



EU plant and animal genetic resources in agriculture

Preparatory action 2

Opening of the conference

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History/Background

Previous specific Community Programmes for genetic resources in agriculture were replaced by the set of tools available under the CAP Rural Development Programmes, Horizon 2020 research projects and other initiatives under other EU policies.



Preparatory actions

In addition to the mentioned EU policies/programmes, the European Parliament proposed to initiate two preparatory actions.



Preparatory Action 1 / GenRes 1

- the European Parliament proposal in 2013
- the European Commission implementation during 2014-2016 with the external contractor.
- Main objectives:
 - **improving communication, knowledge exchange, networking** between stakeholders potentially interested in activities related to the conservation of agriculturally-relevant genetic resources
 - to find (new) ways towards the **sustainable and economically viable use of resources**



Preparatory Action 2 / GenRes 2

- The European Parliament proposal in 2014
- The implementation during 2016-2018 via the external contractor
- Main objectives:
 - to provide (different categories of) stakeholders with **concrete examples and methodological approaches to valorise** the use of neglected breeds and varieties in an **economically viable way and raise awareness and enhance willingness among stakeholders** to invest in neglected agricultural genetic resources.



Aim of the conference

1. To present you the 4 projects and the preliminary results of the Preparatory Action 2
2. To ask you for sharing your experiences, comments and feedback
3. To allow you to network, share your views/opinions.



Thank you!

Have a fruitful conference