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WORKING GROUP EX SITU CONSERVATION MEETING. OBJECTIVES- REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2023-2024.

23rd -24th April 2024.
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1.AGENDA.


CHAIR: FERNANDO TEJERINA.

23 rd April 2024 Tuesday		
9:00 – 10:30	Joint meeting EURC-EAB issues	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 11:20	Welcome and Introduction to the Ex Situ Conservation WG meeting. Objectives of the meeting - Report on the WG activities.	Chair.
11:20 -12:30	Presentation proposal of the Animal Health Guidelines for the development of genebanks. Discussion.	Chair + all.
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break.	
14:00 – 14:40	Updating of the EUGENA status and EUGENA Steering Board meeting. Proposal for improving the interoperability of EUGENA with DAD-IS/EFABIS	Chair. Zhivko Ducheve
14:40 – 15:30	Report of activities Task Force on documentation software for genebanks. Management of genomic information in Genebanks	Chair. Tina Flisar. Annemieke Rattink
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break .	
16:00 – 16:40	The EuroFAANG research infrastructure project and its possible links with EUGENA.	Michèle Tixier-Boichard
16:40 – 17:15	Assessing the potential of germplasm collections for the management of genetic diversity: the case of the French National Cryobank	Delphine Duclos.
17:15 – 17:30	First day conclusions.	Chair.

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24th April 2024 Wednesday		
9:00 – 9:20	Ad Hoc Action Quality Management Systems for genebanks.	Delphine Duclos
9:20 – 9:50	Election of new WG Chair.	All
9:50 – 10:10	Proposal of Workplan of Activities for 2025 (to be approved at General Assembly)	Chair + New Chair
10:10 – 10:30	News from countries. AOB	All
10:30 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 13:30	Joint meeting In Situ Conservation WG + Ex Situ Conservation WG	
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch Break.	
15:00 – 18:00	EAAP Scientific Session (Mediterranean Workshop Session) – ANGR topics	

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2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

- ✓ Inform on activities of the WG in the last year.
- ✓ Report the advances of the Ad Hoc Action Animal Health Regulation and Genebanks. [Presentation and discussion on the first guidelines draft](#), output of the AHA.
- ✓ Report on the [EUGENA status](#) and proposal of improvements in EUGENA webpage-database.
- ✓ Report the advances of the [Task Force on documentation software for genebanks](#).
- ✓ [Analyze the use of genomic information in genebanks and discuss options to work in this topic in the future.](#)
- ✓ [Know the project EUROFAANG and analyze the links with EUGENA.](#)
- ✓ Know the work develop in the French National Genebank to [assessing the potential of the collection for the management of its genetic diversity](#).
- ✓ Boost the development of the [AHA on QMS](#).
- ✓ [Elect a new WG Chair](#).
- ✓ Propose the **Workplan** for 2025.
- ✓ Analyze the integration of *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation activities, in collaboration with In Situ Conservation WG.

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3. ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST YEAR AND RESULTS.


WORKPLAN FOR 2023-24

1. Development of EUGENA.
2. Design a guidelines with recommendations to implement derogations for the collection, processing, storage and use of germinal products intended to be kept in genebanks. (AHA Animal Health Regulation and Genebanks).
3. Promote the incorporation of the Ex situ conservation activities in the breeding programs of breeders societies.
4. Continue the collaboration in the development of the Action Plan for the European strategy for Animal Genetic Resources and ERFP MYPOW. (finished)
5. Sharing knowledge and expertise in relation with cryopreservation protocols by species.
6. Analyse the incorporation of Ex situ – in vivo facilities to EUGENA, in collaboration with the in situ Conservation WG.
7. Spread information about ex situ conservation and EUGENA in collaboration with the Communication Strategy of the ERFP.
8. Support the implementation of a modern genebank documentation software (Task Force on documentation software for genebanks)
9. Support the utilization of Quality Management Systems in Genebanks.

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- Lyon ERFP General Assembly (August 2023):
 - Report on the WG activities.
 - Approval of Workplan 2023-2024.
- Development of EUGENA.
 - 1 new country on board: Portugal.
 - 1 new genebank on board from Portugal.
 - 1 genebank removed from Serbia.
 - Update of information in the EUGENA webpage.
 - Presentation on EUGENA in RepVet Meeting (EFFAB). 20th February, 2024 .
- Development of the Task Force on documentation software for genebanks:
 - Follow-up meeting. 4th March, 2024.

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3. ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST YEAR AND RESULTS.

- Development of the Ad Hoc Action Animal Health Legislation and genebanks (together EURC).
 - Workshop. 9th October, 2023. Sint Michielsgestel. The Netherlands.
- Collaboration with the Task Force AnGR Strategy-Action Plan-Permanent Secretariat.
 - Last meeting Action Plan: 18th October, 2023.
 - Permanent Secretariat: 18th January, 2024 and 9th April 2024.
- Collaboration with the ERFP Secretariat in the dissemination of information and knowledge in the ERFP Webpage and Social Media.
- Participation in ERFP Steering Committee.

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