

MAIZE WG REPORT FOR PHASE X (2019-2023)

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1. CONTRIBUTION TO ECPGR OBJECTIVES

1.1. Achievements and success stories

- To efficiently conserve and provide access to unique germplasm in Europe through AEGIS and the European Collection

n/a

- To provide passport and phenotypic information of actively conserved European PGRFA diversity *ex situ* and *in situ* through the EURISCO catalogue

All accessions included in EVA Maize network have been evaluated, characterized and genotyped and the data are will be included in EURISCO catalogue

- To improve *in situ* conservation and use of crop wild relatives

n/a

- To promote on-farm conservation and management of European PGRFA diversity

n/a

- To promote use of PGRFA

Activities of EVA Maize Network and use of maize genetic resources were promoted at the XXV EUCARPIA Maize and Sorghum Conference, held in June 2022 in Belgrade, Serbia.

1.2. Gaps or constraints identified

Most of the members from the Maize WG are involved and participate in the EVA Maize network. A public-private partnership is established and collaboration with maize breeding company is very valuable and productive. Since private companies are not getting any funds, it would be important to support part of their activities in order to attract more companies and to have better and wider utilization of maize genetic resources, since their number in national genebanks is much higher than their use through the EVA network.

2. GRANT SCHEME ACTIVITIES, WG MEETINGS AND EVA ACTIVITIES

- **Grant Scheme proposals (submitted:0; approved:0):**
No application for grants
- **Total number of partners involved in Grant Scheme: n/a**
 - ECPGR-funded: n/a
 - Self-funded: n/a
- **Meetings held**
Maize Working Group, 1st Meeting, 2-3 December 2019, Belgrade, Serbia.

European Evaluation Network (EVA) – Maize Network:
 - 1st Annual project meeting, 27 May 2020, online
 - 2nd Annual project meeting, 22 November 2021, online
 - 3rd Annual project meeting, 2-3 June 2022, Belgrade, Serbia
- **Reports and related data**
[Report of a Working Group on Maize, First Meeting, Belgrade, Serbia \(2-3 December 2019\)](#)
[Report of 1st EVA Maize project meeting, 27 May 2020](#)
[Report of 2nd EVA Maize project meeting, 22 November 2021](#)
[Report of 3rd EVA Maize project meeting, 2-3 June 2022](#)
- **Total number of partners involved in WG meeting: 20 from 12 countries**
 - ECPGR-funded: 20 from 12 countries
 - Self-funded: 1
- **Funds mobilized**
 - ECPGR granted funds: n/a
 - Inputs in-kind declared in Grant activities: n/a
 - ECPGR EG meeting: € 7,700

3. OTHER ACTIVITIES (CROSS-WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES, LINKS WITH OTHER NETWORKS, INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES)

- **Cross-Working Group activities:**
None
- **Others:** A project MineLandDiv within a call SusCrop ERA-Net project (<https://www.suscrop.eu/call-information/4th-call>). Some members of Maize WG (and EVA Maize participants) are participants in the project and some will participate as stakeholders.

4. WORKING GROUP DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

None for Phase X

5. EXPECTED ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES THAT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PGR STRATEGY FOR EUROPE

The EVA Network for Maize is extended until the end of 2024. We do hope that we will be more active within Maize WG and ECPGR after completing the planned activities in EVA.