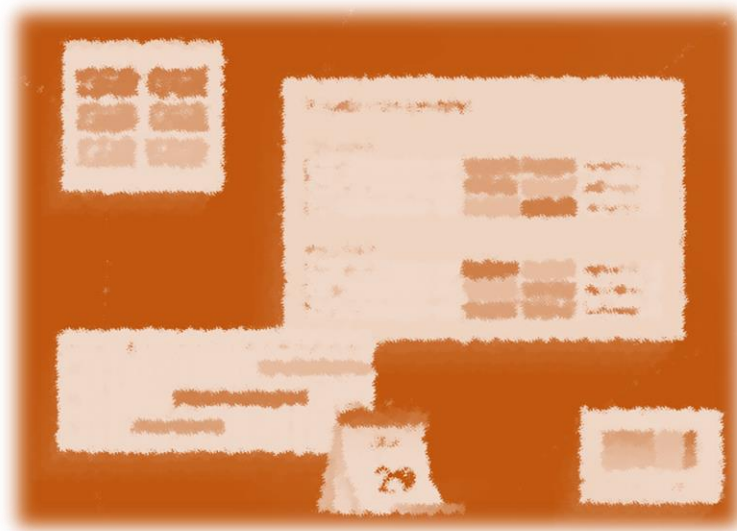




Seventh-quarter Joint Report of AGFORWEB project





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In the sixth three-month period from June to August activities were planned in all WPs according to the timeline of the Project (Fig. 1).

Months		19	20	21
		Jun.24	Jul.24	Aug.24
P1	Project management team meetings	PMU		
	Guidelines for reporting and correspondence			
	Reports			
	Day-to-day correspondence and administrative tasks			
P2	Analysis of the existing curricula			
	Consultations regarding curricula analysis and methodology for digital			
	Creating a methodology for digital data base			
	Forming a digital database			
P3	Curricula improvement			
	Proposal for change of curricula in next accreditation round			
	Study visits for professors and students	UFS		
	Guest lectures			
	Master thesis			
P4	Creating a learning materials for students		print preparation	
	Manual for using the digital database		translation and print preparation	
	Guide for Farmers and Local SelfGovernment			
P5	Development of Quality Assurance plan			
	Development of Dissemination plan			
	Promotional material			
	Website establishment and maintenance			
	Workshops for local community	⊕		
	Quality Assurance Committee meetings			

Figure 1. Timeline of AGFORWEB project for the period from June to August (7th quarter)

In the WP1 activities, the Project management team held meeting on June 26th, 2024 in Kavarna, Bulgaria. PMU meeting covered topics related to activities in WP3 and WP4, overview of the activities in 6th quarter period (March - May), action plan for next three months and overview of remaining funds and financial reporting.

Report of the sixth PMU meeting was submitted.

Activities conducted in the WP2 in the period from June to August were:

Activity 2.4 – Forming a digital database. Digital database submitted. Photos of the example practices were additionally provided for Montenegrin and part of Croatian practices for the database as defined in the Methodology for digital database.

Activities in WP3 are in progress in the period from June to August.

Activity 3.3 – Study visits. The fourth study visit was organized by UFS and held from 23th to 26th June in Kavarna, Bulgaria. Agroforestry practices that were the focus of this study visit are protective forest belts



in Dobrudza as an example of good practice where that has been applied for a long time. Report of the study visit was submitted by organizer - UFS.

The fifth study visit will be organized by UB and held from 2nd to 4th October 2024 on Goč Mt., Serbia. The main consideration of this study visit will be agroforestry practices related to protective forest belts in Vojvodina, experimental fields of dynamic agroforestry near Sremska Mitrovica and households near Kraljevo which are managed according to principals of agroforestry. Detailed agenda was delivered to the participants.

Preparation and organization of the fifth study visit are in progress.

Activity 3.4 – Guest lectures. Guest lecture session were held in Kavarna, Bulgaria in organization of UFS on June 24, 2024. Six guest lectures were held: Dr. Jelena Beloica held guest lecture entitled: *Supporting biodiversity outside protected areas the role of traditional agro-ecosystems*, MSc Anton Brenko held two guest lecture entitled: *Truffles– from seedlings to orchard* and *Truffle sector in Croatia – a case study*, MSc Ivana Zegnal held guest lecture entitled: *Mycorrhizal colonization*, MSc Aleksandar Baumgertel held guest lecture entitled: *GIS application in agroforestry*, and Dr. Monika Tkalec Kojić held guest lecture entitled: *Medicinal plants under forest canopy in Croatia*. The lectures was attended by 21 attendees - undergraduate and graduate students and professors.

Activity 3.5 – Master thesis. One master thesis has been defended at UFS, and one graduation thesis have been defended at UNIOS - Agrobiotechnical Faculty.

Candidate: BSc Ljuben Balurov

Master thesis title: State of the forest protective belts in the region of the town of Nikopol

Mentor: Assoc. Prof. Krasimira Petkova

Defence date: 26th June, 2024. University of Forestry, Sofia, Bulgaria. Online defense was provided for attendees of study visit in Kavarna and was attended by 21 participants.

Candidate: Luka Šustić

Graduation thesis title: Soil nitrogen flux in intercropped systems of walnut and maize

Mentor: dr. Vladimir Ivezić, associate professor

Defence date: 14th April, 2024. At UNIOS Agrobiotechnical Faculty, Osijek

Activities in WP4 are in progress in the period from June to August.

Activity 4.1 – Textbook for students. Finalization of the textbook was the main activity in this period.

The third reviewer of the textbook in English **Agroforestry Practices in Southeast Europe**, dr Tim Pagella submitted their review on August 26th, 2024. That postponed activities of finalizing publication process and printing. The reviews' reports together with suggestions were distributed to authors for corrections. All of three reviewers gave positive review and strongly recommended proofreading of the manuscript.



Each partner was responsible for correcting and proofreading of their chapters. The deadline for submitting the corrected and proofread chapters was set for mid-September.

Textbook in languages - Serbian, Croatian and Bulgarian were submitted in ready-to-print form.

- **Системи агрошумарства (UB)**
- **Агролесовъдски практики в Югоизточна Европа (UFS)**
- **Primjena agrošumarstva u Hrvatskoj (UNIOS, CFRI)**

All publication (textbooks and manuals) will be printed together after textbook in English is approved by Teaching Scientific Council of the University of Belgrade Faculty of Forestry in September 2024.

Activity 4.2 – Manual for using the digital database. Reviewers of the manual in Serbian entitled **Primena GIS-a u agrošumarstvu** submitted their review reports which were approved by Teaching Scientific Council of the University of Belgrade Faculty of Forestry by decision no. 01-2/104 from June 26th, 2024. Proofreading was provided for the manual in Serbian, authors corrected according to lector's suggestion and the manual is in preparation for printing. Manual was translated into English **GIS application in Agroforestry**, and distributed for translation in partner languages, editing and preparation for printing of editions of partner institutions.

Manual **Приложение на ГИС в агролесовъдството** in Bulgarian was translated, prepared for the printing and submitted to the project coordinator for printing.

Activities in WP5 are in progress in the period from June to August.

Activity 5.2 – Development of Dissemination Plan. Dissemination activities in period June-August were according to Dissemination plan.

UOM conducted dissemination activities:

- Promotion of AGFORWEB Project through social networks Instagram and Facebook by announcing news and events of the project implementation.

Activity 5.4 – Website establishment and maintenance. AGFORWEB website <https://agforweb.org/> has been weekly updated with news, information on events and results and outputs of the Project.

Activity 5.5 – Workshops for local community. UB conducted workshop for local community of Bačka Palanka on June 5th, 2024, at the Municipality of Bačka Palanka, Serbia. The workshop was attended by representatives of the State Agricultural Institute in General Toshevo, of the municipality of General Toshevo, farmers from the area, foresters from the nearby forestry districts and the workshop was attended by 12 attendees, and 8 completed questionnaires for evaluation. The workshop consisted of three presentations held by Sara Lukić, Snežana Belanović Simić and Aleksandar Baumgertel. The presentations were followed by discussion with farmers, municipality representatives and other stakeholders.

