

Beta Working Group – Workplan 2012-2013 – follow-up at 29 May 2013

(Based on the workplan agreed at the Fourth Joint Meeting of the ECPGR Working Group on *Beta* and the World *Beta* Network, 20-22 June 2012, Cappelle-en-Pévèle, France; full report available [here](#))

Activities	Responsibility	Deadline	Status at 29 May 2013
Beta nana project proposal			
Support the Greek <i>B. nana</i> project proposal with a supporting letter.	WG Chair	End July 2012	Done on 2 August 2012.
Submit a proposal to the ECPGR Secretariat for the use of available funds from the ECPGR Networks' budget (€ 2600). This will include sampling of plants on Mount Olympus, to be carried out in September 2012.	Parthenopi Ralli	As soon as possible (in time for sampling to be done in September 2012)	Done; activity started with sampling of <i>Beta nana</i> plants at three sites during a preliminary survey in September 2012.
Patellifolia project			
Inform Lothar Frese of their interest in a project on <i>Patellifolia</i> , section <i>Corollinae</i> , and including <i>B. nana</i> (taxonomic aspects, genetic diversity)	Interested potential partners	End July 2012	Only one initiative (Italian representative 12 July 2012) - no feedback from other partners.
Organize a meeting to prepare the project, depending on feedback received	Lothar Frese	End 2013	Meeting cancelled due to lack of interest.
Genetic reserve sites for Beta and Patellifolia			
Revise the list of proposed genetic reserves and send comments to Lothar Frese. The list of proposed sites is available from the Genetic Resources Information System (GenResIs) of the AEGRO project (here)	Country representatives of the ECPGR WG	End 2012	No comment received. Deadline for this activity extended to end 2013.

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Apply the 4-steps methodology developed by the AEGRO project and suggest sites for genetic reserves for species of the section <i>Corollinae</i> .	Representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, Russian Federation and Turkey	End 2013	
Ensure that <i>ex situ</i> samples are collected from each proposed genetic reserve site and deposited in the respective country genebank. These samples should also be proposed to the respective National Coordinators for inclusion into the European Collection and therefore be flagged in EURISCO as being part of AEGIS.	Country delegates	End 2013	
IDBB			
Prepare a project proposal for guaranteeing the future sustainability and further development of the IDBB.	WG Chair and IDBB manager	As soon as possible	A COST action proposal which may provide funding for this activity is under discussion.
Determination of <i>Beta</i> accessions for the European Collection			
Compile a list of candidate accessions to be included in the European Collection using the <i>Beta</i> Core Collection, AKER collection and accessions of threatened species.	IDBB Managers, with support from all concerned country representatives and/or curators	End 2012	First step: email LF 17/01/2013 sending list of accessions to all members (deadline for reply end February 2013). Only one reply received by end April 2013 (Poland). Deadline extended to mid- November 2013.
Submit the agreed list to all the concerned National Coordinators, suggesting inclusion of the respective accessions into AEGIS.	WG Chair	End January 2013	Postponed to mid-December 2013.
Compare the VIR and GRIN taxonomies for <i>Beta</i> and provide a list of matching relationships for all relevant taxa.	Lothar Frese, with the assistance of Maria Cristina Duarte	End 2013	

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Crop-specific standards – regeneration			
Request Barbara Hellier (USDA–ARS) to provide information or possibly a protocol for the regeneration of <i>B. nana</i> .	Lothar Frese	End 2012	Done (April 2013).
Check the validity of the seed increase protocol for <i>Beta</i> (available here) and inform the WG Chair of the analysis	All <i>Beta</i> WG curators, under the coordination of the WG Chair	End 2012	No comment received. Deadline for this activity extended to mid-November 2013.
Publication of the proceedings			
Provide papers to be included in the proceedings of the meeting to Lothar Frese	All authors	By 3 September 2012	11 draft papers submitted by 10 Oct 2012
Publish scientific proceedings of this meeting	Lothar Frese plus co-editors	2013	Not achieved. Action closed.