



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

BOND NEWSLETTER May 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.

For up to date information, please also visit our

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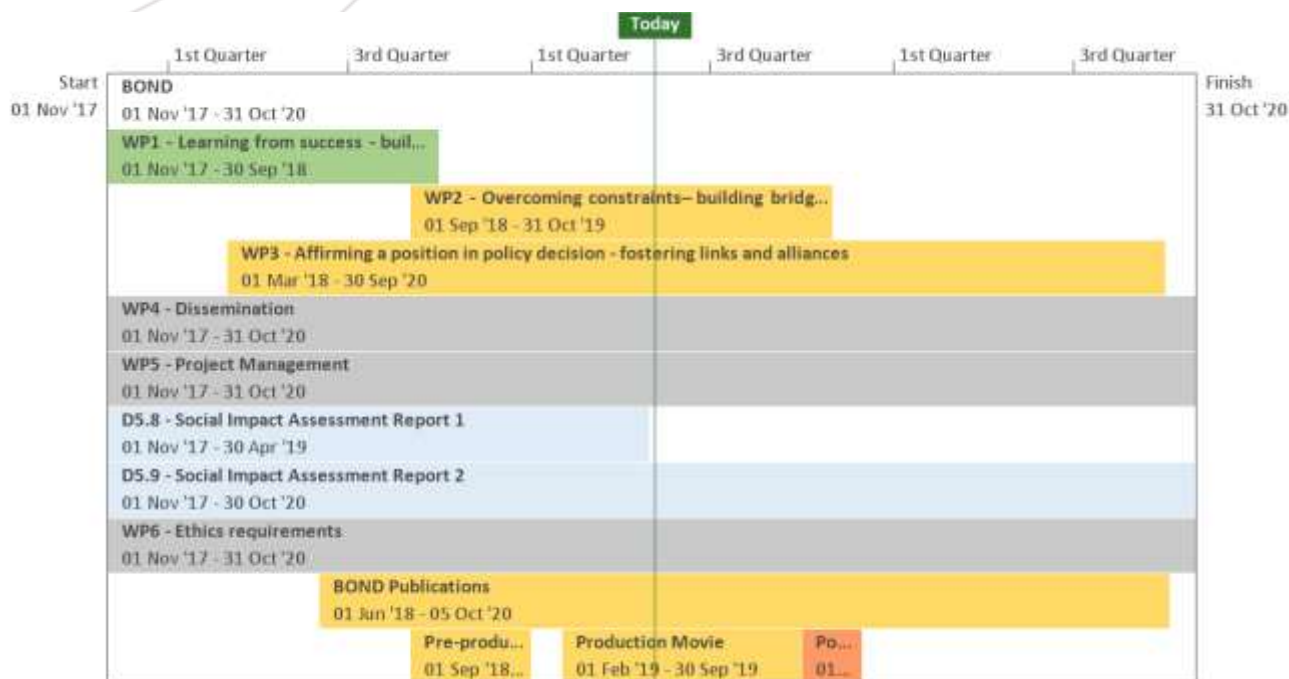
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Overall Project Status

The BOND project has approached the **half term by 18 month** at the end of **April 2019**:



The BOND project has accomplished at the **end of April 2019** the following three **Deliverables**:

No	Title	Lead	Due Date
D5.4	Project Meeting 4	CU	Apr-19
D5.8	Social Impact Assessment Report 1	CU	Apr-19
D4.6	BOND practice abstracts for end-users	LEGA	Apr-19

At this stage we **want to thank you all for your support and your feedback** for the **Social Impact assessment** and we hope that the collaboration and cooperation will continue to make the BOND project successful for all of us.

Project Highlights of the last months

BOND Project Board meeting in Hungary 15th – 16th April 2019

The 4th BOND project board meeting took place in **Hungary** and was very well organised by our project partner **VDG and KLT**.

The main agenda point:

- The review of the Participatory methodology and the results of the analysis presented by UOC
- The status of the Portfolio of Tools and methods for organisational strengthening presented by FAO
- The status of the National thematic workshops presented by COAG
- The status of the Communication Strategy to stakeholders and on Publications presented by LEGA and CU
- The planning for the Youth Forum and the status on the Movie project presented by AMPI
- The status on the Gaming Techniques and the Feedback from the Training of Gaming Champions and ToT in Coventry presented by DMLL (CU) and FAO
- The status on the Analyse regulatory frameworks and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) presented by KLT
- The planning for the Four interactive regional policy roundtables presented by VDG
- The planning for the Lab Experiment in Moldova presented by PROENTRANSE

The 5th BOND project board meeting will take place in **Moldova** at the end of **October 2019**.

Training on Playful methods and ToT in Coventry, UK

The **BOND Lego Play (BLP) Training Videos** have been uploaded:

BOND: Introduction & Playful Lego (Level 1 Ice Breaker) - https://youtu.be/w_nNF2zU2Ak

BOND: Playful Lego hands on (Level 2 and 3) - <https://youtu.be/sYgmIM0wqtY>

BOND: Playful Lego hands on (Level 4) - <https://youtu.be/-wyALMiV1MY>

BOND: Developing own Playful Lego programme (Practice) - <https://youtu.be/wIVjrXL0Avk>

As well as the **Game Design Thinking – Remix Play Workshop Video**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vyn0uli57w&feature=youtu.be>

Those videos will also be uploaded on the BOND YouTube channel. Also our colleagues from DMLL plan the **Creation of an Infographic guide to play** and write a **Publication – Play in the farming sector**.

National thematic workshops

Portugal



The **second national thematic workshop** was organised by CNA and was held in Fundão, **Portugal** on the 30th March 2019 with the title: “**Reform of the CAP: Family Farming Proposals**”. The report of this workshop and some additional information can be found on the BOND webpage <https://www.bondproject.eu/publication-of-the-report-of-the-2nd-national-workshop-held-in-portugal-fundao-30-march-2019/>.

<http://www.inforcna.pt/post/cna-promove-oficina-reforma-da-pac-propostas-da-agricultura-familiar-dia-30-de-marco-no-fundao/1016>



Hungary

On the 6th May the **first national thematic workshop** was held in **Hungary**. It was organised by organized by the Maltese Charity Service, the **KISLÉPTÉK Association and the Védegylet Association**. The aim of grounding professional cooperation on social/societal/common good economy. The event was the fruit of a collaboration with the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta who are currently cooperating with 9 Central European partner organisations for a 3 year period to implement a transnational project aimed at developing and testing tools and methods for helping social enterprises (SENTINEL).



The goal of the organisers with the National Workshop was to **create a cross-sectoral dialogue and network among the different actors**. Cooperation between the actors of social/ societal/ common good economy and especially the producers, serving the public good, can be achieved through an objective positive social impact in a possible legislative process.

A summary about this report can be found under: <https://www.bondproject.eu/bond-newsletter-a-brief-summary-on-the-national-workshop-hold-in-hungary-on-the-6th-of-may-2019/>

Czech

The **People's Food Policy National Workshop in Czech** organised by AMPI took place on the **11th and 12th May** in Permafarma Jagava.

AMPI wants **agricultural and food policy in Czech to be fairer to people and our planet.**

That's why the aim of the workshop was, to find ideas and answers to the following questions: How should agriculture support of small farmers in the Czech Republic look like tomorrow? How to enforce it? Where to start and with whom?

AMPI is aware of the great challenge facing them. But they remember the words that Dee Woods of the Landworkers' Alliance has closed the meeting: **"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."** (Quotation by American anthropologist Margaret Mead)

For some more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2179905762123926/> and <https://www.bondproject.eu/peoples-food-policy-national-workshop-jagava-czech-republic-11-and-12-may-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 second one in August 2019
Czech	11-12 May 2019
Spain	31 May-1 June 2019
Romania	1-2 June 2019
Moldova	6-7 June 2019
Poland	24-26 June 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.

BOND Social Impact Assessment (SIA)

For the SIA we have already received 23 relies and we want to thank you for your input and also for your feedbacks. We know that the questionnaire is really complex but we would like to ask those who have not done it for their support by filling an online as best as you can. The survey is still open and can be reached under: <https://coventry.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/sia-survey-representatives>

Those feedbacks and input really counts and will help us to improve the project. Please also use the possibility to share additional comments and suggestions with us in this regards because we only can have a successful project if we all work together.

Please find also **attached the first Social Impact Report** based on all achievements, feedback and inputs from you and the partners. The report was submitted to the EC at the 30/04/2019. Starting **on page 81** you will also find the **overview and results of the one to one interviews** with Angela.

We would appreciate your open and honest feedback and comments.

Other Interesting Topics

Global Launch of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028

The **Global Launch** of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028, co-organized by FAO and IFAD, will take place on **27-29 May 2019**, at **FAO Headquarters in Rome**.

The main objectives of the event are to:

- Present the Decade's objectives and the Global Action Plan;
- Seek for engagement of various stakeholders through concrete actions at country level to support smallholder family farming through enabling policies and investments;
- Increase understanding about the potential and multi-dimensional contributions of family farming and how it can contribute to the achievement of SDGs.

Please see more information about the event, including the programme, [here](#) and about the Family Farming Knowledge Platform [here](#).

Helpful resources on the FAO webpage

Below you will have some links to eLearning, practical tools and good practices developed by FAO which might be interesting and helpful.

<http://www.fao.org/capacity-development/en/>

FAO Capacity Development Learning Modules:

- FAO Learning Module 1 - Basic Principles
- FAO Learning Module 2 – Programming
- FAO Learning Module 3 - Good Learning Practices
- FAO Learning Module 4 -Organization Analysis and Development

<http://www.fao.org/capacity-development/resources/practical-tools/en/>

Practical Tools:

- Assess capacity needs
- Design sustainable capacity development interventions
- Monitor capacity development
- Assess learning needs
- Strategically identify learning participants
- Plan and lead effective learning activities
- Provide follow-up support to learning
- Analyse organizational performance
- Plan organizational change
- Engage in effective multi-stakeholder processes
- Capture and share good practices

<http://www.fao.org/capacity-development/resources/good-practices/en/>

Young farmers: €1 billion to facilitate access to finance

The Commission & the European Investment Bank (EIB) this week launched a €1 billion loan package for agriculture & the bio-economy, of which a minimum of 10% will be specifically earmarked for young farmers (under 41 years of age). The package announced by EU Farm Chief Phil Hogan & EIB Vice-President Andrew McDowell at the fi-compass conference on 'Addressing price volatility & financing needs of young farmers & agriculture' (April 29), aims at increasing access to funding for European farmers, especially the younger generation. Based on a recent survey conducted by the platform for advisory services on financial instruments (fi-compass), latest figures show that around 27% of loan applications submitted to banks for European young farmers in 2017 were rejected, compared to roughly 10% for other farms. The package will be channelled through partner banks & leasing companies operating across the EU. Participating banks should match the amount committed by the EIB, thereby mobilising close to €2bn of long-term financing for companies in the sector. It will seek to address many of the current obstacles that young farmers face - providing lower interest rates, longer periods of up to 5 years to start repaying the loan, longer tenors to pay back the entire loan (up to 15 years), added flexibility, depending on the conditions, to respond to price volatility in the sector to ensure that farmers are able to pay loans back during difficult periods - for instance allowing a 'grace period' of a couple of months.

https://ec.europa.eu/ireland/news/young-farmers-one-billion-to-facilitate-access-to-finance_en

[Brochure on the 'Joint Initiative for improving access to funding for European Union Young Farmers'](#)

[Brochure on 'Using financial instruments to reduce the impact of price volatility in agriculture' Survey on financial needs and access to finance of EU agricultural enterprises](#)

News and stories from Representatives

We received from **Biljana** these pictures below which show **Lego game** with farmers that were involved in the preparation of the National Federation of farmer's strategy in Macedonia and she also use **FAO template and tools** for preparing strategy.

This is a very good example how the learned technics from the training in Coventry are used very quickly.



If **YOU** have also **some examples, good practices or topics you want to share** with the other representatives please sent them to us.