

Annual report of the Working Group *In situ* conservation and valorization of Animal Genetic Resources

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- NCs are invited to nominate experts
- If expert is not able to attend WG meeting, NC can nominate replacement for the specific meeting
- Travel costs for attending the meeting will be reimbursed by ERFP

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Annual WG meeting

Annual ERFP Working Group Meetings 19th/20th May 2026 in Sassari, Italy

Meeting WG *In situ* conservation
-> see activities on the next slides

Joint meeting with WG Ex situ conservation
-> Integration of *ex situ* and *in situ* approaches (-> see Ad hoc action)

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How is AnGR management included in the national legislation?

- Questionnaire sent out to the ERFP community
- Differentiation between regulations for monitoring/conservation/sustainable use
- 21 answers so far
- Next steps:
 - Reminder to countries who have not yet answered
 - > Report
 - > Genres Journal article?

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How is AnGR management included in the national legislation?

First conclusions

- In situ conservation/management of AnGR is mostly included in national legislations of participating countries
- legislations on agriculture in general or special legislation on livestock/animal breeding
- Sustainable use less regulated than conservation and monitoring
- Conservation of native breeds and monitoring (all breeds) are mostly indicated aspects

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Proceeding with (semi) feral livestock herds

Presentation of feral goat herd in Norway (Nina Svartedal)

Identified aspects

- Animal breeding
 - management of population
 - knowledge about genetic diversity
 - specific traits?
 - valuable genetic resources to conserve?

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Proceeding with (semi) feral livestock herds

Identified aspects

- Veterinary/sanitary issues
 - animal welfare
 - risk of introduction of animal diseases into economically important livestock herds
- Public awareness/opinions (support or protest)

Application for an Ad hoc action?

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How is in situ conservation understood in different countries?

- First questionnaire sent out to ERFP community some time ago
- Decision to extend it to the implementation of the GPA in the countries without duplication of questions in SoW (WG meeting Athens 2025)
- Draft has been presented in the meeting
- Intensive discussion about what answers we expect
 - ➔ What was our initial question?

Next steps:

Draft will be revised and shared with the group

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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
- transboundary breeds
- integration of in situ/ex situ approaches)

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Work Plan 2026/2027 (To be approved by the ERFP GA)

- Work on ongoing Ad hoc action
 - Special characteristics of native and local breeds for 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?

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Work Plan 2026/2027 (To be approved by the ERFP GA)

- Application for an Ad hoc action on the topic of (semi) feral flocks?
- Protection of products of endangered livestock breeds
- Examples for support of local breeds in Rural Development Plans (to learn from each other)
- Cooperation with the other ERFP WGs in the topic of emergencies in endangered livestock breeds
- Inclusion of AnGR management and conservation in the national legislations
- Further collaboration with EURC-EAB in the implementation of the tool for self-assessment of breeding programmes

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Election of Chair

3-years term of office of Holger Göderz ends in 2026

Decision not to candidate for reelection

Working Group recommends Srdjan Stojanović (Serbia) as new Chair

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