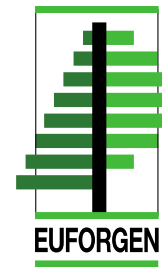


***Ad hoc action:
GenResBridge***



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General refreshment

Objectives of the GenRes Bridge project:

- To strengthen the collaboration, conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources - contribute to the long-term food security.
- Share perspectives, exchange good practices, harmonise standards and collaborate on training.
- Accelerate collaborative efforts and develop capacities across the three domains.
- **Develop integrated Pan-European strategy for genetic resources in Europe.**

Pan-European strategy – development and roadmap (1)

Important conclusion/agreements on:

- Context/outline.
- Publication format/draft contents.
- Working title, draft aim/objectives, definition of geographic scope.
- Stakeholders involvement.
- Actions, timeline, processes and responsibilities for production and publication.

Pan-European strategy – development and roadmap (2)

Context/outline:

- Cooperation between different communities (ECPGR, ERFP, EUFORGEN).
- Building and widening capacities across Europe + ENP: share perspectives, exchange best practices in GR management, identify synergies, harmonizing standards, sharing resources, data.
- Using domain specific knowledge/resources – to develop strategy for a EUROPEAN genetic resources management and sustainable use.

Pan-European strategy – development and roadmap (3)

Context/outline advantages:

- Strategy will be developed using participatory approach.
- Common voice of genetic resources in the agriculture, food and forestry sectors.
- Vision for genetic resources management in Europe.
- Policy recommendations for implementation.
- Increase awareness of importance of GR.

Pan-European strategy – development and roadmap (4)

Publication format:

- A cross-cutting strategy (+action plan) will serve as umbrella document for the domain specific programmes.
- It will drive development and implementation of policy and cross-sectoral actions for GR conservation and sustainable use.
- Publication of Strategy – stand alone document.
- Domain specific programmes/strategies – will coordinate/lead management activities in each domain. In the context of GenRes Bridge they will be published.

Pan-European strategy – draft content (5)

Table 1. Draft contents of the cross-cutting strategy and action plan

- **Foreword by appropriate EU Commissioner(s)**

- **Executive summary**

Part 1

- **Vision, aim and objectives**
- **Introduction – rationale for and context of the European strategy, including the geographic scope**
- **Genetic resources in the region – value, conservation and utilization status, and the actors involved**

Part 2

- **The policy landscape for genetic resources conservation and sustainable use**
- **Current strategies and programmes – achievements and limitations**

Part 3

Opportunities and needs for enhancing genetic resources management in the region – synergies between domains and domain-specific needs

- **Strategic recommendations (for policymakers) – to include policy and resource needs for genetic resources conservation and sustainable use**

Part 4

- **Action plan for genetic resources conservation and sustainable use in the region – targets, objectives, timeline, monitoring and responsibilities (organized along the FAO GPAs: a) conservation in situ, b) conservation ex situ, c) characterization, d) sustainable use, e) documentation, f) capacity building)**

Pan-European strategy – development and roadmap (6)

Working title for cross-cutting strategy:

- „European genetic resources strategy“
- „European genetic resources strategy“ plant/animal/forest

Draft aim:

- Ensure conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources for food, agriculture and forestry in Europe to contribute to the achievement of the 2030 SDG.

Pan-European strategy – development and roadmap (7)

Objectives:

- Strengthen actions to fulfil the obligations of the European Union and other European countries under international agreements that require the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources.
- Provide a platform for and increase the visibility of the diverse genetic resources conservation and sustainable use stakeholder communities.
- Communicate and increase awareness of the fundamental importance of genetic resources as the foundations of the food, agriculture and forestry sectors in Europe.

Pan-European strategy – development and roadmap (8)

Definition of geographic scope:

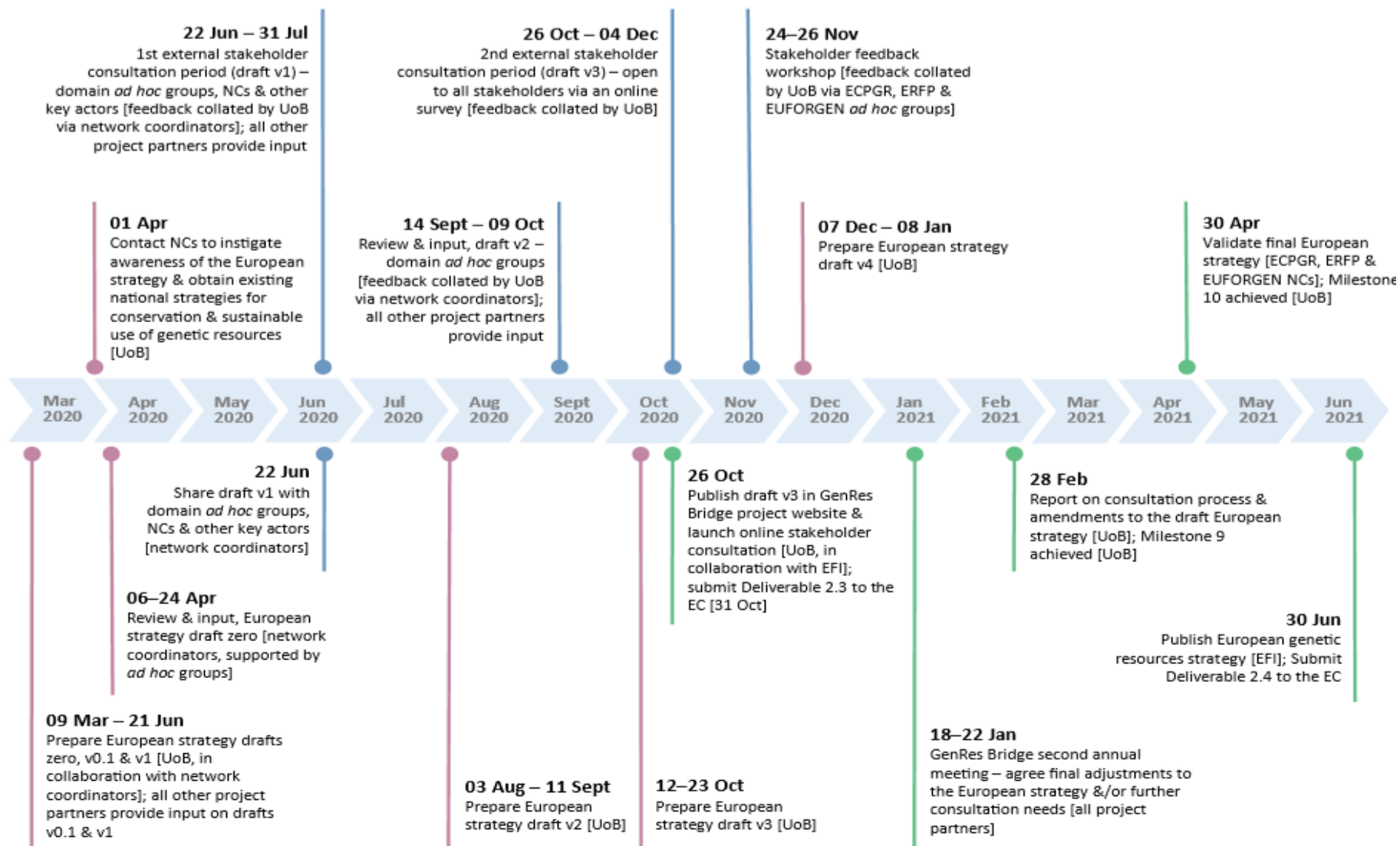
- Geographic Europe and ENP countries.
- EU legislative instruments are only applicable to EU member countries – clear message about measures that require implementation (EU / EU+EEA / EU+EEA+ENP).

Stakeholder engagement:

- All three networks established Ad hoc action groups to support the process
- Wider stakeholder community, including genetic resources National Coordinators
- Stakeholders need to feel „ownership“ of this strategy.
- The consultation process will conclude with a stakeholder validation workshop on 24–26 November 2020 in Padua, Italy.
- The NC will be central in the development process, they will validate strategy and act as the contact at national level.



Pan-European strategy – production roadmap (1)



Pan-European strategy – most important dates

Table 2. Development of the European genetic resources strategy: actions, timing, processes and responsibilities

Action	Start date	End date	Processes and responsibilities
Preparation of the European genetic resources strategy draft version 1 – involving UoB, network coordinators and <i>ad hoc</i> groups, and GenRes Bridge project partners	09 Mar 2020	05 Apr 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UoB provides guidance to the domain network coordinators on the information sought from them for the preparation of draft v1 of the European strategy UoB contacts National Coordinators to instigate awareness of the European strategy and obtain existing national strategies for conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources UoB produces a zero draft of the European strategy and shares with the network coordinators with required input highlighted
	06 Apr 2020	24 Apr 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network coordinators, supported by the <i>ad hoc</i> groups, review and provide input on the zero draft of the European strategy
	06 April 2020	10 May 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UoB prepares draft v0.1 of the European strategy
	11 May 2020	05 Jun 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UoB circulates draft v0.1 of the European strategy to network coordinators and other GenRes Bridge project partners Network coordinators (supported by the <i>ad hoc</i> groups) and other project partners, review and provide input on draft v0.1
	08 Jun 2020	21 Jun 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UoB prepares draft v1 of the European strategy and shares with the network coordinators and other GenRes Bridge project partners
1st external stakeholder consultation period – involving network coordinators and <i>ad hoc</i> groups, project partners, National Coordinators, and other key actors	22 Jun 2020	31 Jul 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network coordinators share draft v1 of the European strategy with the <i>ad hoc</i> groups, NCs and other key actors for input Network coordinators collate feedback on draft v1 and send to UoB UoB collates feedback from network coordinators and other project partners
Preparation of online stakeholder survey	22 Jun 2020	31 Jul 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UoB prepares the online stakeholder survey in liaison with network coordinators and EFI Communications Officer

ERFP network involvement and expectations

Two important documents:

- a) European Genetic Resources Strategy (for food, agriculture and forestry)
- b) Network specific European genetic resources programme/strategy for Animal genetic resources

ERFP network involvement and expectations

a) European Genetic Resources Strategy

- For food, agriculture and forestry - a detailed schedule have been agreed and involvement of the networks via the *Ad hoc* groups is crucial.
- The important dates for the preparation and first feedback was 24th April.
- We received information needed from our community (AnGR domain).

ERFP network involvement and expectations

b) European genetic resources programme/strategy for AnGR:

- Recommendation to consider the content of the GPA and adapting it to the conditions of Europe.
- Strategic priorities for action - assign to the respective WGs (including cross cutting strategic priorities for action for all three WGs) to work on.
- The WGs could prepare a draft and provide it to the NCs before the ERFP Assembly Meeting in 2020.
- The WG Chair Sebastian Winkel proposed a template to facilitate this process (by email before this meeting, today).

ERFP – next steps

a) Main cross cutting document - European Genetic Resources Strategy

- Information document was sent to WG leaders, *Ad hoc* action members and SC on specific issues, which have to be drafted by WG.
- Response came from all WG's
- General issues were prepared with help of all *Ad hoc* group members.
- Final scissors were in hand of WG Chairs + Secretariat.

ERFP – next steps

b) European genetic resources programme/strategy for AnGR:

- Framework was provided by Sebastian Winkel and forwarded to Ad hoc action members only.
- Suggestion is to draft text for AnGR-programme and after consultation with WG use the same text as input for general strategy.
- In practice this mean copying the respective texts of the GPA and adapting them to the conditions of Europe also take in account other important outcomes (PrepAction, IMAGE, etc).

ERFP – next steps

a) European genetic resources programme/strategy for AnGR:

- [Information document.](#)
- European Genetic Resource strategy – revision and comments (22 June 2020).
- European Genetic Resource strategy for Animal Genetic Resources (framework is proposed, further timeline have to be agreed).



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