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

## **Report of In situ conservation and valorisation of AnGR ERFP working group – 2024/2025**

### **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)**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Name Member</b>	<b>Surname</b>
Albania	Kristaq	KUME
Austria	Beate	BERGER
Croatia	Ante	IVANKOVIĆ
Finland	Juha	KANTANEN
France	Coralie	DANCHIN
Georgia	Tornike	ZHGENTI
Germany	Holger	GÖDERZ
Greece	Dimitrios	TSIOKOS
Iceland	Birna K.	BALDURSDÓTTIR
Italy	Fabio	PILLA

Country	Name Member	Surname
Latvia	Anna	ZELTKOVSKA
Lithuania	Ruta	ŠVEISTIENĖ
Montenegro	Milan	MARKOVIC
Nordgen	Mervi	HONKATUKIA (O)
Norway	Peer	BERG
Poland	Agnieszka	CHEŁMIŃSKA
Portugal	Nuno	CAROLINO
Switzerland	Philippe	AMMANN
Rare Breeds International (RBI)	Juan Vicente	DELGADO BERMEJO(O)
Serbia	Srdjan	STOJANOVIĆ
Slovakia	Ján	TOMKA
Slovenia	Danijela	BOJKOVSKI
Spain	Jesus	FERNANDEZ MARTIN
The Netherlands	Mira	SCHOON
United Kingdom	Marcus	BATES

O: observer

### 3. Activities in the past year and output/results

Working Group activities in the period 2024/2025:

- **Organization of the annual WG meeting and joined meetings with the other WGs in May 2025 in Athens, Greece**
- **How is AnGR management and conservation included in the national legislation?**

(lead: Danijela Boijkovski, Holger Göderz)

After the presentation of examples from different countries in the WG meeting in 2024, it has been decided to work on this topic in more detail.

A questionnaire was drawn up and sent to the ERFP network via an online tool. First results have been presented to the participants of the meeting in Athens.

A reminder for participation was sent out afterwards. The results that are available so far will be presented at the General Assembly.

- **How is *In situ* conservation understood in different countries?**  
(lead: Srdjan Stojanović)  
Further observation regarding the implementation of the Global Plan of Actions (FAO); avoidance of duplication with SoW (identification of further Europe-specific topics)
- **Joint meeting with WG Documentation and Information** about the topics *transboundary breeds* and *assessment of breed risk status*
- **Joint meeting with WG *Ex situ* conservation** about integration of *ex situ* and *in situ* approaches in the conservation of AnGR (→Ad hoc action)
- **Input to and exchange with EURC-EAB for further work on *in situ* related topics**  
(inter alia Working Group for the assessment of breed risk status)
- **Virtual WG meeting on 17th June 2025**  
Evaluation and update of the ERFP actions indicated in the action plan related to the European AnGR Strategy (process started by ERFP Steering Committee and ERFP Secretariat)
- **Work on related Ad hoc actions**
  - 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)
  - Innovative and multifunctional concept for farm animal genetic resource conservation: Europe's success story (Ante Ivanković)
  - Integration of *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation approaches (Ewa Sosin/Fernando Tejerina Ampudia/Holger Göderz)

Detailed information can be found in the Ad hoc action reports.

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

- Work on ongoing Ad hoc actions
  - Landscape management and ecosystem services
  - Integration of in situ and ex situ conservation approaches
  - Innovative and multifunctional concept for farm animal genetic resource conservation: Europe's success story
- How is in situ conservation understood in different countries?
- Inclusion of AnGR management and conservation in the national legislations
- Collaboration with WG Docu and EURC-EAB in assessment of breeding programmes, effective population size, breed risk status)
- Investigations on semi feral herds
- Definition of ex situ in vivo herds?

#### **5. Other**

Since the ERFP Terms of Reference only allow the reimbursement of two observers per Working Group, a SAVE Foundation representative could only be added as an observer without the option of cost reimbursement. SAVE Foundation will be contacted about this.