

Minutes of the First Meeting of the ERFП Task Force In Situ Conservation
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Presentations by Beate Berger, Delphine Duclos, Sebastian Winkel (see attachments).

General agreement was reached that “in situ” should not be restricted geographically. The TF agreed that for working purposes “in situ” should be seen as “kept in the prevalent production environment providing goods and/or services for food and agriculture”.

Main issue of the ERFП TF In Situ is to analyze the need for a permanent ERFП Working Group In Situ.

Possible issues for a permanent WG In Situ as discussed and agreed by the TF during the session

- To promote and support cross-border in situ conservation initiatives by facilitating contacts and helping to harmonize programs
- To collect best practices examples for cross-border in situ conservation breeding programs and develop guidelines
- To promote pedigree breeding and help to establish (international) herdbooks
- To facilitate cooperation of breeding organisation across borders and give support e.g. by translation of breeding standards
- To collect best practice examples of environmental use of rare breeds
- To establish and maintain contact with environment protection initiatives on European level (e.g. cross border grazing – IPBES, EU INTERREG projects).
- To raise awareness for and spread information of sustainable use and creation of value chains for rare breeds by collecting best practices and enabling translations!
- To promote and support R & D measures.
- To develop an online brand lexicon. TF should involve breed organisations on local level to enhance completeness. Use country subpages in new ERFП website!
- To support the establishment of Ark Farms and Rescue Centres with special regard to transboundary rare breeds.
- To help to improve the integration of in situ and ex situ conservation activities (together with WG Ex Situ).
- To promote the use of modern breeding technologies for the purpose of in situ conservation to respective stakeholders on transnational and national level.
- To develop and coordinate European Innovation Partnership operational groups for in situ conservation of AnGR within the EU Rural Development Policy (together with TF EU).

Most of these issues are significantly out of the time frame set for a TF. Therefore the TF agreed to present these issues to the ERFП General Assembly and to recommend the establishment of a permanent ERFП Working Group In Situ.