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Report of the ERFP Ad Hoc action EUGENA Steering Board Meeting

1. Objectives (Summary).

EUGENA is a network of nationally recognized member genebanks in European countries with the aim to support the medium/long term ex situ conservation and sustainable use of AnGR. EUGENA supports the ex situ conservation and sustainable use of AnGR and facilitates the implementation of the UN's SDG, FAO's GPA and the Nagoya Protocol for ABS in the European Region and the application of the new animal health Regulation 2020/686 in EU countries. The main goal of the present Ad Hoc Action was funding the annual meeting of the EUGENA Steering Board 28-29 of May at National Research Institute of Animal Production, in Balice near Kraków, Poland.

2. Attendances to EUGENA Steering Board.

- Coordination: Ewa Sosin (Poland) and Fernando Tejerina (Spain)
- Members of the team developing the AHA: Peter Chrenek (Slovakia), Annemieke Rattink (Netherlands), Dainis Rungis (Latvia), Krisztina Liptoi (Hungary), Nikola Marinković (Serbia), Zhivko Duchevev (Bulgaria), Beate Berger (Austria, on line participation), Nuno Carolino (Portugal, on line participation).
- Observers of AHA meeting: Jaroslav Vasicek (Slovakia), Barbara Vega (Hungary), Agnieszka Chelmińska, Piotr Gogol, Sylwester Świątkiewicz, Sylwia Judycka, Agnieszka Wierzchoś-Hilczner, Jarosław Jędraszczyk, Marta Nykiel, Julia Warchoń (Poland)

3. Activities in the past year and output/results

The meeting was developed in accordance with the next agenda:

28TH May	<i>EUGENA STEERING BOARD MEETING.</i>	
9:00-9:10	Welcome and Introduction Objectives of the meeting – Round of introductions.	Chairs
9:10-9:40	Updating of the EUGENA status.	Chairs
9:40-10:10	New EUGENA webpage tools.	Zhivko Duchevev
10:10-10:30	Outcomes from the TF Software Database	Annemieke Rattink.
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-11:30	Report on the outputs from the AHA Animal Health Legislation and Genebanks	Chairs.
11:30-12:15	Standardization of the fish semen cryopreservation procedure and solutions for fish semen banks in Poland.	Sylwia Judycka, Andrzej Ciereszko
12:15-12:30	News from genebanks.	All together
12:30-13:00	Poland genebanks in EUGENA	Ewa Sosin
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Visit to Department of Reproductive Biotechnology and Cryoconservation & National Bank of Biological Material.	All together
15:30-19:30	Kraków Sightseeing –Guided Tour	All together
19:30- 21:00	Dinner – Kazimierz District	All together

29TH May	<i>EUGENA STEERING BOARD MEETING.</i>	
7:30-14:30	Visit to MCB Krasne.	All together.

The main result was better coordination between the EUGENA genebanks, the promotion of EUGENA and the sharing of experiences in the field of ex situ conservation. Exchange of useful information (like new tools need for EUGENA webpage, call for EuroFAANG project) for network expansion between genebanks involved in the EUGENA network, in circumstances that promoted building mutual friendly relationships and integration. The EUGENA Steering Board members, discussed and approved the participation in the EuroFAANG project and the ERFP Steering Committee authorised the collaboration of EUGENA with EuroFAANG.

4. Plans and priorities for the rest of the year.

AHA has been completed, but based on the experiences gathered, it seems there is a need for the representatives of EUGENA genebanks to meet annually, if not only to exchange the information but also to explore the possibilities of carrying out joint projects like EUROFAANG. The in-person format of meetings fosters better communication and team building. This is also an opportunity to familiarize EUGENA members with the individual genebanks participating in the network during study visits.

5. Other

The budget assigned for AHA (6096 €), and the amount spent was: 2 332,35 € (budget not finalized, still in reimbursement process)