

Sharing of long-term conservation responsibilities as a possible model for



A European Genebank Integrated System

Aims of the AEGIS project:

- to ensure *ex situ* long-term **conservation** of crop genetic resources in Europe
- to ensure their easy **access**
- to ensure their continued **use**
- to avoid **duplication** of conservation efforts in Europe
- to **share** conservation efforts in general within Europe

The project (2004-2006) is funded by ECP/GR and involves technical experts from the major genebanks in Europe. Project partners are expected to assess the current conservation status of four model crops (*Allium*, *Avena*, *Brassica* and *Prunus*) in Europe and propose specific solutions for an integrated genebank system.

The output of this feasibility study is expected to consist of a set of recommendations based on the analysis of organizational, structural, technical, legal and financial aspects, for endorsement by the ECP/GR Steering Committee and further implementation in Europe.

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