



**Annual Report of WG:
In situ conservation**

ERFP General Assembly
9 September – 10 September 2021

**Chair:
Danijela Bojkovski**




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Members of the WG *In situ* conservation


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Croatia	Ante Ivankovic
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Serbia	Srdjan Stojanovic
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Spain	Jesus Fernandez Martin
Sweden	Per Thunman
Switzerland	Philippe Ammann
The Netherlands	Jack Windig
United Kingdom	Marcus Bates

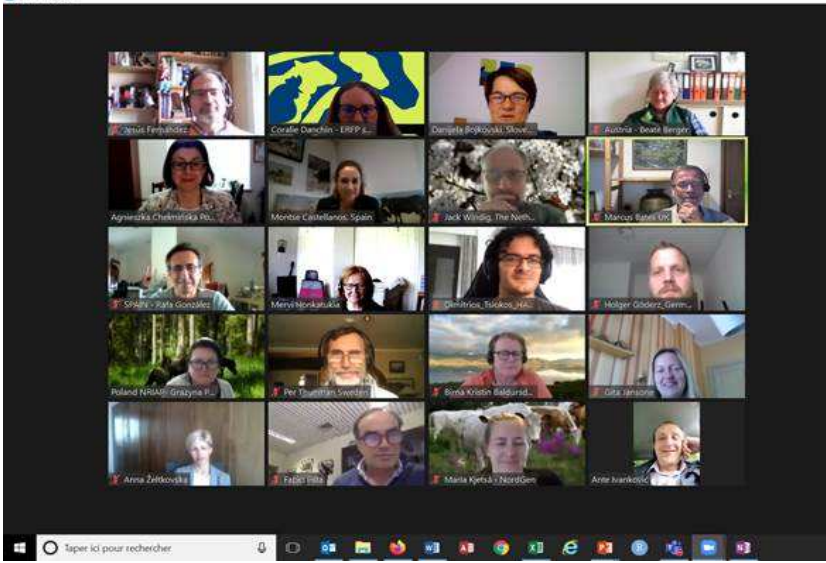
**All NCs are invited to
nominate a member for the
WG *In situ* conservation and
valorisation of AnGR (if not
already done).**

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Activities/tasks of WG *In situ* conservation


- **Activities of the WG were limited due to the Corona pandemic.**
- **A planned „in live“ joint meeting with the other ERFP WGs was cancelled.**
- **Online meeting to discuss the most important issues:**
 - **31th May 2020,**
 - **joined meeting on 3rd June 2021.**


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The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting in progress. The meeting title is "ERFP WG In situ conservation". There are 20 participants visible in a grid layout. The participants are: Otuus Pankkila (Finland), Coralie Deschin - ERFP (France), Danijela Polkocak (Slovenia), Austria - Beate Bergner, Agnieszka Chelminska (Czechia), Montse Castellanos (Spain), Jack Wainig (The Netherlands), Marcos Sainza (UK), SPANIL - Rafa Gonzalez, Mervi Horkkanen, Daria Kocik (Hungary), Holger Gbiderz (Germany), Roland NRIAGI (Poland), Pär Tuomitalo (Sweden), Berta Kristin Baldurard, Gita Jansone, Anna Zelikovska, Filipa Silva, Maria Kyrkku (Estonia), and Anne Ivankovic.

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May 31st 2021	Meeting of WG In situ	
10:00–10:10	Welcome and Introduction Objectives of the WG meeting	Chair
10:10–10:30	European Strategy for the Conservation and Use of animal genetic resources—presentation of part for <i>In situ</i> conservation and key commitments	Chair
10:30–11:00	Feedback on key commitments	Chair
11:00–11:30	“Promote and support rural development measures for AnGR”	Srdjan Stojanović
11:30–11:50	Presentation of the outcomes Ad hoc action: Merino	Fabio Pilla
11:50–12:20	Break	
12:20–12:40	<i>In situ</i> conservation of Genetic Resources—presentation of demo cases	Enrico Sturaro
12:40–13:00	Work plan for 2022 (to be approved at Assembly)	Chair
13:00–13:20	Ad hoc action proposals	All
13:20	AOB—conclusion	Together

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Activities/tasks of WG <i>In situ</i> conservation		
Tasks for the period 2020 – 2021:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote and support rural development measures for AnGR (task leader: Srdjan Stojanovic) 2. Support of the project GenRes Bridge (task leader: Danijela Bojkovski) 3. ERFP Guidelines for transboundary breeds (Srdjan Stojanovic, Danijela Bojkovski) 4. Development of the <i>Ad hoc</i> action Merino (task leader: Fabio Pilla, IT) 		
Permanent task: experience exchange during the WG meetings		

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Promote and support rural development measures for AnGR

Task leader: Srdjan Stojanovic

- Goal: analyse and review the support measures of RDA plans for the conservation of local breeds in the different countries.
- Questionnaire autumn 2019.
- Results collected and draft booklet prepared, updated this year, completed for hand in.

- **Next steps:**
 - Design and preparation of the on-line publication.
 - Preparation of the flyer for most important facts and results.
 - Development of a method/calculate the payments.


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Support of GenResBridge and AnGR strategy development

Task leader: Danijela Bojkovski

- Chair and the Ad hoc action leader at the same time, AnGR strategy is not part of the project
- WG - drafting content of the EGRS and AnGR strategy
- Demonstration case on AnGR in Slovenian Alps/preparation of abstract for the EAAP
- Key commitments/recommendations for both strategies; revising many versions


- **Next steps:**
 - Further support for the Action plan development for the AnGR strategy

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Development of the *Ad hoc* action Merino

Task leader: Fabio Pilla

- Merino derived sheep widely distributed worldwide
- Objective: establishment of international network of stakeholders from different categories
 - Joint monitoring and promotion of transnational merino sheep population
 - Active work to investigate genetic structure and relationship among Merino and Merino-derived breeds
- Next steps:
 - Continuation of the current work and physical meeting

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ERFP Guidelines for transboundary breeds

Srdjan Stojanovic, Danijela Bojkovski

- *Ad hoc* action was developed with support of WGs Chair
- Goal: promote common actions and collaboration between countries
- Questionnaire and main points defined, transboundary case studies identified, work on different cases together with other NC, EAAP abstract
- Next steps:
 - Collaboration with NC to complete case studies

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Work plan 2021-2022

Task “Promote and support rural development measures for AnGR”
Development of a method to calculate the payments and preparation of the flyer with most important facts and findings.

Task “Support of the project AnGR Strategy development”
The WG will continue to support development of the AnGR Strategy and forthcoming action plan.

Task “Ad hoc action Merino“
The WG will continue to support activities of the group.

Task “ERFP Guidelines for transboundary breeds”
The WG will continue to collaborate in this action and develop case studies further.

To be approved by the ERFP Assembly

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Work plan 2021-2022

New proposals for further consideration:

- *How in situ conservation is understood, arranged, perceived in different countries;*
- *Identify protected areas and AnGR conservation how they contribute to protected areas.*
- *Explore possibilities to create a framework for the European network of in situ conservation.*
- *How countries are implementing the new CAP in relation to farmers, gene banks and breeders' associations.*
- *Support the Ad hoc action/TF: Evaluation of breeding programs.*
- *Strengthen communication activities, awareness raising messages.*
- *Statement on strengthening the use of local breeds in landscape management and conservation (Holger Goederz).*

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