

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

Registration *Conference venue: Hotel Holiday Inn*

14:00 – 14:30 *Registration*

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

14:30 – 14:45 Opening statements by representatives of the host country

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 – 16:00 Report from the ExCo on its activities (*J. Weibull*)

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee/Tea break*

16:30 – 17:10 The EVA experience during Phase XI (*S. Goritschnig*)

17:10 – 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: P. Engel*)

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

09:30 – 10:00 The genebank network – Progress and planning (*D. Janovská*)

10:00 – 10:40 Feedback from the WG Chairs (*M. Lateur / 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 (*J.L. Restrepo - online*)

11:40 – 12:10 Proposal for Phase XI budget revision (2027/2028) (*J. Weibull / L. Maggioni*)

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 PRO-GRACE outputs and proposals for their use by ECPGR in implementing the PGR Strategy (*Introduced by participants in Pro-Grace*)
- 15:30 – 16:15 Discussion and revision of Table of priorities. Proposals for Phase XI and XII (XXXX)
- 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 (*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 (*J. Weibull/L. Maggioni*)
- 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

- 09:00 – 12:00 *Excursion to Jighaura and visit of the grape collection.*
(Rapporteurs compile the draft report)
- 12:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

8. Conclusion (Chair: J. Weibull)

- 14:00 – 14:45 Reading of meeting's report
- 14:45 – 16:45 Discussion and approval of report, *with coffee break*
- 16:45 – 17:00 Concluding remarks of the meeting
- 18:00 *Return to Tbilisi and departure of participants*