

Recommendations from the ExCo on Phase X

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ECPGR Objectives

The fulfillment of the objectives of ECPGR is a long term undertaking

- All the objectives of Phase IX continue as before.

Structure and composition of WGs

The size of WGs might prevent effective communication and collaboration, and the Chair has a very heavy task.

- Appointment of a national WG coordinator for a given WG when there are two or more members per country, to be managed by the NCs

WG Activities

In order to achieve the objectives of ECPGR in an efficient way the WGs need to focus on the most appropriate activities and use of available expertise among its members.

- Requesting WGs to develop European crop conservation strategies in order to link the many dispersed responsibilities and activities (especially after the agreement of the CWRs and LR concept notes) in a coherent manner.



Capacity building

Training will be needed in order to fulfill a number of the ECPGR objectives

- Include a specific budget line for training activities to be used for identified needs (i.e. genebank quality systems, documentation etc.)

In situ conservation

Support for the implementation of the *in situ*/on farm concepts will be needed

- Development of relevant modules in EURISCO (i.e. tools for traceability in and between *ex situ*, *in situ*/on farm materials in EURISCO for the priority settings and management of collections in consultation with relevant WGs)

WG on Policy

The policy area is possibly one of the most important ones for individual governments.

At present there are no mechanisms within ECPGR to allow coordination, to plan strategic actions, etc. Thus, it seems important to create such a mechanism and a new WG (possibly combined with a new objective for Phase X) on policy.

It is expected that such a development would allow ECPGR to gain more visibility, to show more impact and to prove its relevance to organizations such as the EU and Commission.

- To establish a Policy WG
- To prepare a new objective on policy for Phase X and onwards



ECPGR Budget

- In order to fulfill the ECPGR objectives within a reasonable time it will be necessary to increase the budget for Phase X.