LIBBIO 18M consortium meeting was held in Lisbon 18-19th April 2018, with eighteen attendees from thirteen partners.

One of the main issues discussed in this meeting was the review of the first 18 months which is the first reporting period to BBI JU. All partners are working on their financial and technical reports.

Another main issue addressed was protocol development for different activity to harmonise both the research and the reporting. These protocols are for breeding (traits and assessment), cropping trials, alkaloid analysis and soil analysis. The first period has given the partners the experience needed to decide which parameters should be harmonised.

Results from the fields in Austria were presented where 21 accessions was compared on both poor and good soil and evaluated for growth and grain yield. One accession was also harvested for silage, the yield and composition were analysed as function of time. Amazing yield was recorded, up to 35 tons dry matter per hectare.

A conference was held on the second day in cooperation with Lusosem and ISA. The title was “Lupinus mutabilis - A New alternatives”. The LIBBIO consortium’s ideas of how Andean lupin (lupinus mutabilis) can be used to enhance European bio-economy were outlined by the speakers and the project was also described on six posters. Some 80 attendees from different sectors attended the conference: university employees and students, industrial stakeholders, farmers and policy makers. This communication with Portuguese stakeholders and the public was regarded very successful.

After the conference the consortium visited the university fields, having a look at the LIBBIO trials.

A remote technical meeting will be held in June and the next consortium meeting is planned in Romania in September 2018.