
To : ILPS members

From : ILPS Board and Executive Director

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**SUBJECT : Status update – project overview: description, target, milestone plan, budget requirements
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Participants & Roles:

The project group consists of 5 companies: AAK, Avi Agri Business, Fismar Lecithin, FoodChain ID, Lucas Meyer Service. Due to the fact that no kick-off-meeting had been taken place yet the roles (Chair role and Secretary role) had not been set so far. The ILPS Treasurer represents the Board and Executive Director in this project group.

Project Progress:

To date, no project meetings have been held. Only two out of five members answered the first doodle poll on time, late or no feedback from the others. Due to longer illness and business reasons of the responsible board member of the ILPS there is a delay in this project. A new doodle poll will be sent out this week.

Road map:

Defining precise user requirements and data needs

Check if Zotero fulfils the defined requirements

Document specific literature types to be stored (e.g., journal articles, books, dissertations) and their unique attributes. Consider future growth projections and scalability requirements.

Populate the database with core literature records.

Index and optimize the database for efficient search and retrieval. Implement full-text indexing for content searching.

Establish robust backup and disaster recovery routines. Schedule regular database maintenance including index rebuilding and integrity checks. Create documentation for both end-users and database administrators covering search techniques, data entry protocols, and troubleshooting procedures.

Budget:

Today, no statement can be made about the required budget except the fixed costs for the Zotero database of \$120/year for unlimited storage. Further costs (i.e. literature etc.) need to be defined after the kick-off-meeting.

Status: Members in the Working Group did not show interest in the Project. Hence, the Project was not initiated. ILPS Board to decide whether to close or postpone the Working Group 2.

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