

Finding resources for ECPGR

- Discuss recommendation v and develop the ideal funding scenario, based on the assumption that ECPGR countries should become more accountable for genetic resources conservation [*try to reach a consensus agreement*]
- Discuss fund mobilization approaches and considerations at different levels (what is the expected minimum commitment at national and what is required at regional level)
 - National (maintenance of collections; national PGR information management; empowerment of ECPGR Working Group members, etc.)
 - EC
 - Global Crop Diversity Trust
 - Other donors?

- 1. Promote/position ECPGR as European representative/administrator of PGR
 - in particular to aim for administration of renewed GENRES
- 2. Formation of Executive Committee to promote ECPGR to EC and other organization
 - Identification of people who can influence policy
- 3. No support for increase of national contributions. Funds freed up by streamlining ECPGR

- Promote recognition of ECPGR by EC/EU/UN and national bodies to make securing of regional, national and other funding easier.
 - e.g. as a vehicle to implement GPA.
- No support for increase of national contributions.
 - Needs to be awareness that dramatically changing the structure/hosting of ECPGR may make it more difficult to secure national contributions.
- However, raising profile of ECPGR and highlighting its usefulness and actual and potential regional synergies may ease the task of securing national and regional funding.
- Country contributions required to attract other funds

- **Cost reductions:**

- Reduction in costs of ECPGR by outsourcing and in-kind contributions. (However in-kind contributions may not be so easily obtained or relied upon).
- Streamlining of ECPGR to focus on specific goals
- Focus on potential users of germplasm/information (may be crop specific)

- **Additional funding sources:**
 - EC – lobbying to includes PGR into research infrastructure
 - UNDP/FAO
 - GCDT – for specific projects/needs
 - Cannot forget other regions (e.g. crop centres of diversity)
- **Collaborations:**
 - Breeders (has maybe already been tried unsuccessfully).
 - Nature conservation (e.g. botanic gardens).
- **Concerns:**
 - Split between EU/non EU countries
 - cannot overly rely on in-kind contributions

- **Conclusion:**

- Positioning and increasing the profile of ECPGR as European coordinator/administrator of PGR will allow ECPGR to attract funding as well as enable mobilization of funding for national programs to fulfill obligations