LIBBIO 18M consortium meeting was held in Iasi, Romania. 26-27th September 2018, with twenty attendees from twelve partners.

The main issues for this meeting were field trials 2017-18, results of the first periodic review and plan for publications. The summer was difficult for the project, seed quality from last year was not good and the draught and heat this summer resulted in low yield in seed propagation and field trials in Romania, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Austria and the Netherlands. At the field location in Iceland the summer was the coldest and wettest for over 100 years, leading to low performance of the plants.

The first project period was reviewed in June. The review was very positive, still giving valuable advice for further project implementation. One of the comments was that the project consortium should submit a contract amendment to BBI and EC for updating the breeding approach described in the workplan and for some other minor update of the contract. It was decided on the meeting to submit a contract amendment in the first week of October.

This was a midterm meeting for the project. In the third year and especially in the last year we expect to have more results to publish. An ambitious first plan for publications was presented, project partners will work further on it in the coming months.

A remote technical meeting will be held in January 2019 and the next consortium meeting is planned in Germany in April.