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4.6. AEGIS project

A project on sharing of responsibilities as a possible model of “A European Genebank Integrated System (AEGIS)” was approved for funding under the ECPGR budget at the 9th Steering Committee meeting in Izmir, Turkey (2003). Following the “feasibility study” that was carried out from 2004-2006, under the management of Birgitte Lund (see Mid-term report of Phase VII), a re-allocation of funds from existing budget lines (Network operations, public awareness and thematic cross-cutting issues) was decided at the 10th Steering Committee meeting in Riga (2006). An alternative solution would have been the funding by the EC of a project proposal submitted under Regulation 870/2004. However, the AEGIS proposal submitted in June 2006 did not reach the thresholds for the established evaluation criteria, specifically the thresholds for “Relevance” and “Mobilization of resources”.

With the newly available budget from ECPGR of about €150,000, Jan Engels was appointed as AEGIS Coordinator in January 2007 and activities were carried out to prepare mechanisms and procedures for the implementation of the AEGIS concept and of draft decisions for the attention of the Steering Committee. It should be noted that additional funds were also provided throughout the Phase by Germany (€25,000) and The Netherlands (€5,000).

The results of the AEGIS activity and recommendations for the future are included and discussed in separate background documents. The financial status is presented in Table 4 in Annex III.