



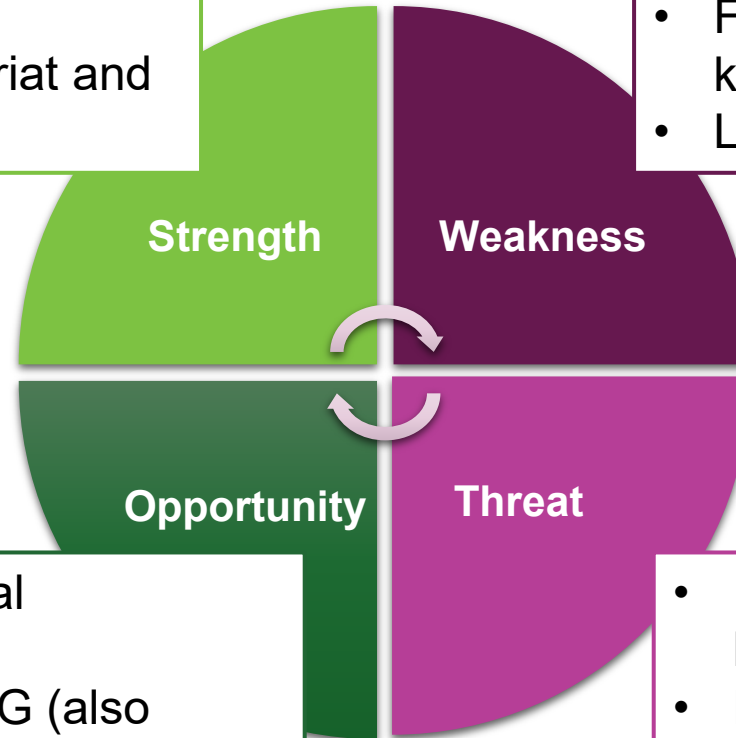
# SUBGROUP WEST

*ECPGR 18<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting  
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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

*INSTRUCTIONS: Please write here any adjustments to the ECPGR framework the subgroup suggests and why*

- More interactions between NCs (if possible through physical meeting)
- Reconsider eternal existence of WG by reviewing outputs and activities
- Support genebanks managers network

## 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

To make visible what is in genebanks and better use it to support food security and growth innovation :

- Support implementation of quality management in European genebanks
- Support implementation of genebanks metrics to increase transparency of genebanks status and operation
- Genebanks peer reviews and/or certification and valorize activities done by genebanks
- Public-Private Partnerships : EVA Network and others

# Priority 1

- Investigating on the legal status : Task force with international legal expertise to identify the pros and cons. 2 directions to consider this point :
  - What the legal status can enable as the participation and leading of various projects, access more funding ?
  - What we need to achieve our goal and how we organized ourself and cover the cost ?
- To support national coordinator to secure national funding as example :
  - we need stories that are easy to communicate to general public and policy makers
  - ECPGR can support individually each members or at least have a platform of tailored approaches to engagement with government or decision makers and the private sectors (in collaboration with Euroseed and NGOs)



## Any other business

*INSTRUCTIONS: Please write here any other issues the subgroup wants to share with the plenary.*

