

European
Cooperative
Programme
for Plant
Genetic
Resources



ECP/GR

Welcome to ECPGR,
the European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources



ECPGR brings together most European countries to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources.

1980



EUCARPIA

Founded in 1980, ECPGR was established following recommendations from the UN Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the European Association for Research on Plant Breeding.



Steering Committee

Executive Committee

Secretariat

ECPGR is guided by a Steering Committee, made up of National Coordinators from each member country. They appoint an Executive Committee of five members, responsible for planning and executing ECPGR activities.

ECPGR is coordinated by a Secretariat and financed by the participating countries.

20 Crop Working Groups



Allium



Brassica



Leafy Vegetables



Prunus



Avena



Cucurbits



Maize



Solanaceae



Barley



Fibre crops



Malus/Pyrus



Umbellifer crops



Berries



Forages



Medicinal and Aromatic Plants



Vitis



Beta



Grain Legumes



Potato



Wheat

4 Thematic Working Groups



Crop Wild Relatives



Cryopreservation



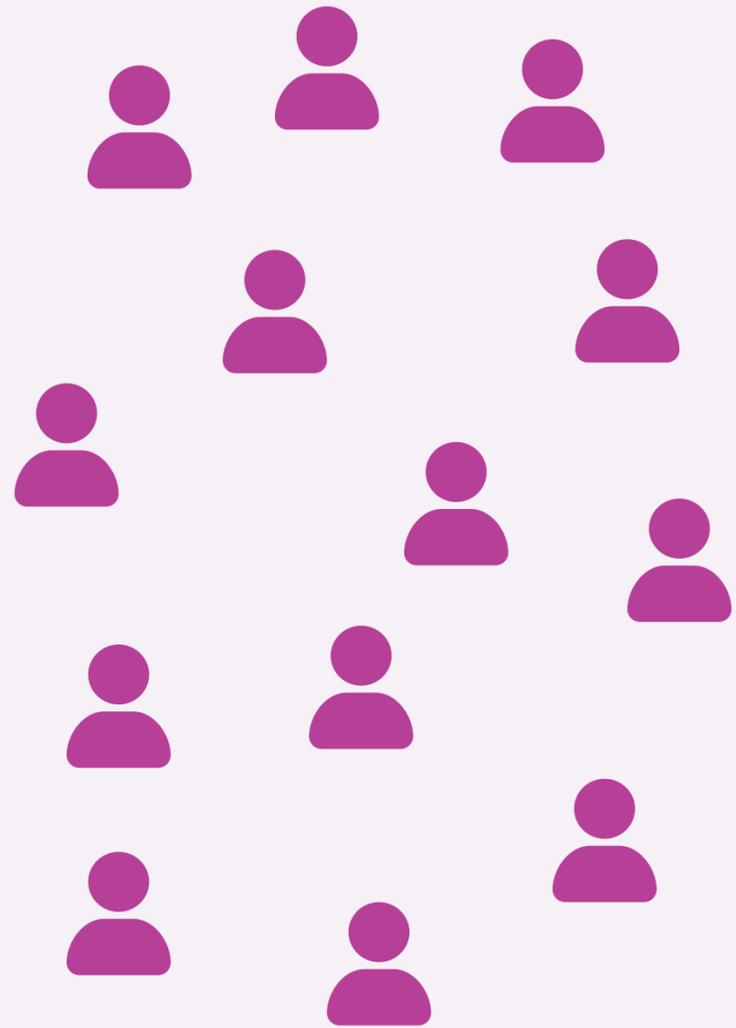
Documentation & Information



On-farm Conservation & Management

Its work is carried out mainly through Working Groups, each focusing on specific crops or thematic areas related to plant genetic resources.

Working Groups

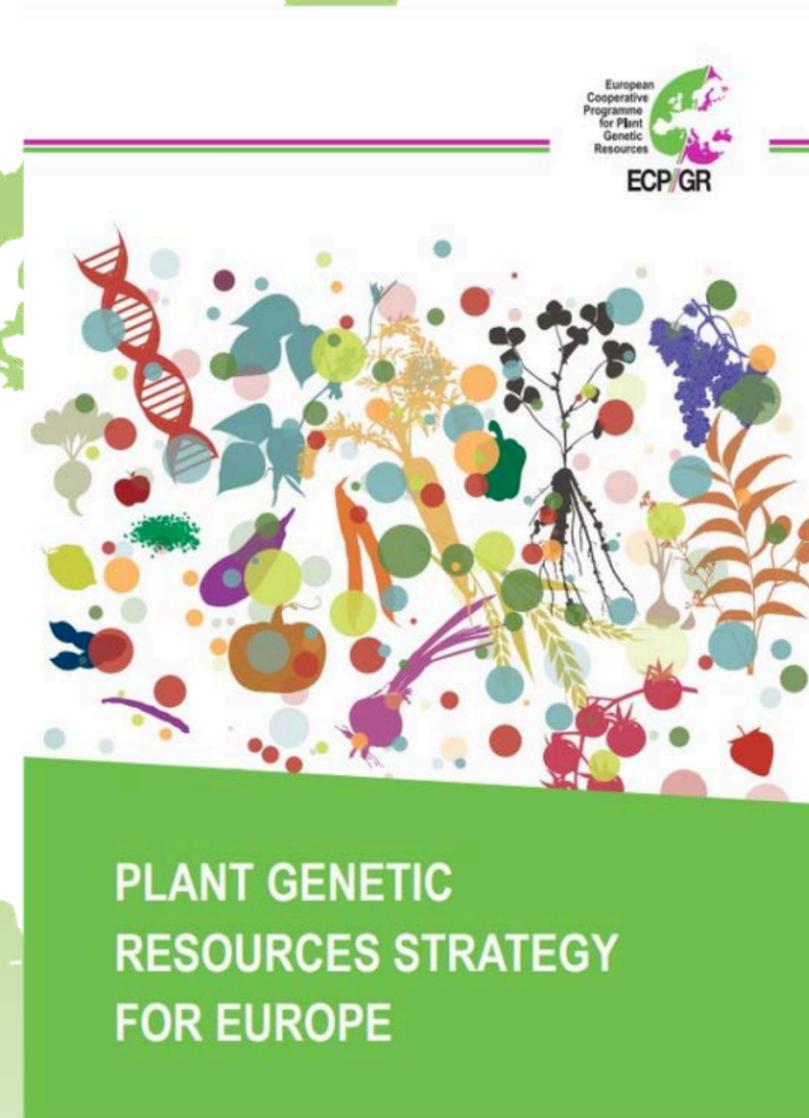
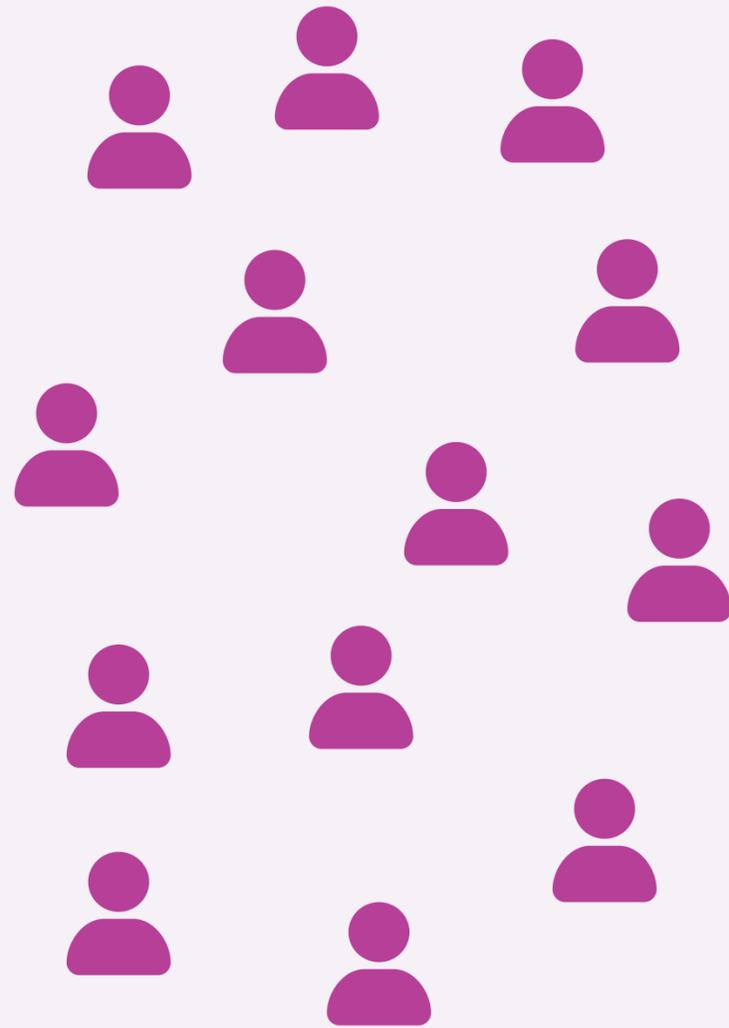


**National
Coordinators**

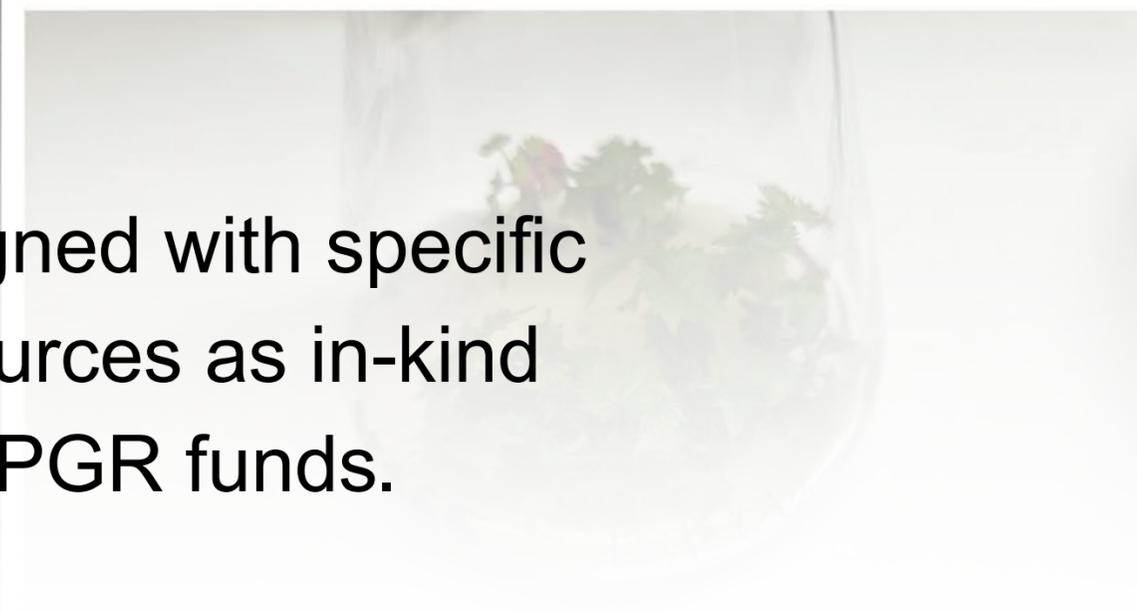
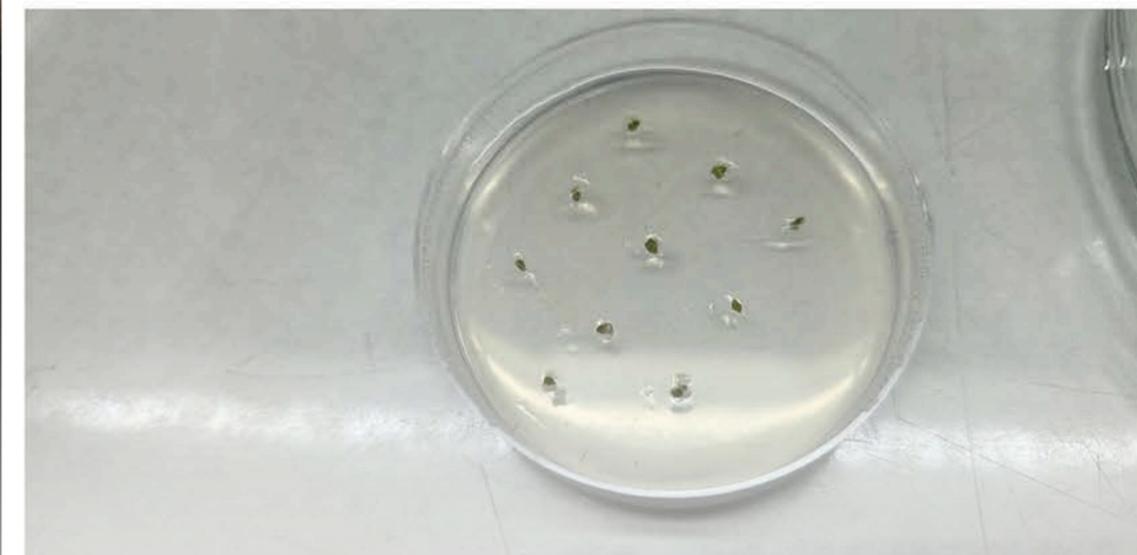


Working Groups are composed of experts nominated by National Coordinators based on their experience and interest.

Working Groups



These groups play a key role in contributing to the Plant Genetic Resources Strategy for Europe.



Working Group members carry out activities aligned with specific ECPGR objectives, contributing their own resources as in-kind inputs to the Programme and/or using ECPGR funds.

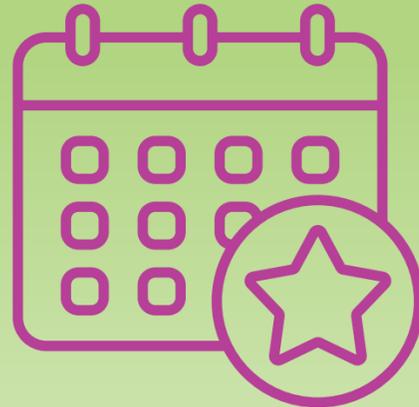


Each Working Group is coordinated by a Chair, proposed by the Working Group members and appointed by the Executive Committee.

Working Group CHAIR



Communication



Activities



Connection

The Chair, acting on a voluntary basis, fosters communication, promotes activities and keeps the group informed and connected.

Grant Scheme Activities



Working Group Meetings



Working Group actions typically take place through two main frameworks:
Grant Scheme Activities and Working Group meetings.

Grant Scheme Activities are developed in response to calls for proposals.

WG Members



Activity



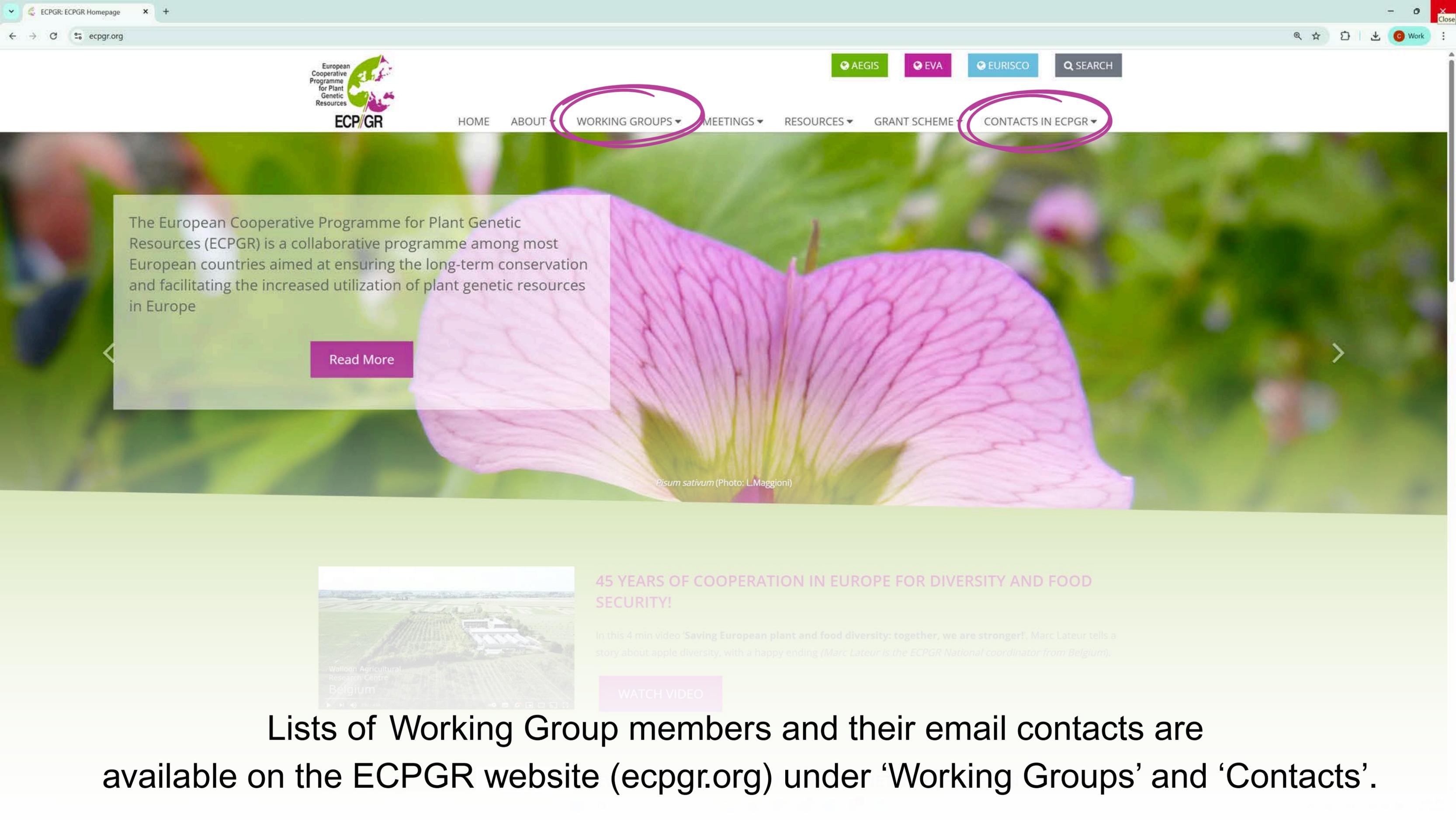
WG Chair



Meetings



Any Working Group member may propose and coordinate an Activity, in agreement with the Chair. The Chair may also organize online meetings or request funding for justified in-person meetings when needed.



The European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR) is a collaborative programme among most European countries aimed at ensuring the long-term conservation and facilitating the increased utilization of plant genetic resources in Europe

Read More

Pisum sativum (Photo: L.Maggioni)



45 YEARS OF COOPERATION IN EUROPE FOR DIVERSITY AND FOOD SECURITY!

In this 4 min video 'Saving European plant and food diversity: together, we are stronger!', Marc Lateur tells a story about apple diversity, with a happy ending (Marc Lateur is the ECPGR National coordinator from Belgium).

WATCH VIDEO

Lists of Working Group members and their email contacts are available on the ECPGR website (ecpgr.org) under 'Working Groups' and 'Contacts'.



As a Working Group member, you are encouraged to engage with the Chair and other members to propose joint activities, exchange ideas, or ask questions and you can always contact the Secretariat for further guidance.

WG Member Responsibilities

As a Working Group member, under the coordination of the Working Group Chair, your responsibilities may include:



- Carrying out **activities mandated by the Steering Committee** or approved by the Executive Committee



- Initiating or participating in **additional activities** that align with **ECPGR priorities**

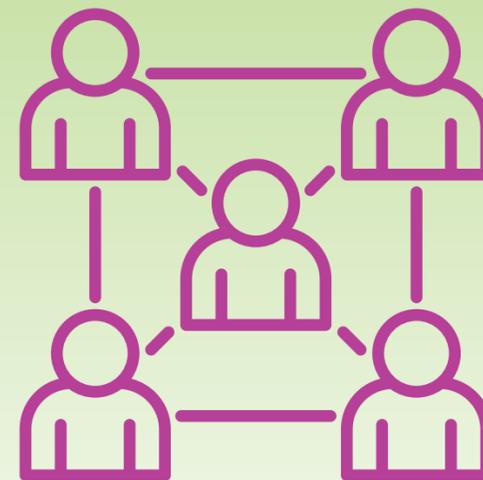
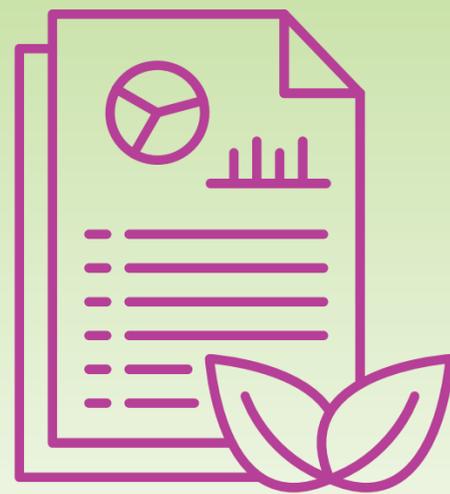
WG Member Responsibilities

- Contributing to ECPGR initiatives such as **AEGIS**, **EVA** and **EURISCO**



WG Member Responsibilities

- Gather **relevant information at the national level**, and actively **share knowledge** with fellow members



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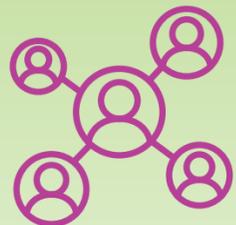
Working Group members also:



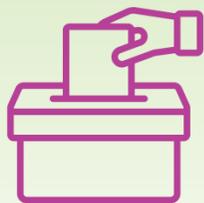
Act as national contacts when needed



Communicate regularly with National Coordinators

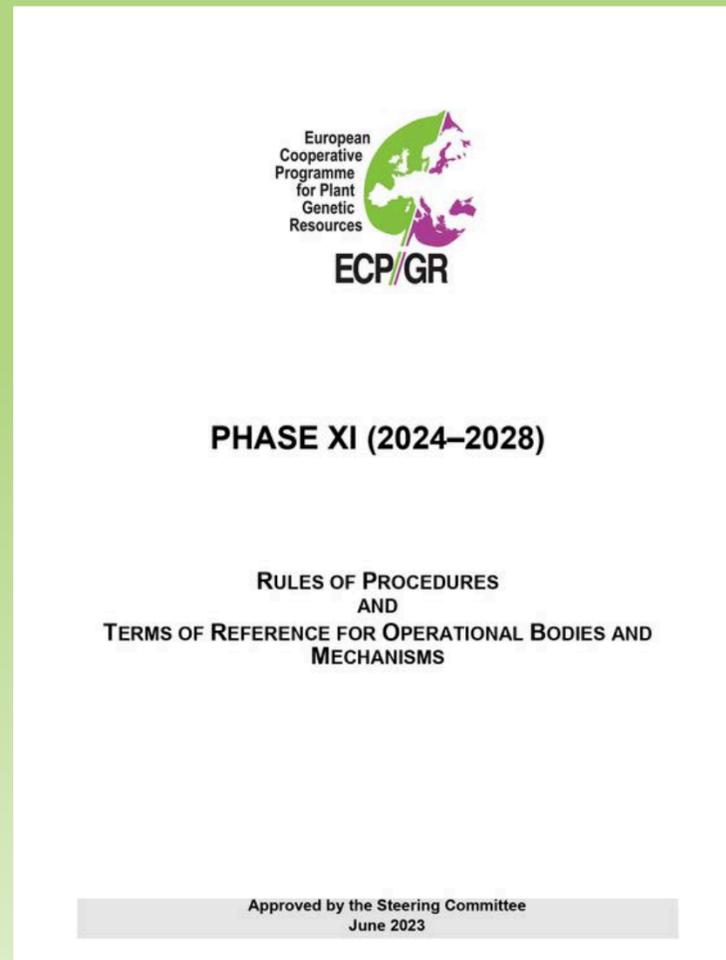


Interact with other groups



Contribute to the selection of new WG Chairs

WG Member Responsibilities



<https://bit.ly/ECPGR-TORS>

For a full list of responsibilities, read the
ECPGR Rules of Procedures and Terms of Reference



Being a Working Group member means contributing your expertise to a European-wide effort, helping conserve crop diversity for future generations, and collaborating with experts across the continent.

Thank you for joining ECPGR!

