



Working Group - Documentation and Information
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Summary of the WG on line meeting (16.04.2026) **National Reports to the ERFP Annual Assembly**

Supporting countries and strengthening ERFP cooperation

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Why this initiative today?

- The Annual National Report - a practice followed for several years in ERFP Annual Meetings
- Contributed to the better understand the situation in each country and benefit from the exchange between countries

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- Improved data quality and available tools in DAD-IS

Need to:

- make better use of existing data
- provide reports with clear and structured information
- improve coordination and cooperation

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Points for discussion today

- Inform the WG on the reflections and ideas exchanged on the online meeting
- Clarify the annual overview concept
- Agree on the draft report template to be presented in the General Assembly

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Key points of the online meeting

- Define to whom the National Annual Report is addressed
- Is it a formal report or a promotional material?
- The objective is not to change the existing reporting flow (i.e. NCs upload data to DADIS)
- Which format will be followed - document, online interactive tool, or dashboard?
- Is it a country-level national report or a Europe-wide report ?
- Is the objective to help each country produce its own annual report or to create a merged overview combining all countries' data?
- How effective would a European report be for raising awareness at country level?

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This is NOT an additional burden

- Light annual reporting mechanism
- Based on existing DAD-IS data
- Supplemented with inputs on activities and highlights through the year
- Aims to improve existing processes and tools
- Distinct from public promotional materials
- Avoid duplicating national systems
- Support ERFP activities

👉 Turn data into a strategic tool

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Discussion on the Scope

- Primary scope is **internal network communication** and information to ministries/authorities
- A national-level report, not a merged European report
- Several countries noted they already publish annual indicators (Spain, Nordic countries, Netherlands) and offered those formats as reference material for a harmonized template.

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Discussion on format linked to ERFP work

- Develop a concise Annual Reporting tool aligned with the Global Plan for Action (Strategic Priority Areas) to track country activity and gaps
- The report should combine DAD-IS statistics with country-provided narrative on activities and highlights
- The format will be short, practical, and avoid duplicating existing national reporting work
- Possibility for exploring of online interactive options and shorter dashboards for awareness
- To serve as a supportive tool for countries

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Discussion on availability of Data and harmonization

- Concerns were raised about empty DAD-IS fields and incomplete breed descriptions
- Need to define a minimal set of mandatory fields (number of breeds, population/risk status, cryo-status, recent population size) to produce a reliable summary ?
- How should missing or outdated data be handled in annual reports?
- What functionalities or improvements should be prioritised in the new DAD-IS interface to better support national reporting processes?
- Suggestions to use infographics and tools like Dashboards to present country-level status overviews, starting with a European-level summary and then moving to country-level visualizations.

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Role of ERFP and coordination

- What should be the exact role of ERFP in using national reports?
- How can reporting be turned into a regional coordination tool ?

ERFP	Countries
Harmonized reporting across countries Comparable and reliable data Stronger regional coordination	Better monitoring, improved data quality Support decision making

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Content of the National Report

- Breed numbers and risk status / conservation status
- Population trends
- Conservation actions news
- Key challenges and priorities

Links with available tools / on going actions (ERFP / EuRC-EAB)

Flexibility – Adapting the report to each country:

- No rigid format
- Can be simplified or expanded
- Fits national priorities

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Content of the National Report

- Extracted data from DAD-IS, key figures and indicators
- Supplementary material (activities, highlights of the specific year, key challenges) – *short paragraphs*
 - Characterisation, inventoring, monitoring of trends and associated risks
 - Sustainable use and development
 - Conservation
 - Policies, institutions, capacity building

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Process for the National Report

- Update DAD-IS regularly
- Extract key data
- Complete short template
- Finalize report

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Reflection on Annual Reporting and the New DAD-IS

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New version of DAD-IS and relevance of indicators

Links with available tools / on going actions
(ERFP / EuRC-EAB)

- Do the indicators extracted from DAD-IS accurately reflect the reality of animal genetic diversity?
- Which indicators are currently missing to better understand breed dynamics?
- Should we prioritize fewer but more robust indicators, or more indicators for greater precision?

- What would be the most useful features of the new DAD-IS to reduce national reporting workload while improving data quality and usability?
- How can the evolution of DAD-IS and the reporting system together transform data collection into a truly strategic decision-support tool?
- How can the annual reporting process be used as a structured feedback loop to co-develop and improve the new version of DAD-IS?

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