



Overview of the *Malus/Pyrus* WG activities

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EVA Boost perennials – Towards the implementation of a European Evaluation Network for Berries and Fruit Trees

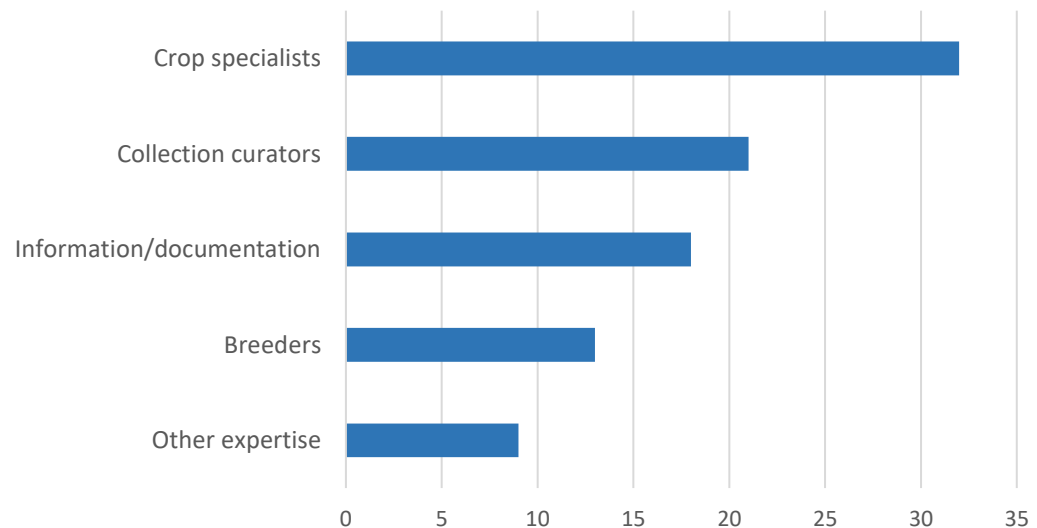
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Malus/Pyrus WG

- ✓ 73 Members
- ✓ 36 Countries

Malus/Pyrus WG members expertise



- ✓ 2 main crops: **apple and pear**
- ✓ Accessions are maintained in open field collections, clonally propagated (onto rootstocks)
- ✓ Exchange material is mainly budwood and graftwood

ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme



Prunus

Ongoing

FRUITREEDATA - Improvement of Fruit Tree Data Inclusion in EURISCO
19 Partners



Malus/Pyrus

GOAL. Improve the quality and quantity of *Prunus*, *Malus* and *Pyrus* data in EURISCO, also including available C&E data.

- More and better characterized accessions in EURISCO
- Collaborate with EURISCO DB manager to implement EURISCO functionality
- New candidates for AEGIS

Conclusions



Apple and Pear

- ✓ Standardized ECPGR protocols and descriptors for C&E activity
- ✓ SSR sets and Reference varieties
- ✓ Unique, well described, accessions are in principle AEGIS accessions
(phytosanitary status unknown)

Thanks for your attention!!