

Next FOOD

EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION
OF PROFESSIONALS IN THE AGRIFOOD SYSTEM

Notes from first consortium meeting

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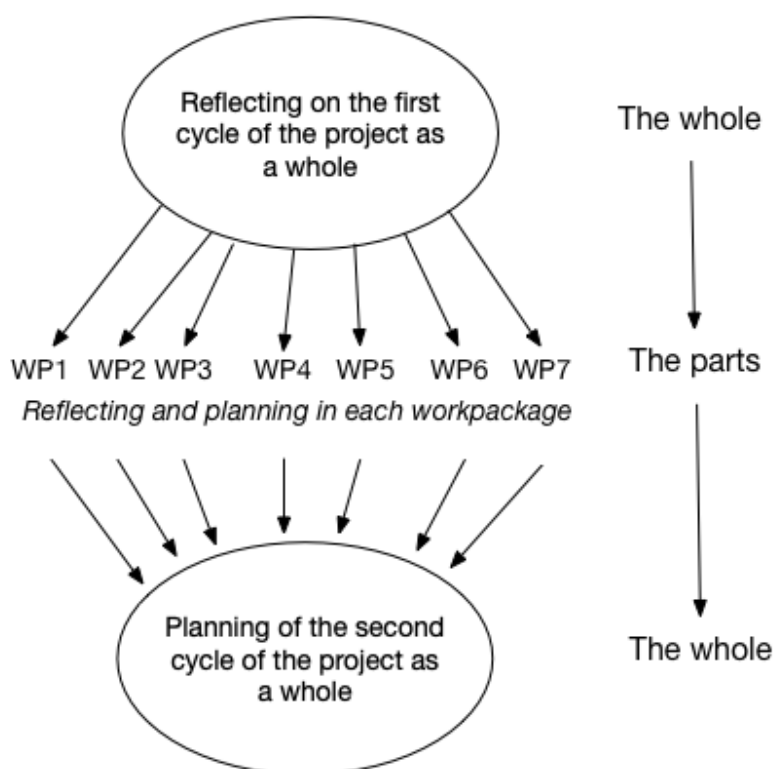
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1 Introduction

“LEARNING FROM THE PAST AND CREATING THE FUTURE“

The main purpose and process of the meeting is based on the notion of the NEXTFOOD consortium as a learning organisation (the 13th case). So instead of having a long row of presentations from each WP, we will seize the opportunity of being together to build on the emerging properties of such a learning organisation. The overall desired outcome of the meeting is that the members of each work package as well as all members of the NEXTFOOD project as a whole, leave the meeting feeling stronger and more equipped to do good work in the project. To enable this to happen, the different sessions are organized in such a way that each WP can present both successes as well as what they are struggling with, as input to an interactive process where they can receive constructive and useful feedback from the whole consortium. In addition, the meeting will start and end with a process that deals with the project as a whole.

The 13th case – The Nextfood consortium meeting in May 2019



2 Program

28.5.2019

- 09:00 – 09:30 Opening session. Desired outcomes, meeting process
09:30 – 10:30 Catch-up. Reflecting on the project as a whole
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 – 12:00 In what ways can we assure quality of research and education? (WP5)
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
13:00 – 14:15 What are the skills needed in agrifood and forestry systems in the future? WP1
14:15 – 14:30 Break
14:30 – 15:45 What policies are needed to support transformative education? (WP 4)
15:45 – 16:00 Break
16:00 – 17:15 Coordination and financing can be a challenge! (WP 7)*
18:00 Dinner

29.5.2019

- 09:00 – 10:30 Developing transformative learning can be a bumpy road! (WP 2)
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 – 12:00 What does the future education in agrifood and forestry systems look like? WP3
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
13:00 – 14:15 Creating and sharing knowledge is not straight forward! (WP 6)
14:15 – 14:30 Break
14:30 – 15:30 Wrapping up and creating the future
15:30 – 16:00 General assembly/goodbyes
16:00-17:00 Executive Board Meeting

3 Content of the different points in the agenda

3.1 Opening session



“LEARNING FROM THE PAST, AND CREATING THE FUTURE”

NEXTFOOD MEETING
ČESKÉ BUDEJOVICE (CZ)
27.5.2019



Education for sustainable development

- Interdisciplinary
- Value-based
- Critical and problem-solving
- Pluralistic
- Student-driven
- Local relevance (and global)



http://www.wwf.se/source.php/1395535/Sustainable_development_and_learning.pdf



Overall outcome:

28/5 09:00 – 09:30 Opening session.
Desired outcomes, meeting process

Members of each workpackage as well as of the NEXTFOOD project as a whole, leave the meeting feeling stronger and more equipped to do a good work in the project.

After the project everybody should have:

- Learnt more about the whole of the project and how the different parts relate
- Been able to make a contribution with their ideas, share successes as well as disappointments
- Gained a better understanding of what the focus should be the 12 months ahead



3.2 Catching-up session



28/5 09:30 – 10:30 Catching up and reflection on the whole

Catching up; the first year of the project

Kick-off in Malmö, May 2018



Some voices from the Malmö meeting:

“Good to meet and get to know eachother”

“Some idea of Nextfood model and some experience of it “

“Finally we can get going”

“Urgent need for communication platform”

“Confusion is an achievement because it lead to dialogue.”



*Workshop on the assessing research and education,
Budweis*



*Workshop inventory of skills,
Roskilde*



Start-up workshop of the case in Mekelle



Photo: Tor Arvid Breitland

Start-up workshop of the case in Kerala



Co-creation of an MSc in Pollenzo



A great interest for what we do in Nextfood!



Dr. Natalia Rastorgueva, a Research Fellow, introduces NextFood project to approximately 70 participants



Nextfood presented at CIHEAM Chania, Greece!



Presentation of NEXTFood project in the "International Conference on Innovative Education in Agrarian Topics"



The Agronutritional Cooperation RCM, the American Farm School and the Institute for Employment



19th March, Kolkata, India

3.3 In what ways can we assure quality of research and education? (WP5)

- Introduction of WP5 - max 15 minutes, content:
 - 5 minutes about current progress, literature search
 - 5-10 minutes about reflection on pilot interviews
- Workshop - Group work on interviews
- Workshop - Group work on framework for evaluation tool

3.4 What are the skills needed in agrifood and forestry systems in the future?WP1

0-20 min: presentations: wp1 overview, focus groups, literature review (peer-review)

20-40 min: group discussions + feedback in plenum

40-55 min: presentations: literature non peer-reviewed (Kathrine), mapping of education

55-70 min: group discussion + feedback

70-75: finishing

3.5 What policies are needed to support transformative education? (WP 4)

A short presentation of the progress in WP4: policy development and recommendation. Feedback from the consortium on the policy survey.

3.6 Coordination and financing can be a challenge! (WP 7)

Feedback from the coordinator on the technical and financial 12 months reports. Discussing the up-coming report period in M18.

3.7 Developing transformative learning can be a bumpy road! (WP 2)

A short introduction

Question 1: How can we tackle the challenges involved in the transition from lecture based to transformative (experience-based) education?

Question 2: How can we enable an effective insertion of research into this development process?

3.8 What does the future education in agrifood and forestry systems look like?WP3

A short introduction

Question 1: What have we achieved?

Question 2: What are our concerns?

3.9 Creating and sharing knowledge is not straight forward! (WP 6)

A tutorial to the project platform (www.nextfood-project.eu). Time for questions from the consortium.

3.10 Wrapping up and creating the future

QUESTION 1: What are we now more clear about?

QUESTION 2: What are we still unclear about that needs to be quickly resolved?

QUESTION 3: What are the implications for what we should prioritize during the next 6 months.

Finally, we will definitely have more conferences and meetings during the project, and we therefore need to learn about how we want to work together during these meetings.

1. Hand out “blue” post-its: “Note down three things you liked about this meeting (the three days).”
2. Hand out “yellow” post-its: “Note down three suggestions you have for improvements”. then collect”

3.11 General assembly: points that were brought up on the general assembly:

- Financial and Technical reporting; 12, 18, 25, 36, 48 months. Perhaps another report between month 36 and 48, decided later.
- Deadline 18-months report: November 14, GA is okay with this.
- Information about publication strategy, this raised a discussion, see comments below.
- Save-the-date Thessaloniki 2020?
- Other things you want the Executive Board to focus on? No further points suggested.

3.11.1 Comments on the publication strategy:

“We should have transparency, contributors should be invited to co-authorship”

“Perhaps a publication plan with all planned publications included”

“45 day’s notice in advance is a little short”

“Perhaps we need to look at the Grant Agreement one more time”

“Differences between surveys and workshops, which type of method for data collection should be considered”

“The Vancouver should be used”

“The suggested strategy is not ok, it divides national studies from european studies”

“Contributors that are not co-authors should be acknowledged in the publication”

3.12 NF executive board meeting

3.12.1 Notice of Nextfood executive board meeting

This is to inform you that the meeting of the Executive Board will be held at USB on Wednesday, May 29, at 16 to 17 pm.

Agenda as follows:

- Opening of meeting/call to orders
- Notes from previous meeting
- Decision on reporting periods
- Decision on publication strategy
- Points coming up during the partner conference
- Save-the-date Thessaloniki 2020?
- Next board meeting
- Meeting adjourned

This notice was sent to the board members:

Christina Lunner Kolstrup, SLU (chair)

Niels Heine Kristensen, RUC

Davide Viaggi, UNIBO

Lotta Woxblom, Skogforsk

Gerhard Schleining, ISEKI

Geir Lieblein, NMBU

Philip Papadopoulos, AFS

Jan Moudrý jr., USB

Christer Borglin, SLU

Martin Melin, SLU (secretary)

3.12.2 Minutes from the meeting

- 1) Opening of meeting/call to order
Who are present?

Christina Lunner Kolstrup, SLU (chair)

Niels Heine Kristensen, RUC

Davide Viaggi, UNIBO

Lotta Woxblom, Skogforsk

Katherine Flynn, ISEKI

Geir Lieblein, NMBU

Philip Papadopoulos, AFS

Jan Moudrý jr., USB

Christer Borglin, SLU

Martin Melin, SLU (secretary)

- 2) Notes from previous meeting, notes are accepted
- 3) Decision on reporting periods, 12, 18, 25 (june), 36, 48 months. The reporting frequency was accepted by the EB.
- 4) Decision on publication strategy
After a discussion it was decided that the coordinator should come back with a revised strategy that considers the comments from the general assembly and what's in the Grant Agreement. The bullets points of the Vancouver resolution should be added.
Further on, It was decided that the executive board should be informed in advance of every publication by e-mail to all board members (+whole consortium on platform) at least 45 days in advance. This should be applied for all publications, both peer- and non-peer reviewed/technical papers.
- 5) Points coming up during the partner conference

The question about the general organization of this and forthcoming partner conferences was raised. Some members of EB asked for more information on the status and results of the work in the project (i.e. more traditional presentations) than workshops. More important as we get more results, in order to improve coordination between people in the project. Some comments:

- In that case we need a three day format for presentations and workshops. This is valuable time to work together, where we can get interesting feedback on the work.
- I think two days are too long for the conference
- Maybe send material electronically to all participants a week before to be better prepared when coming to the conference. The travel is worthwhile if we do things we cannot do without meeting our colleagues physically. Presentations I can watch on my laptop.
- One option if you need wp meetings, that could be planned the day before. A mix between the conference + individual meetings when there are synergies.
- Perhaps integrate slots in the program, 20 minutes for individual work packages. Several slots in the program considering that many of us are engaged in several wp:s. This can be combined with a presentation of the wp. I think we need to have some more substance before entering the workshops. I'm in favor of doing this in written before the conference
- During the process the needs varies, perhaps more focus on results in the end when we have more research results
- Also individual differences in needs, the informal meetings are very important
- This comes back to the desired outcomes of the meeting. Some of the results can come in, but not in the form of presentations. We don't

want to come back to the linear way of learning, that would be a great step back. We can use the flipped classroom, what we ask from students we should be able to ask from the consortium members.

- If we meet during a restricted time, we must try to concentrate the work. Written result before + presentations we would be better prepared for the workshop. Maybe the action learning is not a method for every situation. We are free to set up the meeting rules.
- If active participation is one of the desired outcomes, we really have to think of how we enable that at the conferences. That is not achieved by using the time for presentations.
- It is more difficult to listen to presentation stretched out in time, I think we should aim for active participation at the conferences.

It was decided that after analyzing the evaluation of the conference, Martin will come back with the outcomes of evaluation. This will be discussed when planning the third conference in Thessaloniki.

6) Next partner conference in Thessaloniki

- A doodle to the consortium, possible dates for the conference is mid-May- mid-June. Send it to the executive board.
- Let's plan for time so that wp's can schedule mini-conferences in connection to the main conference

7) Next board meeting late November, send out doodle

8) Other issues: University of Alliances, we are trying to establish a unified approach within Nextfood, in that sense NF is an european alliance. Maybe we should consider that. A lot of ontological questions could be solved. The board suggest to put together a task force for the call (this task is not within the frames of the project, and will therefore be organized and performed outside the NF project).

9) Niels informed the board about a PhD -course that where NF partners can be brought in to introduce some elements. Niels will circulate a draft.

10) Meeting adjourned