

Mr Holger Göderz

Chair of the In situ conservation and valorisation of AnGR working group

Report of In situ conservation and valorisation of AnGR ERFP working group – 2023/2024

1. Objectives of the group (Summary)

The overall goal of this WG is the improvement of the in situ conservation (on-farm conservation) and valorisation of AnGR to provide a base for their sustainable use. Experiences on different initiatives with sharing of information among countries about implemented and planned activities related to on-farm conservation, success stories and projects need to be exchanged. The group will review legal conditions and financial support measures in order to optimize their implementation in on-farm conservation strategies. The WG will also support the on-farm conservation efforts for transboundary breeds as well as the promotion of the utilization of rare breeds and respective R&D activities to relevant stakeholders, for value chains and landscape management, the identification of “added value”-arguments (e. g. cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, ecosystem services, local marketing, organic agriculture). Approaches for a better integration of in situ and ex situ conservation activities in Europe need to be elaborated and promoted together with the WG “Ex situ conservation”.

2. Membership of the group (chair in grey)

Country	Name Member	Surname	Other
Albania	Kristaq	KUME	
Austria	Beate	BERGER	
Croatia	Ante	IVANKOVIĆ	
Finland	Juha	KANTANEN	
France	Coralie	DANCHIN-BURGE	
Georgia	Tornike	ZHGENTI	
Germany	Holger	GÖDERZ	
Greece	Dimitrios	TSIOKOS	
Iceland	Birna K.	BALDURSDÓTTIR	
Italy	Fabio	PILLA	
Latvia	Anna	ZELTKOVSKA	
Lithuania	Ruta	ŠVEISTIENĖ	

Country	Name Member	Surname	Other
Montenegro	Milan	MARKOVIC	
Nordgen	Mervi	HONKATUKIA	*
Norway	Peer	BERG	
Poland	Agnieszka	CHEŁMIŃSKA	
Portugal	Nuno	CAROLINO	
Portugal	Pedro	VIEIRA	
ProSpecieRara	Philippe	AMMANN	
Rare Breeds International (RBI)	Juan Vicente	DELGADO BERMEJO	*
Rare Breeds International (RBI)	Francisco Javier	NAVAS GONZÁLEZ	*
Serbia	Srdjan	STOJANOVIĆ	
Slovakia	Ján	TOMKA	
Slovenia	Danijela	BOJKOVSKI	
Spain	Jesus	FERNANDEZ MARTIN	
The Netherlands	Mira	SCHOON	
United Kingdom	Marcus	BATES	

* observer

¹: Alternate

3. Activities in the past year and output/results

Working Group activities in the period 2023/2024:

- **Organization of the annual WG meeting and joined meetings with the other WGs in April 2024 in Nicosia, Cyprus**
- **How is *In situ* conservation understood in different countries?**
(lead: Srdjan Stojanović)
The questionnaire has been revised and sent out to NCs and WG members. Results have been analysed and presented to the WG during the meeting in Nicosia.
- **How is AnGR management and conservation included in the national legislation?**
Examples from different countries have been presented and discussed during the WG meeting in Nicosia. Further work on this topic is planned.
- **Joint meeting with WG Documentation and Information** about the topics *transboundary breeds* and *genetic relatedness between breeds*

- **Joint meeting with WG *Ex situ* conservation** about integration of *ex situ* and *in situ* approaches in the conservation of AnGR
- **Input to EURC-EAB for further work on *in situ* related topics**
- **Work on related Ad hoc actions** (approved by the SC in November 2023)
 - Identifying of Simmental cattle in Europe (Jan Tomka)
 - Native horses network (Ruta Sveistine)
 - Transhumance in the Alps (Fabio Pilla)
 - Landscape management and ecosystem services (Jesus Fernandez/Enrico Sturaro/Holger Göderz)

Detailed information are given in the Ad hoc action reports.

4. Plans and priorities for the next year (to be formally approved by Assembly)

- **How is *in situ* conservation understood in different countries?**
What to do with the results of the survey? Brochure/booklet/guidelines
- **Inclusion of AnGR management and conservation in national legislations** Survey among NCs/WG members is planned
- **Approaches of integrated *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation**
Cooperation with WG *Ex situ*; proposal for Ad hoc action (idea will be presented at the General Assembly in Florence)
- **Collaboration with WG DocInfo and EURC-EAB** in assesment of breeding programmes, effective population size and breed risk status
- **Further work on ongoing Ad hoc actions**

5. Other

It will be checked, if a representative of SAVE Foundation can be installed as observer of the WG.