handed over in written form to the representative of the Agricultural Ministry.

In the final event of the conference Social Farm certification trademark award were distributed among social network cooperatives and associations. These organisations manage farming activities for vulnerable people as to rehabilitate and employ them in agriculture by dealing with chicken raising, egg production, vegetable gardening, cheese making, etc. Kislépték had a major work in the preparation of the certificate trademark handbook and the registration Social Farm certification trademark for Szibiózis Fund, the holder of the certificate trademark, which is party to the working network of Kislépték.



[https://www.bondproject.eu/more-](https://www.bondproject.eu/more-details-on-the-hungarian-national-workshop-6th-may-2019/)

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Poland

The BOND national workshop in Poland took place 24-26 June 2019. All the participants worked on the “Declaration of Peasants Rights”, to define the road map of communication of the Declaration which will lead to the implementation it into the Polish law system.

Monday 24th of June

Afternoon

- Welcome and BOND project introduction
- Main assumptions of Declaration of Peasants’ Rights as understood by the farmers and the consumers
- Work session in 4 subgroups - aspect of the Declaration:
 - Access to clean water, air, soil
 - Access to biodiversity
 - Food sovereignty
 - The political context of food production
- Lego Serious Play

Tuesday 25th of June

Morning

- Declaration in the other countries: ways of communication and implementation
- The Polish law system in context of communication and ways of implementation of the Declaration
- BOND project representatives - how the project affects my life

Afternoon

- Declaration of Peasants’ Rights in the con text of CAP change after 2020
 - Analysis of farmers’ involvement into political processes and decisions on law regulations in farming sector
 - The road map of communication between the farmers and the officials (how it is now, and what we want to achieve) - introduction.

Wednesday 26th of June

Morning

What is your story - BOND testing methodology on gamification

The road map of communication between the farmers and the officials: final document



<https://www.bondproject.eu/national-wokshop-in-poland-24-26-june-2019-the-agenda-and-some-pictures-of-the-event/>

Spain

National Workshop in Santiago de Compostela: **FOOD PROCESSING AND PEASANTS' PRODUCTIONS: OVERCOMING BARRIERS COLLECTIVELY** Increasing adaptability of health and hygienic norms for peasants' food production, **5-6 July 2019**.

Objective: Discuss the options and existing experiences related to the adaptation of the health and hygienic norms for small and medium size agrifood production initiatives. It will be focused in two main questions:

- To share success experiences and to analyse how they can be replicated at regional and territorial levels.
- To build options and proposals to foster a strategy at national level.

Friday, 5th July

Morning

- Welcome and introduction to the program
- Global vision about the issue and contextualisation
- Brief presentations of the experiences participating in the following dynamic
- Ideas market

Afternoon

- Worldcafé dynamic.
 - 1st round: Which success experiences about adaptation of health and hygienic norms to peasants' production do you know?
 - 2nd round: Which are the keys of their success?
 - 3rd round: How these experiences could be replicated in our territory or sector?
- Sectorial working groups: Which concrete needs does your sector face related to the health and hygienic norms? What proposals and recommendations can we suggest in this sector?

Saturday, 6th July

Morning

- Guided visit to O Alle Farm
- Guided visit to the Teo's Peasant market

Afternoon

- Other problems that small and medium size agrifood productions face. Discussion groups about the different problems identified
- What can we do together at national level to foster the adaptation of the health and hygienic norm to the small and medium size agrifood productions? Working groups organised by sectors and institutional actors.
- Mixed working groups between different sectors and institutional actors
- Evaluation and closure



<https://www.bondproject.eu/additional-information-on-the-incoming-national-workshop-in-santiago-de-compostela-5-6-july-2019/>

Project ongoing and upcoming activities of the next months

National thematic workshops

As you might now the BOND project will carry out **10 National thematic workshops** between **February and October 2019**. During those multi-actor workshops in the 10 participating countries concrete proposals for collective action in main areas for action: markets, economic activity, environmental sustainability will be developed.

Please find below the updated dates.

Country	Planned dates
Portugal	24 February and 30 March 2019 – successfully done
Hungary	6 May 2019 and a 6 June 2019
Czech	11-12 May 2019
Romania	1-2 June 2019
Moldova	13-14 June 2019
Poland	24-26 June 2019
Spain	5-6 July 2019
France	16-18 July in linked with the European Controversies (http://controverses-europeennes.eu) in Bergerac
UK	10-11 September 2019
Croatia	12-13 September 2019

If **YOU** are interested in **participating or supporting of a workshop** please let us know.

Other Interesting Topics and Events

EC: Agriresearch factsheet - Ecological approaches and organic farming

Why do research and innovation support ecological approaches and organic farming?

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/farming/documents/factsheet-agri-research-ecological-approaches_en.pdf

2nd Agroecology Europe Forum

The **2nd Agroecology Europe Forum** will be held **between 26 and 28 September 2019**

Heraklion, Crete, Greece, the registration closes at August 31st:

<http://www.agroecologyeuropeforum.eu/agroecology-europe-forum-programme>

Gyüttment Festival

The Gyüttment Festival will be held at Sötétvölgy, near Szekszárd (Hungary) between **22 and 25 of August 2019**.

"Dorottya who is also part of the BOND Community, is the main organiser of the Gyüttment (Incomers Festival). A festival that shows that another way of living is possible, where the environment and community can thrive together, without damaging each other. The idea of having a BOND tent also came up, where you could give a talk or host a debate on a specific topic that relates to your activity (animal traction, medicinal plants, PGS, CSA, and many more). The language of the festival is Hungarian, but every year there are more and more foreigners, so it can be held in English. If you want to participate you can find more information under: <http://gyuttmentfesztival.hu/english/> or get in contact with our BOND partner [VDG](#).

RemixPlay 3 - Let your imagination run wild!

RemixPlay3 will be focusing on the theme of 'Playful Inspiration for Social Innovation', featuring inspiring talks, hands on experience and roaring conversation. 16th October 2019 – Coventry University / Disruptive Media Learning Lab

<https://www.eventsforce.net/remixplay3>