



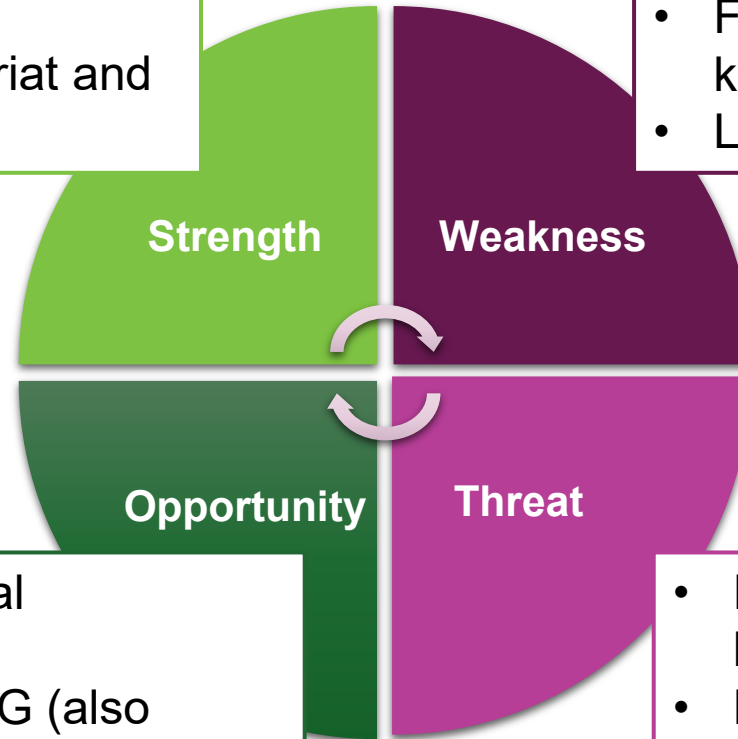
SUBGROUP NORTH

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- International network and WGs with technical expertise
- Effective PGR infrastructure (EURISCO, AEGIS, EVA, GenResJ)
- Online resources for practitioners (standards, protocols etc.)
- Strong connection btw. Secretariat and NCs.

- Limited political recognition of ECPGR contributions and linkages at national level
- Unequal capacity of national programmes and engagement in ECPGR
- Financial limitation (dependence on in kind contributions and bilateral funds)
- Low visibility and outreach of ECPGR



- Genebanks recognized as critical infrastructure
- EU projects developed within WG (also Colibri)
- Outreach (50-year anniversary of ECPGR in 2030, FAO side events, Svalbard)
- ECPGR to enable PGR use and support national programmes

- Political priorities at national and EU level
- Limited funds for PGR and lack of stable financing
- Geopolitical developments
- Limitation for PGR regeneration

Questions for discussion session

- How can the ECPGR framework be improved to help countries save and use PGR more effectively?
- What useful ideas from Pro-GRACE and other European projects should ECPGR include in its next Phase XII?
- What actions at national or regional level are needed to make PGR recognized as essential for food security?
- What kind of investment is needed for ECPGR to make a real leap forward in helping countries implement the PGR Strategy?
- What outreach activities could the ECPGR Secretariat and the SC do to become more visible, build partnerships, and attract funding?
- Using our existing MoUs (with Crop Trust, Euroseeds, ITPGRFA), what joint activities make sense based on shared interests and different strengths?
- What background work is needed before we can include these ideas in ECPGR's work plan for Phase XII?

TASK 1: Phase XII preferred mode of operation

1. Long-term strategic vision for ECPGR, setting clear aims and priorities for the organization
2. Develop a proactive funding strategy to achieve priorities
3. Support and strengthen WGs, including increasing visibility, regular WG chair meetings and support from the Secretariat
4. More active involvement of NC, e.g. through regular (brief) updates from countries to SC (with a template/agreed format)
5. Communication is key – also at National level (e.g. summaries of key achievements and what countries gains from ECPGR)

TASK 2: Brainstorm on ECPGR priority activities for Phase XII

INSTRUCTIONS: In the following slides, please list the ECPGR actions that have priority 1 or 2, suggested type of action and funding, and any relevant comment.

Consider exploitation of project outputs, national and regional initiatives that ECPGR could promote and the network's interaction with other international organizations.

Priority 1

Related to use (5):

- Pre-breeding activities should be promoted from all crops (not only CWR)
- Consider a priority activity on the use and relevance of molecular techniques, e.g. develop a European project on DSI

Related to Monitoring (6):

- Monitor ECPGR instruments and grant activities (rather than the overall strategy)
- Gap analysis in the work of ECPGR

Any other business

- ECPGR need to keep pace and be open for change and development
- Actively promote collaboration with other organizations through projects and common activities
- Need to review all targets and make them SMART
- Clarify how they are measured (what does the color-codes refer to)
- Develop clear and simple, fact-based messages related to PGR (both risks and opportunities) – to be used both at European and national level