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Ad hoc action on specific measures for AnGR ex situ conservation in the framework of the animal health legislation.

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1. BACKGROUND.

- Germinal products, may represent a source of risk for the spread of animal diseases.
- To prevent the risk of the spread of disease, regulations provide that germinal products must be collected, produced, processed and stored at specialized facilities and be subject to special animal health and hygiene regimes.
- The animal health requirements can be a serious burden for the collection of germinal products for genebanks, especially in the case of locally adapted breeds (low biosecurity, poor animal health status, high costs).

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- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/686, for first time, allow the movement of germinal products between genebanks in different countries, on the base of bilateral agreements and without having to fulfil the animal health requirements for the rest of the centres.
- The competence to regulate the collection, transformation and storage of germinal products intended to be kept in a genebank remain in the hands of each national government, because is out of the scope of Regulation (EU) 2020/686.
- It is highly recommended to establish specific derogations in the national animal health laws to regulate a specific requirements for genebanking (collections in farm, collections in an outbreak...)

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2. OBJECTIVES OF THE AHA.

- The suitable application of the derogation provided in Regulation (EU) 2020/686 on the movement of germinal products between genebanks located in different EU countries.
- The incorporation to the national animal health legal framework exceptions for the collection, transformation and storage of germinal products intended to be kept in a genebank

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<h2>2. DESCRIPTION AND TIME FRAME OF ACTIVITIES.</h2>	
October – November 2022	Make a team: EX Situ WG members and experts in animal health (priority from countries with specific animal health regulation for genebanks). Experts from the European Commission and ERC will be invited to participate in the AHA. The expected number of experts is around 10-12.
January 2023 - February 2023	Organization of a workshop by distance and translate to English of the specific animal health regulations for genebanks in force in different countries.
March 2023 – April 2023	Workshop (hybrid format) to collect the experiences in the countries on the animal health regulation for genebanks and discuss about current situation and future options.
June 2023 – November 2023	Development of a guidelines with recommendations for the suitable application of the derogation provide in Regulation 2020/686 and the incorporation to the national animal health legal framework exceptions for the collection, transformation and storage of germinal products intended to be kept in a genebank. These work will be developed by distance.