

How can ECPGR navigate in the Nagoya/MLS landscape ?

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- how can ECPGR navigate in the Nagoya/MLS landscape ?
 - potential impacts ECPGR on the policy landscape
 - influencing the policymaking process
 - coordinating / supporting the implementation of the policies
 - impacts of the landscape on ECPGR
 - AEGIS
 - EURISCO
 - other matters

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- navigation is needed



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- the ABS landscape (source: Szonja Csörgő, ESA)
 - complex



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- the ABS landscape
 - might become less complex

The ITPGRFA Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing is working on

- a subscription system to increase user based payments
- widening the scope of the MLS to include all PGRFA

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- potential impacts ECPGR on the policy landscape
 - ECPGR could aim at playing a role in policy making process (similar to ESA, CGIAR or ERFP)
 - formulate positions
 - participate in meetings / influence decision making bodies
 - CBD-COP, ITPGRFA-GB, FAO-CGRFA, EU Consultation Fora
 - current: formulation EU Domain Sectorial Guidance Documents
 - would require working group or task force on PGR-policies



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- impact ECPGR on the landscape
 - ECPGR could engage in the implementation of PGR legal measures
 - awareness raising
 - support technical aspects of use sMTA
 - click / shrink wrap, reporting to ITPGRFA secretariat
 - support obtaining 'registered collection' status
 - formulation 'best practices' (under EU Regulation 511/2014)
 - support formulation access legislation (under Nagoya Protocol)
 - like in France and Spain
 - or no restrictions



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● AEGIS – status European Accessions

- all AEGIS material is distributed under SMTA
 - AEGIS MoU: “the SMTA of the International Treaty will be used for the transfer of Annex I crops” & “the SMTA will be used for the transfer of Non-Annex I crops that have been registered as European Accessions”
- Annex 1 material (in MLS) is not within the scope of CBD/NP
- non Annex 1 material
 - EU countries follow EU Guidelines
 - non-EU countries can make their own rules to comply to NP
 - using the SMTA is easy solution in both cases



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● AEGIS – quality management

- quality management aims at stable conservation and optimal access
- NP requirements could be integrated in AQUAS
 - alleviate 'due diligence' obligation on user side
 - rule: distribution under sMTA
 - formulation best practices for documenting origin of material
 - consideration: restrict 'European Accession' status to Registered Collections



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● EURISCO

- EURISCO already contains MLS descriptor
 - to indicate if accession is part of MLS (only Annex 1)
- EURISCO forms part of Global Information System (GLIS) of the IT
- MoU ECPGR-ITPGRFA: "The Parties may jointly carry out activities or, where feasible and appropriate, mutually support one another in the implementation of the Global Information System, to which ECPGR contributes with the maintenance of the European catalogue of PGRFA 'EURISCO', as well as with provision of expertise (such as in the definition of standards)."



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 - other matters
 - access to *in situ* and on-farm material is not obvious
 - IT §12.4h: "... the Contracting Parties agree that access to PGRFA found in *in situ* conditions will be provided according to national legislation or, in the absence of such legislation, in accordance with such standards as may be set by the Governing Body."
 - lack of clarity might obstruct access to *in situ* conserved material and thus reduce value of this conservation tool



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 - collection holders also are recipients
 - un-clarity regarding ABS issues amongst collection holders exists
 - ECPGR could play a role in supporting ABS negotiations (for collecting missions and other access)



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