

FRUITTREEDATA Project 'update' meeting

26th September 2025 09:00-10:45 (CET)

Ms Teams

Meeting Minutes

Present

Partner 1 (Chair, GBR); Partners 2-4, 8-11, 13-16 (BEL, ITA, CHE, NOR, CZE, FRA, ALB, LVA, FIN, SVN, EST); Self-funded partner 3 (CHE).

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Partners 6, 7, 12 (HUN, NLD, FRA) and Partner 5 (DEU) had to leave the meeting due to a poor connection.

Self-funded partner 1 (DEU) had not been invited.

2. Introductions

All participants introduced themselves. Saija Rantala attended on behalf of Partner 14 (FIN) and both Francoise Van Roozendael and Baptiste Dumont attended in support of Partner 2 (BEL).

3. C&E data curation

It was noted that Partner 7 (NLD) had uploaded a substantial amount of C&E data already during the course of the project.

Various queries were raised around data formatting. The Partners asked for clarity on:

- Whether it was OK to compile data from multiple crops into a single file;
- Whether it was OK to compile data from multiple years into a single experiment;
- Whether averaged data from multiple years was acceptable;
- What type of numbering was acceptable to use for Trait_Number (specifically, whether the numbering in line with document headings was acceptable or not);
- How to assign Genotype_Number and how this related to the accession;
- Whether scaled data should be limited to whole integers or whether scores to one decimal place were acceptable.

Matt Ordidge suggested that he felt the first three items were OK and shared an example of his own proposed data for upload. He agreed that he would contact Stephan Weise to clarify understanding on all matters. It was generally agreed that the traits were open for Partners to define – but that consistency in this would add value to the overall dataset.

Further discussion focussed on traceability and the need to include MUNQ/PUNQ/CHUNQ coding within EURISCO. Matt Ordidge noted that the level of traceability was to the accession (and that it was largely up to Partners to determine how Accession Numbers related to their trees in the field).

It was agreed that the best compromise to allow the inclusion of MUNQ and PUNQ etc. might be to consider these as a Trait (to be confirmed by EURISCO).

4. Holdings missing from EURISCO

Matt Ordidge reiterated the concept behind this element of work. He noted that material in UK Botanic Gardens was missing and that from an initial consideration of the CHUNQ coded cherries in EURISCO, it was evident that germplasm from France, Sweden and Norway was missing from EURISCO. Partners were each asked to consider the position in their own countries.

Key points:

- It was reiterated that not every collection should be considered within scope; in general, amateur collections would often remain out of scope of EURISCO (unless they had government support); the focus should be on material deemed to be in the public domain.

Hedi Kaldmäe reconfirmed that Estonia had, within the timeframe of the project, moved from only listing accessions of Estonian origin within EURISCO to listing all of their genebank material.

5. MUNQ and PUNQ

Helene Muranty confirmed that the intention was to supply partners with listings from the MUNQ (and PUNQ) assessment with the view that they would each clarify where material was listing in EURISCO. This would hopefully be carried out shortly.

6. CCDBs

Unfortunately the meeting had been arranged at a time when Partner 12 was not available and so no updates on the Prunus DB were available.

Marc Lateur and Matt Ordidge clarified that the only potentially useful information from the Malus and Pyrus databases was a list of Pyrus synonyms.

It was agreed that the key objective for the Prunus database was to ensure that no significant data were lost when the DB was closed down.

7. Project administration

It was clarified that the project end date was end September but the reporting date was officially 15th October. Matt Ordidge agreed to contact ECPGR.

Partners clarified that funding was generally allocated to person-time but that no detailed financially reporting was usually requested by ECPGR.

Daniela Giovannini agreed to share a document containing the peach descriptor traits.

List of Participants

Matthew Ordidge

Marc Lateur

Daniela Giovannini

Mauro Bergamaschi

Andrea Patocchi

Stein Harald Hjeltnes

Jiri Sedlak

Helene Muranty

Frida Carka

Gunars Lacis

Saija Rantala

Gregor Osterc

Hedi Kaldmäe

Christina Kägi