

Annual Progress Report 2017

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ERFP Steering Committee

- **1st Meeting in March 2017 in Ljubljana, Slovenia**
 - ✓ ERFP Budget, Country contributions
 - ✓ ERFP Secretariat and end of term
 - ✓ Preparation/organisation of the ERFP Assembly Meeting in Tallinn, Estonia
 - ✓ Collaboration with other networks; Short report on CGRFA outcome
 - ✓ Further proceeding - European Genebank Network for AnGR (EUGENA)
 - ✓ Review of the ERFP future activities
 - ✓ EU reference centre for endangered breeds
 - ✓ Development of the ERFP communication tools
- **2nd Meeting in August 2017 in Tallinn, Estonia**
 - ✓ Annual progress, ERFP Financial Report, Country contributions, MyPoW 2018-2021
 - ✓ Procedure for the ERFP Secretariat end of term, Organisation of Assembly Meeting
 - ✓ ERFP Activities report and evaluation, Ad hoc actions – procedure and goals
 - ✓ Collaboration of networks/HORIZON 2020, Development of communication matters
 - ✓ *Activity plan and Budget Proposal for 2018*
 - ✓ Bilateral meeting with FAO





ERFP Steering Committee

• Members

The Netherlands	Sipke-Joost Hiemstra	Chair	since 2015	end 2018
Slovenia	Danijela Bojkovski	ERFP Secretariat	since 2014	end 2018
Sweden	Eva-Marie Stålhammar	Member “North Region”	since 2015	end 2019
Slovakia	Jan Tomka	Member “East Region”	since 2015	end 2019
Austria	Beate Berger	Member “West Region”	since 2015	end 2019
Luxembourg	Jeanne Bormann	Member “Central Region”	since 2014	end 2018
Albania	Kristaq Kume	Member “South Region”	since 2013	end 2017

• Leaving

Albania	Kristaq Kume	Member “South Region”	since 2013	end 2017
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• Nomination

Serbia	Srdjan Stojanovic	Member “South Region”
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ERFP Secretariat

- **Team:** Danijela Bojkovski (Head); Gasan Osojnik



- **Main activities**

- ✓ ABS consultation forum
- ✓ FAO CGRFA – coordination and preparation of the position papers within EU countries
- ✓ Organization/preparation of the SC meeting in Ljubljana and Tallinn, 2017
- ✓ Organization/preparation of the *Ad hoc* Action meeting: Development of the ERFP Communication tools, Ljubljana, March 2017
- ✓ Support organization of the WG/TF meetings in Belgrade, May 2017
- ✓ Support organization of the TF ABS/ TF EU meeting in Bled, June 2017
- ✓ Collaboration with other networks – ECPGR and EUFORGEN



ERFP Working groups

- Working group, TF Chiars

WG Ex situ Conservation	Jelena Ramljak	Croatia	since 2016	end 2019
WG Doc Info	Enrico Sturaro	Italy	since 2017	end 2020
TF EU	Jeanne Bormann	Luxembourg	since 2014	
TF ABS	Elzbieta Martyniuk	Poland	Since 2014	
TF In situ Conservation	Beate Berger	Austria	since 2017	end 2017





ERFP Working Groups

- **Working Group *Ex Situ* conservation**

- ✓ The meeting of the ERFP WG *Ex Situ* Conservation, took place at Belgrade, Serbia on 4th May 2017. The first part of the meeting was organized jointly with the WG Doc Info. The main topic of discussion was the EUGENA MoU, Material Transfer agreement and Material Acquisition agreement, IMAGE and Sanitary and Veterinary issues in Cryo-Conservation.
- ✓ Status of signing EUGENA MoU is in progress, 6 countries signed MoU and 5 countries are in the process. The members have outlined the obstacles for not signing the MoU and next steps discussed.
- ✓ MAA and MTA were presented and feedback by WG members discussed. General conclusion is that MTA and MAA will be adapted to the national law.
- ✓ IMAGE – relationship between EUGENA and IMAGE were presented. IMAGE survey collected information about germplasm and genomic collections.
- ✓ Sanitary and Veterinary issues related to (cryo)conservation of local AnGR are not sufficiently reflected in the EU Legislation.



ERFP Working Groups

- **Joint meeting of WG *Ex Situ* conservation and WG Documentation and Information**
 - ✓ Results of the *Ad hoc* action - development of the ERFP communication tools and logo, suggestions for modernisation and restructuring of ERFP website (i.e. event calendar, country pages, publications). Proposal for structure and snapshot of ERFP webpage and guidelines for ERFP website modernisation and its maintenance.
 - ✓ Detailed structure of the EUGENA Webportal development and some technical issues about content were provided (potential users, data providers, management and costs of portal, ...). Further steps in development of EUGENA portal are proposed (disclaimer, copyright, terms and condition).
 - ✓ Data for SDG indicator 2.5.1. on cryoconservation needs to be developed and how to achieve comparable data between the states was raised. Small group was established to assist FAO with developing and implementing the indicator.



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- **Working Group Documentation and Information**

- ✓ The meeting of the ERFP WG *Doc Info*, took place at Belgrade, Serbia on 3rd and 4th May 2017. The second part of the meeting was organized jointly with the WG Ex situ Conservation. The main topics of the WG meeting were presentation of main recommendations of the *Ad hoc* Action: Socio-economic parameters, results of the *Ad hoc* action - development of the ERFP communication tools, transboundary breeds, mountain breeds in EUROPE and election of the new Chair.
- ✓ Need to continue the efforts improving the EFABIS data quality and enrich the currently lacking information, connected with the breeding environment.
- ✓ Identifying the reasons for low completeness of fields „Adaptedness classification“, and searching for solutions.
- ✓ Improvement of the cryo EFABIS data.
- ✓ Recommendations for the ERFP communication strategy, communication group for the ERFP website content.
- ✓ The existing list of the transboundary breeds in EFABIS could be used to promote management strategies within the countries.
- ✓ Mountain breeds in Europe - characteristics of rustic mountain breeds in EFABIS possible new *Ad hoc* Action.



ERFP Task Forces

- **Task Force on Access and Benefit Sharing**
 - ✓ Meeting of TF ABS took place from 15th-16th June 2017 in Bled (Slovenia). The group worked together on the finalisation of the paper on „Possible consequences of the Nagoya Protocol for animal breeding and the worldwide exchange of animal genetic resources“, discussed and prepared the ABS Task Force submission to the CGRFA on to the non-prescriptive explanatory notes describing, within the context of the ABS Elements, the distinctive features and specific practices of different subsectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture, submitted on end of July, and finally agreed to work on ABS Task Force submission to the CGRFA on Digital sequence information on genetic resources for food and agriculture.
- **Task Force EU matters**
 - ✓ Meeting of TF EU took place from 15th-16th June 2017 in Bled (Slovenia). The main topics of the meeting was screening of EU legislation with AnGR relevance, EU reference centre for endangered breeds and recommendations for the development of the ERFP web page.

ERFP Task Forces

- **Task Force on *In situ* Conservation**

Meeting of TF In situ Conservation took place at Belgrade, Serbia on 4th May 2017.

The main task was to discuss possibilities for establishment of permanent WG on In situ conservation.

In this context:

- Strategies of in situ conservation,
 - Environmental Services by endangered breeds,
 - Conservation by consumption,
 - Sanitary and veterinary issues
- were discussed.





ERFP *Ad hoc* actions, 2017

- **EUGENA Web portal design**
 - ✓ The work of the developing EUGENA Web portal design is continuing after the *Ad hoc* Action group finished the work in communication with ERFP Secretariat and Zhivko DucheV. The EUGENA logo was developed and development of the Web portal is in the progress.
- **Development of the ERFP Communication tools**
 - ✓ The *Ad hoc* Action group met on 14th -15th March 2017 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The main emphasis of the meeting was an effective approach to the new ERFP communication strategy. External communication experts presented their experience and further on the outcome of the web survey related to ERFP webpage was presented, draft EUGENA and ERFP logo were discussed. The communication strategy, technical specification of the ERFP webpage was drafted, basic costs assessment and offers presented and suggested roadmap for ERFP website and communication tools development proposed.



ERFP Collaboration with other organisations

• **FAO**

- ✓ Close collaboration with the Animal Genetic Resources Branch at the FAO
- ✓ Collaboration of FAO at the WG Info Doc meeting in Belgrade

• **Observer to Assembly**

- ✓ FAO, NordGen, SAVE, DAGENE, EAAP, EFFAB, RBI, European Commission

• **European Commission**

- ✓ ERFP seeks to establish the regular contact and further enhance cooperation
- ✓ Members of the EU ABS Consultation Forum
- ✓ Common letter of ECPGR, Euforgen, MIRRI, ERFP drawing attention to conclusions and recommendations of the Preparatory Action on EU plant and animal genetic resources/offer operational structures to integrate them as permanent components of a future EU Strategy of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (EU Agrobiodiversity Strategy)
- ✓ Common letter and proposal for the Horizon 2020, Working Programme 2018-2020 where six major research topics for the conservation and sustainable use of GRFA



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