

Eighteenth meeting of the ECPGR Steering Committee

1-4 June 2026, Tbilisi, Georgia

Draft agenda

Sunday, 31 May or Monday, 1 June 2026

Arrival of participants at Hotel Holiday Inn, Tbilisi

Monday, 1 June 2026

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

Registration *Conference venue: Hotel Holiday Inn*

14:00 – 14:30 *Registration*

1. **Opening** (*Chair: J. Weibull*)

14:30 – 14:45 *Opening statements by Lasha Dolidze, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia*

14:45 – 15:00 *Welcome address by the Chair and adoption of the Agenda*

2. **Reporting on Phase XI** (*Chair: D. Ruņģis*)

15:00 – 15:40 *Mid-Term technical and financial report of Phase XI (L. Maggioni)*

15:40 – 16:10 *Communications strategy report and way forward (N. Capozio)*

16:10 – 16:40 *Coffee/Tea break*

16:40 – 16:50 *Report from the ExCo on its activities (J. Weibull)*

16:50 – 17:20 *The EVA experience during Phase XI (S. Goritschnig)*

17:20 – 17:50 *EURISCO update and prospects for Phase XI (S. Weise)*

17:50 – 18:20 *Other German-funded projects: AEGIS and CWRs (L. Maggioni)*

Dinner (self-organized)

Tuesday, 2 June 2026

3. **Reporting on Phase XI (continued)** (*Chair: M. Boczowska*)

09:00 – 09:30 *ECPGR Secretariat involvement with Horizon Europe projects (S. Goritschnig)*

09:30 – 10:00 *The Genebank Managers Network – Progress and planning (D. Janovská)*

10:00 – 10:40 *Feedback from the WG Chairs (K. Annamaa)*

10:40 – 11:10 *Coffee/Tea break*

4. ECPGR next steps in Phase XI (Chair: I. Thormann)

- 11:10 – 11:40 Proposal from Bioversity for continued hosting of the Secretariat (*V. Guardia - online*)
- 11:40 – 12:10 Proposal for Phase XI budget revision (2027/2028) (*L. Maggioni / J. Weibull*)
- 12:10 – 13:30 Statements from all countries on financing of the programme, continuation in Phase XII and comments from observers (*All National Coordinators and observers*)
- 13:30 – 14:30 *Lunch break*

5. ECPGR next steps in Phase XI (continued) (Chair: Th. van Hintum)

- 14:30 – 15:30 Building on Pro-GRACE outputs to strengthen ECPGR: a SWOT analysis exercise (*S. Goritschnig*)
- 15:30 – 16:15 Discussion and revision of Table of Priorities. Proposals for Phase XI (*J. Weibull*)
- 16:15 – 16:45 *Coffee/Tea break*
- 16:45 – 17:30 Discussion on budget revision 2027/28
- 17:30 – 18:00 Wrap-up SC decisions and instructions for group discussion on Wednesday (*J. Weibull*)

Dinner (self- organized)

Wednesday, 3 June 2026

6. ECPGR towards Phase XII - sub-regional groups discussion (Chair: J. Weibull)

- 08:30–10:30 Four sub-regional groups are formed to openly discuss ECPGR priorities and mode of operation for Phase XII and bring proposals to the attention of the plenary
- 10:30–11:00 *Coffee/Tea break*
- 11:00-11:20 Proposed amendments to ECPGR Terms of Reference (*I. Thormann*)
- 11:20 –12:00 Reports from sub-regional rapporteurs (10' each)
- 12:00–13:00 Discussion on ECPGR priorities and mode of operation for Phase XII
- 13:00–13:15 Wrap-up on Phase XII (*J. Weibull*)
- 13:15 *Lunch break*
- Afternoon free (Rapporteurs compile the draft report)*
- 20:00 *Social dinner*

Thursday, 4 June 2026

7. Study Tour

08:30 *Departure from the hotel*

09:00 – 12:00 *Excursion to Jighaura and visit to the grape collectionN*

12:00 – 12:30 *Coffee break (organized by SRCA)*

8. Conclusion (Chair: J. Weibull)

12:30 – 13:30 Reading of the meeting report

13:30 – 15:30 Discussion and approval of report

15:30 – 15:45 Concluding remarks of the meeting

16:00 – 18:00 Lunch (organized by SRCA)

18:30 *Return to Tbilisi and departure of participants*