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# AD HOC ACTION ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATION AND GENEBANKS:

GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL ANIMAL  
HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR MATERIAL INTENDED TO BE KEPT  
IN GENE BANKS.

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## 1. AHA ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATION – GENE BANKS. OBJECTIVES.


The main goal of the Ad Hoc Action is: develop recommendations for competent authorities in countries on:

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

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1. AHA ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATION – GENE BANKS. SCHEDULE.

March – April 2023




**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 were invited to participate in the AHA.

May 2023




**Organization of a Kick-off meeting** (16<sup>TH</sup> May) by distance and translate to English the specific animal health regulations for genebanks in force in different countries.

October 2023



**Workshop** (hybrid format, 9<sup>TH</sup> October), collected experiences in the countries on the animal health regulation for genebanks, discussed about current situation and proposed the outline of the guidelines.

October 2023 – April 2024



**Development of a guidelines with recommendations** for the suitable incorporation to the national animal health legal framework exceptions for the collection, transformation and storage of germinal products intended to be kept in genebank. These work are being developed by distance.



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1. AHA ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATION – GENE BANKS. EXPERTS TEAM.

EXPERT	COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION
Mato Čačić	Croatia
Nikica Prvanović	Croatia
Krešimir Severin	Croatia
Ewa Camara	EC
Ana Granados	EFFAB
Jaana Peippo	Finland
Isabelle Guerry	France
Laurence Guilbert	France
Delphine Duclos	France
Claudia Klein	Germany
Ewa Sosin	Poland
Danijela Bojkovski	Slovenia
Rosa María Díez	Spain
Fernando Tejerina	Spain
Sipke Hiemstra	The Netherlands
Annemieke Rattink	The Netherlands
Wim van der Poel	The Netherlands
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18 EXPERTS FROM 9 COUNTRIES, EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND EFFAB



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2. WORKSHOP. 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER. SINT MICHIELSGESTEL. THE NETHERLANDS.


WORKSHOP TOPICS:

- The relevance of genebanks in the breeding and conservation programmes
- Genebanks in European Union Animal Health Regulation.
- Examples of specific animal health derogations to support genebanks:
  - National genebank derogation fo cattle in The Netherlands and situation for other species.
  - Animal Health Regulation on genebanking in Spain.
  - National derogation for cattle in United Kingdom.
  - Regulation on the storage of old material in Poland.
  - Regulation on the storage of old material in Germany.
- How to control the health status of semen?
- Proposal of outline for the guidelines and plan the further steps.

PRESENTATIONS IN: <https://www.animalgeneticresources.net/index.php/event/aha-animal-health-regulation-genebanks-physical-meeting/>



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4. FORMAL RECOGNITION OF GENE BANKS AT NATIONAL LEVEL AND REQUIREMENTS.
5. RECOMMENDED ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION, PROCESSING, STORAGE AND USE MATERIAL INTENDED TO BE KEPT IN AND MANAGED BY GENE BANKS.
6. DEROGATIONS/CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF OLD MATERIAL.
7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEROGATION FORESEEN IN THE ARTICLE 45, COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2020/686.



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#### 4. STEPS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES AND FURTHER ACTIVITIES.

- The first guidelines draft was sent to AHA members and Ex Situ Conservation WG members.
- The draft was presented and discussed in the WG meeting in Cyprus.
- The draft was presented and discussed in the EUGENA SB meeting in Poland.
- AHA Team analyze the comments and proposals 22<sup>th</sup> august.
- A new version of the guidelines has been produced and sent for a new round of comments until 16<sup>th</sup> September: [https://idelefr-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/coralie\\_danchin\\_idele\\_fr/EQIx0sGoDN5HhpwJeyLPs2EBIKgY\\_JtHFWFpFvKpiU\\_KSQ?rttime=I3ctQ4LG3Eg](https://idelefr-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/coralie_danchin_idele_fr/EQIx0sGoDN5HhpwJeyLPs2EBIKgY_JtHFWFpFvKpiU_KSQ?rttime=I3ctQ4LG3Eg)
- AHA Team analyze again the comments and produce the final version for the approval of the ERFP SC and EURC EAB (October 2024).
- **Dissemination of the guidelines.**