

Evaluation Summary Report

Call : FP7-REGPOT-2008-1
Funding scheme :
Proposal number : 229518
Proposal acronym : MOBITAG
Proposal title : BUILDING UP MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGIES FOR AGRICULTURE
Duration (month) : 36

The Biology Centre (BCAS) is a high level research entity in Agro-Biotechnology (161 scientists + 242 other staff + 84 PhD students).

Weight: 1.00

The SWOT analysis is clear and the activities planned in the proposal are well structured and aim to achieve the objectives and to overcome the few identified weaknesses.

The working plan is very well structured. The 7 WPs are appropriate, well specified and complementary. A specific WP is focused on building up R&D managerial skills to increase the FP7 participation of the Centre.

It is expected that the recruited researchers will be engaged in the Centre after the completion of the project.

Very good effort for exchanging know-how and experience with other research Centres.

Note: when a proposal only partially addresses the topics, this condition will be reflected in the scoring of this criterion.

- Soundness of concept, and quality of objectives
- Quality and effectiveness of the support action mechanisms, and associated work plan

2. Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management (1)

(Threshold 3.00/5.00)

Mark: 4.50

The Management structure is adequate and has already started its activities for the project preparation.

Weight: 1.00

The participant has relevant experience in the field. Detailed information is included on the scientific background of the staff members of the Centre and of the collaborating centres. There is no doubt that the potential collaborators from other EU Countries are also excellent, however no letters of intent are annexed, despite the fact that such letters are available in the project documentation.

The project will be implemented by a strong research entity and will benefit from the scientific environment of the University of South Bohemia (7 faculties).

The budget is appropriate and well explained. Personnel cost is too high and represents about half of total budget. MOBITAG is covering 2/3 of the salaries of the staff to be recruited. The scientific equipment is needed to upgrade the infrastructure of the lab and the cost will be shared between the project (60%) and BCAS (40%).

- Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures
- Quality and relevant experience of the individual participants
- Quality of the consortium as a whole (including complementarity, balance) [only if relevant]
- Appropriateness of the allocation and justification of the resources to be committed (budget, staff, equipment)

3. Potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results

(Threshold 3.00/5.00)

Mark: 5.00

Very good and convincing explanation is given on the potential impact of the proposal.

Weight: 1.00

The improvement of research potential of the BCAS, and the increase of its capacity, (through building up of managerial skills) will help the Centre compete for EU funds. A long-term regional impact is highly possible.

The dissemination plan of the proposal is well prepared and the results of the activities will be made available to the scientific community.

Since GM crops cultivation is allowed in the country, the patents and results of MOBITAG (and BCAS) activities can be valorised with a high impact on agricultural production and agri-business, if good links are assured with private companies, farmers organisations and producers.

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- Contribution, at the European and/or international level, to the expected impacts listed in the work programme under relevant topic/activity
Note: Refer to the applicable list of impacts specified in the work programme.
- Appropriateness of measures for spreading excellence, exploiting results, and disseminating knowledge, through engagement with stakeholders, and the public at large.

TOTAL	(Threshold 10.00/15.00)
	Total: 14.50

Any other remarks
e.g. recommendations for negotiation, only if the proposal is above threshold

Does this proposal raise ethical issues?
(If so please complete an ethical issues report form (EIR))

No