

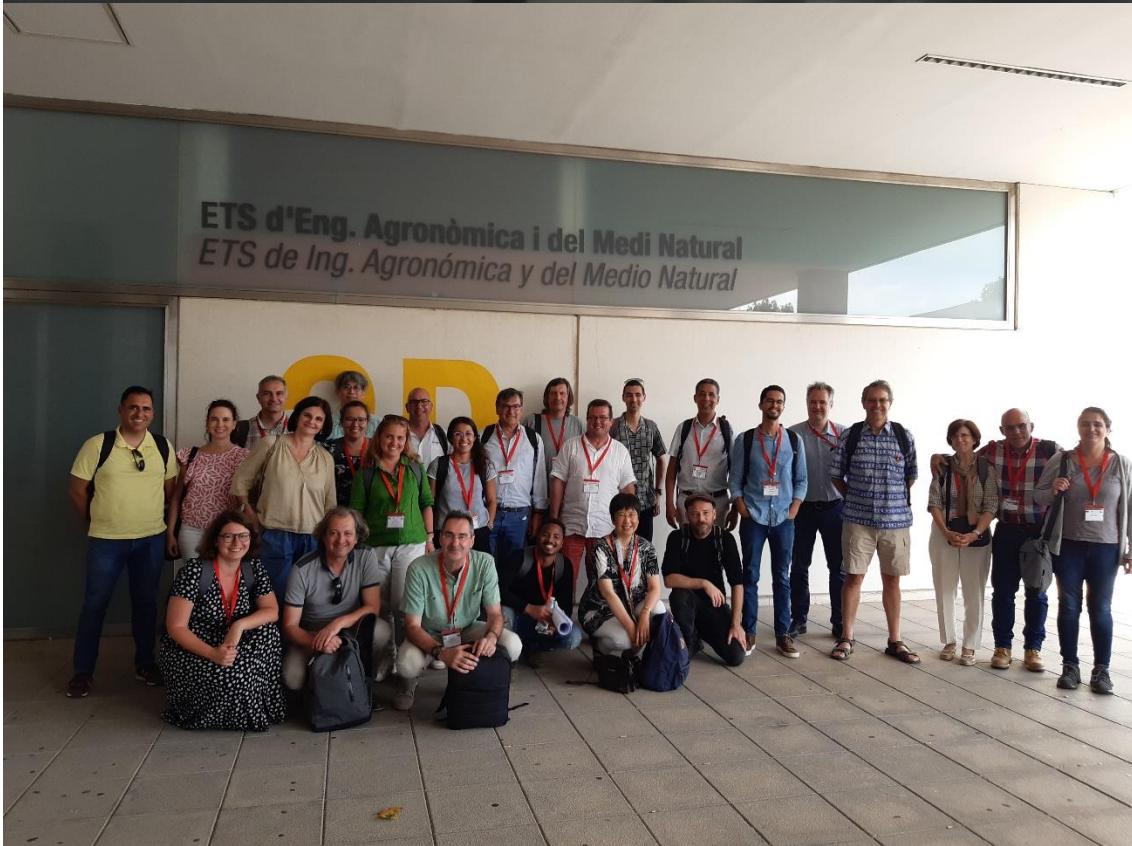
## "HARNESSTOM meets its Scientific Advisory Board to update and get feedback about the progress made by the project during the first 18 months"

Scientists of the HARNESSTOM project met after the EUCARIA tomato meeting in Valencia, to update the members of the HARNESSTOM Scientific Advisory Board Roger Chetelat (TGRC, UC Davis, CA, USA) and Lukas Mueller (BTI, Ithaca, NY, USA). The meeting counted with the participation of over 25 HARNESSTOM partners and included all the workpackage leaders and the coordinator.

After a brief introduction of the project made by the coordinator, each WP leader made a short presentation of the work carried out during the first 18m of the project (ie. October 2020 to March 2022) and this was followed by open discussion and questions and suggestions raised by the SAB members. A general discussion followed that briefly emphasized the excellent progress made and the importance to consolidate the HARNESSTOM Database and tools so the info about the accessions and lines can be accessed by all parties and at the same time is connected to seedbanks and other repositories of information like Solgenomics. Progress made by other workpackages from the tools and materials to increase speed and precision of breeding till the development of new prebreeding materials for increase resilience and better fruit organoleptic and nutritional quality, to participatory breeding was in all cases progressing according to plan.



David Pierre presenting WP3 during the SAB meeting



Group photo of HARNESSTOM partners and SAB members after the meeting in Valencia