



# Obstacles from French national legislation

Discussing AEGIS constraints / problem areas

**Before 2016**

# A diverse mosaic of actors in the conservation

## 120 main actors

**LOCAL LEVEL (in-situ & ex-situ conservation)**

**Voluntary sector (farmers, individual or non-profit organizations)**



*Les Croqueurs de pommes*



CONSERVATOIRE  
VEGETAL  
REGIONAL  
D'AQUITAINE



**Regional genetic resources centers & Botanic conservatories**

**NATIONAL LEVEL (ex-situ conservation)**

**Public research institutes**



**27 Public-private networks**

**National coordination**

**No clear overview available on PGR conservation in France**

**Since 2016 :**

# A **national** growing dynamic of conservation



## **Coordination structure for PGR and CWR conservation**

Inventories of stakeholders and collections in France

Identification of interested stakeholders to be part of network conservation

Support on policy context  
Interaction stakeholders *in situ* & *ex situ* conservation

## **French Ministry for Agriculture & Food**

**Official recognition of stakeholders & PGR's collections**

**Threatened collections or orphan species**

**Stakeholders support**

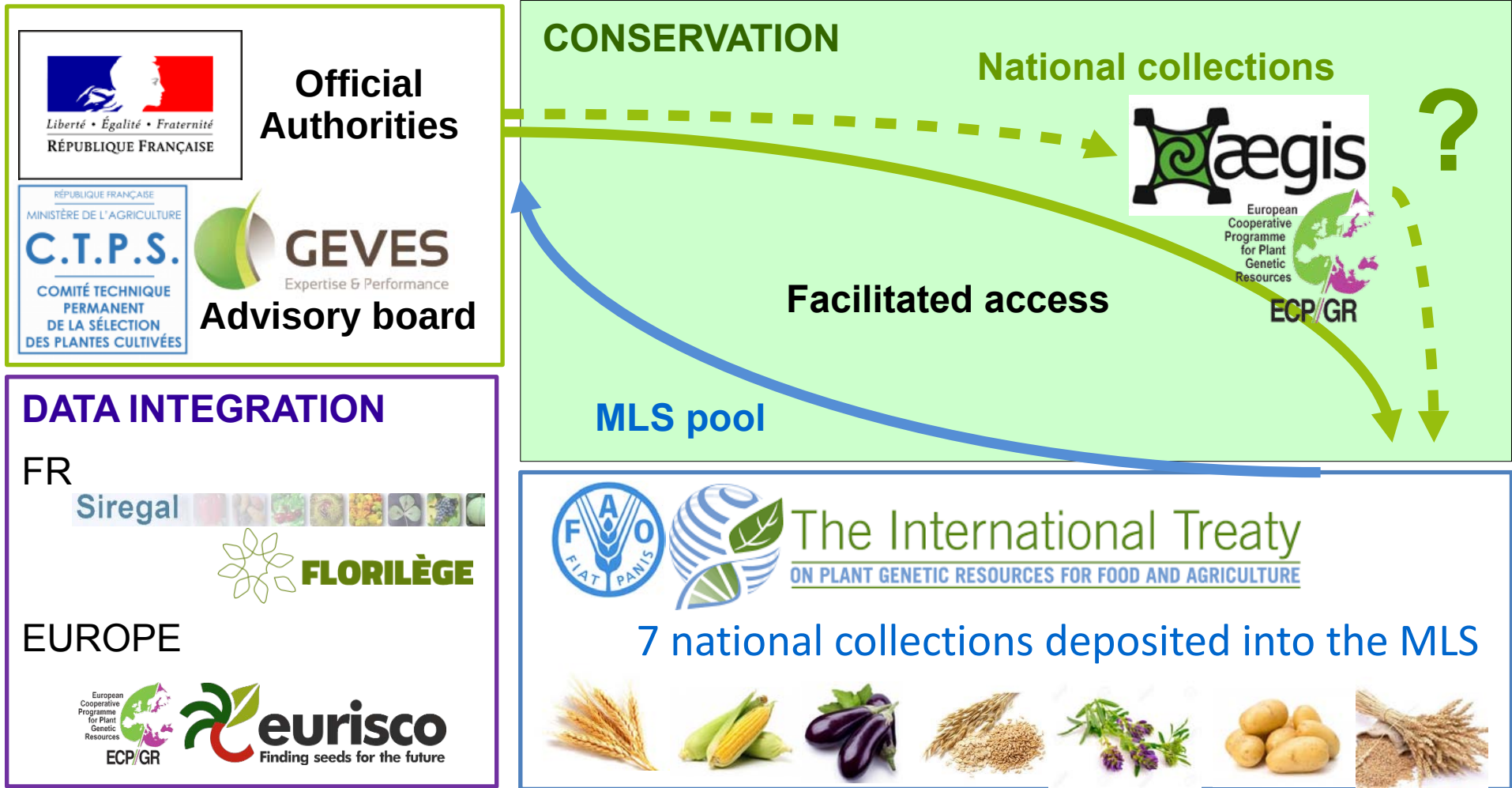
## **CTPS Section for PGR and CWR conservation**

Criteria of recognition

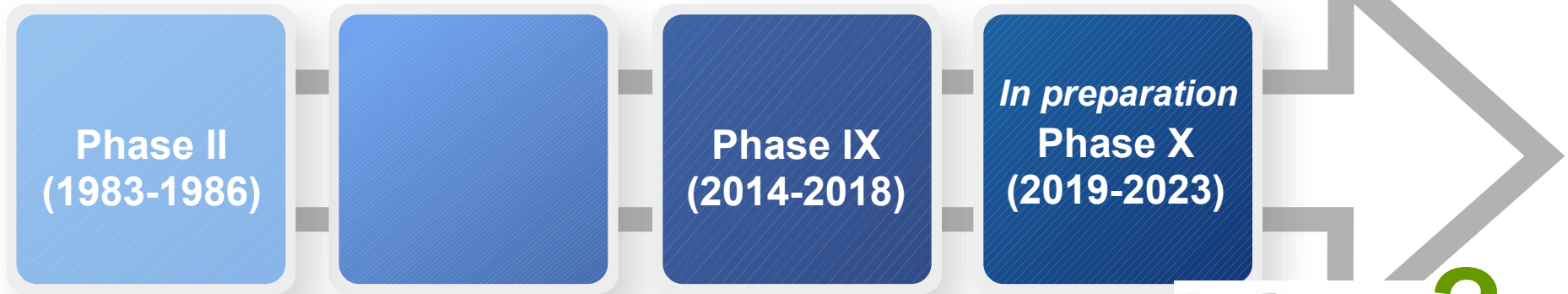
Definition of priorities between targeted species & validation of conservation schemes

Punctual and decisive support actions

# Implementation to the international level



# France membership to ECPGR : retrospective and prospects



**2015 : EURISCO data sharing agreement**



**2016 : National coordination structure**



National coordinator : Audrey Didier



# AEGIS membership : Situation of France

Technical elements justifying France membership in AEGIS :

- 1) Associate members : CRB – public research institutes  
- conservation standards in agreement with AEGIS standards
- 2) Prior reflection on candidate collections (among public-private networks' collections)  
thanks to French members of ECPGR WGs

# AEGIS membership : Situation of France

Circular from the Prime Minister on May, 30th 1997 (*in force*):  
Signature of agreements under international law

**prohibition of signature** on Memorandum of Understanding

→ *legal uncertainty : all agreements (whatever their denomination) signed by the French government are legally binding*

# AEGIS membership : Situation of France

## *Prospects ?*

- *To agree with the ECPGR Secretariat on a different legal terminology.*

## **Declaration of Intent ?**

*(ongoing project EUGENA – ERFP network)*





# Thank you for your attention

## Discussion time

