



# Task Force on documentation software for genebanks

Meeting of the Ex situ Conservation Working Group  
01 June 2022, Paris, France

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## Background

- Proper documentation is essential for the management of the gene banks collections
- Minimum amount of uniform data should be present everywhere
- Countries are using various solutions
- With the development of the collections the requirements towards the information management are increasing
- ERFP Ex situ Conservation Working Group has developed several activities in the last years to define the characteristics of a modern documentation software for gene banks and search for various solutions in the market – from available products to completely new development

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## Objectives

- Establish common requirements for the provider
- Identify new providers of databases for gene banks in the countries members of the TF
- Analyze the collected offers
- Select a technological solution and provider
- Take advantage of the number of gene banks interested in the negotiation of the prices and conditions of development/purchase.

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## Objectives

- Support each other in the process of migration to the new software
- Analyze the operation of the solution implemented, guarantee the maintenance of the system and propose new tools and solutions for future developments
- Transform the TF in permanent for the further maintenance and development of the solution selected and promote the incorporation of new countries to the TF and in the use of the solution.

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## Members

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## Previous Meetings

### Kick off meeting

- Gene banks setup
- Expectations from the TF
- Objectives and roadmap

### Meeting 2

- Common set of requirements
- Gene banks workflows
- Needed queries/reports
- Describe the user stories
- Country-dependent requirements

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## Important decision

Most realistic option is to purchase existing software and customize it to the needs of the partners



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## Next steps

- Meeting of the TF – 02. June 2022
  - User experience with Labcollector and Biologics
- Identify all common workflow elements
- Look for other possible providers
- Clear the administrative procedures
- Purchase (customized) product
- Migrate to the new software



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