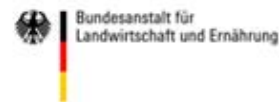




# *Genetic Resources for EU Agriculture: Status and Vision*

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# ***Objectives of the Preparatory Action***

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# Objectives of the Preparatory Action

- Following an **initiative taken by the European Parliament**, DG Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) launched a Preparatory Action for an EU programme for the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources.
- The **main aims** of the Preparatory Action are:
  - ✓ To deliver inputs on **how to improve communication, knowledge exchange, and networking** among all the actors potentially interested in activities related to the **conservation of genetic resources**.
  - ✓ To find **ways towards a sustainable and economically viable use** of these resources.
- Translated in 2 major objectives:
  - ✓ To **provide a comprehensive description and analysis of the state of the art of genetic resources-related activities in the EU** for PGRs, AnGRs, FGRs, and MiGRs.
  - ✓ To provide **practical recommendations** to ensure the **effective conservation and sustainable use** of genetic resources in agriculture as a matter of general interest, not only by looking at research and breeding activities but also considering the complete agro-food supply chain.



# Objectives of the Preparatory Action

The analysis addresses the objectives stated above across **seven different themes**:

- 1. Improvement of the communication between MS** concerning best practices and the harmonisation of efforts in the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources;
- 2. Enhancing networking among key stakeholders and end-users** in view of exploring marketing (and other cooperation) opportunities, such as provided by quality schemes and short supply chains;
- 3. Improvement of the exchange of knowledge and research** on genetic diversity in agriculture systems;
- 4. Adaptation of breeding methods and legislation** to the need of conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources;
- 5. Contribution to the successful implementation of rural development measures** concerning genetic diversity in agriculture;
- 6. Explore bottlenecks and enabling conditions for the sustainable use** of genetic resources in agriculture; and
- 7. Reduction of the unnecessary administrative burden** so as to provide better access to actions.



# [ Objectives of the conference

- The objectives of the Conference are to **share findings, conclusions and preliminary recommendations** with stakeholders and competent authorities **before finalising the report** of the Preparatory Action.

⇒ The results that will be presented this afternoon are **preliminary** and **have not yet been approved** by the Steering Group of the Preparatory Action.



# Programme of the conference

## 1. General introduction

9.00 – 9.15

### **Introduction by the European Commission (DG AGRI)**

**Welcome of participants**

**Aldo Longo** – *Director at DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission*

9.15 – 9.30

### **Objectives of the Preparatory Action**

**Daniel Traon** – *Director at Arcadia International*

9.30 – 9.50

### **Methodology, work streams and key deliverables**

**Filippa Lövström** – *Senior Consultant at VVA Europe*





# Programme of the conference

## 2. Setting-up the scene: the Status illustrated by good practices

9.50 – 10.10

### ***In situ* conservation of crop wild relatives (CWRs)**

**Nigel Maxted** – *Senior lecturer and Consultant in Genetic Conservation (United Kingdom)*

9.50 – 10.11

### ***Ex situ* conservation of PGR**

**Theo van Hintum** – *Head of Centre for Genetic Resources (the Netherland)*

10.30 – 11.00

### **Coffee/tea break**

11.00 – 11.20

### **Complementary of on farm conservation and cryo-conservation of animal genetic resources**

**Elzbieta Martyniuk** – *National Coordinator for Animal Genetic Resources (Poland)*

11.20 – 11.40

### **Use of animal breeds to develop niche markets/regional products: Rouge des prés – Maine –Anjou meat**

**Ghislain Aminot** – *SICA Rouge des Prés(France)*





# Programme of the conference

## 3. Results of the Preparatory Action

13.30 – 14.30 **Presentation of the findings of the preparatory action - Daniel Traon**

14.30 – 15.00 **Presentation of the recommendations (The Vision)**  
**Bert Visser** – *Policy Advisor Centre for Genetic Resources (The Netherlands)*

15.00 – 16.15 **Round table with key experts to discuss the findings and recommendations**

- **Eva Thorn** – Chair ExCo, ECPGR
- **Michèle Tixier-Boichard** – *Deputy scientific director – Environment at INRA (France)*
- **Beate Koller** – *Managing Director of ARCHE NOAH*
- **Riccardo Bocci** – *Managing Director of Rete Semi Rurali (Italy)*
- **Szonja Csorgo** - *ESA, Director Intellectual Property & Legal Affairs*
- **Julian Jackson** – *DEFRA (United Kingdom)*
- **Michele Bozzano** – *Coordinator of EUFORGEN*

Moderated by

**Frank Begemann** – *Director of the Group Sustainability, International Agricultural Affairs of the Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE) (Germany)*

16.15 – 16.30

## Conclusions and next steps



# We welcome Your opinion during the Conference... and after!

We expect Your contribution to the final conclusions of the Preparatory Action. How ?

- ✓ Q&A session (11.40-12.00)
- ✓ Polling system during the afternoon session
- ✓ Comments on the findings, conclusions, and recommendations can be sent to: [contact@geneticresources.eu](mailto:contact@geneticresources.eu) or by contacting the study team directly (deadline: 16 June).
- ✓ Tweet: [#EU\\_GeneticResources](https://twitter.com/EU_GeneticResources)

