



FOLLOW UP INITIATIVES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRS FOR EUROPE AND ITS LINKED PLANT STRATEGY

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Meeting of the EU “***Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation in Agriculture***” → next 20 June

- Brief presentation of the GR Strategy for Europe (*M. Bozzano, 30-40'*)
 - Preparation by the inter-domain TF in charge of drafting GR Strategy for Europe
- Exchange of views between Member States (*90-120'*):
 - Focus on recommendations anchored in the institutional environment or linked to international commitment
 - Expected input of MSs on few questions to prepare the discussion

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1. Focus on recommendations anchored in the institutional environment or linked to international commitment

- Improve monitoring of genetic resources (*Rec. under 2.4*)
- Establish a coherent public policy and regulatory framework (*Rec. under 3.1*)
- Mobilizing funds for conservation, documentation and sustainable use (*Rec. under 3.5*)
- Strengthening international cooperation (*Rec. under 4.3*)

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2. Few questions addressed to Member States' participants to prepare the discussion

For your country:

- Are there actions in line with previous recommendations? Obstacles for implementation?
- Priority recommendations among previous ones? Beyond these, other lines of work for potential EU Strategy?
- Is the adoption of a Strategy on GR appropriate for the EU?



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Urgent actions for NCs from EU member States

- **Contact institutional/ministerial representatives of your country** who will assist to the meeting of the Working Party on GR and Innovation in agriculture
- **Inform them** - preferably jointly with NCs of ERFP and Euforgen – of the overarching strategy and its linked domain specific strategies
- **Identify main obstacles for present implementation in your country** while highlighting the interest of these strategies to overcome them
- Encourage them to **support the adoption of A Strategy on GR for Europe**, declined through domain-specific strategies

The next **Czech Republic Presidency of the EU** is ready to take over the dossier...

II - Joint ECPGR-ERFP Task Force on potential European Coordination and Information Centre (ECIC)

1st meeting/brainstorming → 3 March 2022

➤ ECPGR: F. Begemann, S. Csörgö, L. Maggioni, M. Lefort

ERFP: SJ Hiemstra/M. Montserrat Castellanos, C. Danchin, JH Schneider, J. Bormann

➤ Production of two working documents as a preliminary basis for further discussion (F. Begemann and M. Montserrat)

➤ Need to further elaborate on legal framework: appropriateness of present EU or national legislation or need for specific renewed framework? (S. Csörgö and J. Bormann)



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A Task Force that has been temporarily taking a break...

- ERFP presently focused on the preparation of a project to answer to a EU call for proposals to develop a “*EU Reference Center for endangered breeds*”
- Others mobilized on other projects and dossiers during spring 2022

... but a common will to continue to work together in few months.

Besides the ECIC, the will to better lobby together on issues dealing with agricultural GR.

The need to follow up and report on the implementation of the Plant Strategy for Europe

Beginning in few months or at the end of Phase X (2023)

- Linked to discussion on priority objectives and actions?
- Need the mobilization of few NC (ExCo vs specific TF?)
 - identify relevant “follow-up indicators” (relying and complementing – where needed – ECPGR indicators)
 - define the target for a 2,5 year-period?
 - ...





THANK YOU
