7th Meeting of the ECPGR Genebank Managers Network and AEGIS Plus

24–25 November 2026

Hosted by the National Centre for Plant Genetic Resources, Polish Genebank, Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute - National Research Institute, Radzików, Poland

Draft agenda *(As of 21 October 2026)*

Monday, 23 November 2026 – Arrival

Arrival of participants and optional informal dinner – self-funded, subject to local arrangements

Tuesday, 24 November 2026 – Genebank Managers Network (GMN)

Venue: National Centre for Plant Genetic Resources, Polish Genebank, IHAR–PIB, Radzików

10:00–10:30	Welcome by the GMN Chair Welcome by the Director of the Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute – NRI Presentation of the Institute's activities – Deputy Director for Scientific Affairs (*Prof. Jadwiga Śliwka*)
10:30–10:50	Information on the funding of the Gene Bank and the Institute's activities from the budget of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Poland (*M. Boczkowska*)
10:50–11:10	Activities and structure of the Polish Gene Bank (*M. Boczkowska*)
11:10–11:30	Presentation of the Polish potato collections (*P. Smyda-Dajmund*)
11:30–12:00	*Coffee break*
12:00–13:30	Tour of the Gene Bank and the greenhouse complex
	Group photo
13:30–14:00	The Genebank Managers Network - Progress and Planning (*D. Janovská*, supported by *A. M. Barata*)
14:00–15:00	*Lunch*
15:00–17:00	Working groups: GMN priorities and next steps
17:00–17:10	Final discussion and wrap-up of Day 1 (*D. Janovská*)
19:30–21:30	*Social dinner*

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Wednesday, 25 November 2026 – Genebank Managers Network and AEGIS Plus

Genebank Managers Network

10:00–10:30 Agreement on the GMN 2027 work plan, including leads, task groups, key outputs and planned meetings

10:30–11:00 The Multilateral System in practice and its supporting mechanisms. Main findings from the recent comprehensive report, working examples for the European Region and issues relevant to genebank managers (*F. López*, Secretariat of the International Treaty on PGRFA)

11:00–12:00 The Network Hour: Member-driven discussion of current operational and management issues, questions submitted in advance, and short contributions sharing new approaches, tools or practical experience from genebanks.

12:00–13:00 *Lunch*

AEGIS Plus

13:00–13:20 AEGIS Plus: Project overview and progress update (*Lorenzo Maggioni*)

13:20–13:45 Genebank Metrics Tool: Report from the workshop (*Theo van Hintum*)
5' discussion

13:45–14:05 Operational Genebank Manual: Revised template explained (*Erik Wijnker* – online)
5' discussion

14:05–14:25 AEGIS Desk Study: Results of an assessment on AEGIS accession availability (*L. Maggioni* and *Th. Van Hintum*)
5' discussion

14:25–14:50 Safety duplication of AEGIS accessions: Experience of a beneficiary country – Portugal (*A.M. Barata* and *H. Noriega*)
5' discussion

14:50–15:15 Experience from a fruit genebank peer review (*M. Ordidge*)
5' discussion

15:15–15:30 Perspectives for genebank management capacity-building training workshops (*D. Janovská and L. Maggioni*)
5' discussion

15:30–15:40 Closure of the meeting

15:40–16:10 *Coffee break*

Thursday, 26 November 2026 – Departure

Departure of participants - local transport arrangements to be communicated

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