

Purpose of the ERFP

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Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

First, there was the FAO

Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture = only **permanent** intergovernmental body that specifically addresses biological diversity for food and agriculture

Members = 178 countries and The European Union
= “**National Coordinators**” (NCs)

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Then came a good idea

Animal Genetic Resources are **low** in the political agenda in most countries

=> set up a **network** of European National Coordinators

ERFP secretariat

Light structure = no juridical status

Funded by **voluntary** country contributions

Budget used for:

- Secretariat time
- Meetings
- Projects


Together
Everyone
Achieves
More!

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Aims

- ✓ Support the *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation and sustainable use of AnGR
- ✓ Facilitate the **implementation** of FAO's Global Plan of Action for AnGR at in the **Europe Region**

... in a very friendly atmosphere

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The General Assembly takes place the weekend before the EAAP Congress

2021: virtual
2020: virtual
2019: Ghent, Belgium
2018: Zagreb, Croatia
2017: Tallinn, Estonia

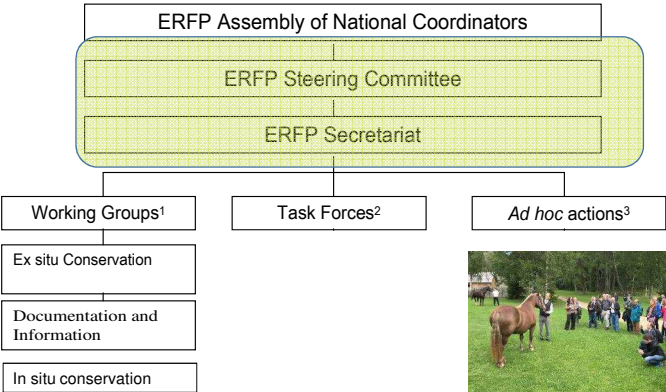


2016: Belfast, United Kingdom
2015: Balice, Poland
2014: Copenhagen, Denmark
2013: Nantes, France
2012: Bratislava, Slovakia






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How we operate




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            A[ERFP Assembly of National Coordinators] --> B[ERFP Steering Committee]
            B --> C[ERFP Secretariat]
            C --> D[Working Groups1]
            C --> E[Task Forces2]
            C --> F[Ad hoc actions3]
            D --> D1[Ex situ Conservation]
            D --> D2[Documentation and Information]
            D --> D3[In situ conservation]
            
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Note:
 1 = Working Groups: established on a permanent basis
 2 = Task Forces: established on a temporary basis to solve specific tasks
 3 = *Ad hoc* Actions: projects on a project basis to solve specific tasks





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ERFP Steering Committee and Secretariat

Steering Committee and chair

- 5 persons elected for a 4 years period by the GA
- Representative of the different European regions
- + Chair, elected for a 3 years period (re-election possible)



Secretariat

- Election for a 4 year period (re-election possible)
- Current secretariat:
IDELE (Livestock Institute) – France
- Previous secretariats:
 - University of Ljubljana – Slovenia
 - BLE – Germany
 - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki– Greece
 - BRG - France

M. Castellanos Moncho
Spain – New Chair