

# ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme Proposal Form

## Activity Proposal

Activity	
Full title	EURISCO NFP regional training workshop for Southeast Europe 2015
Acronym (or short title)	EURISCO Training 2015
Duration of Activity (in months)	0.5
Starting date	In 2015, to be decided

## Applying Working Group(s)

Working Group	Indicate name and surname of Working Group Chair
1. Doc&Info WG	Theo J. L. van Hintum
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## Activity Coordinator

Activity Coordinator	
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## Activity Partners

*Please note that each partner needs to be a member of a Working Group's Pool of Experts to be eligible.*

*A maximum of 12 funded partners can be listed. For self-funded partners please use the separate box below.*

Partner ID No.	Name and Surname	Institute	Country	Role
1	Alban Ibraliu	Agricultural University of Tirana	Albania	Local organiser, host
2	Vladimir Meglič	Agricultural Institute of Slovenia	Slovenia	NFP, Training participant
3	Mirta Culek	CCAFRA, Institute for Seed and Seedlings	Croatia	NFP, Training participant
4	Milena Savic Ivanov	Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Serbia	NFP, Training participant
5	Marina Antić	University of Banja Luka	Bosnia and Herzegovina	NFP, Training participant
6	Miroslav Cizmovic	University of Montenegro	Montenegro	NFP, Training participant
7	Lucía De la Rosa Fernández	National Center for Plant Genetic Resources (CRF-INIA)	Spain	NFP, Training participant
8	Nikolaya Velcheva	Institute of Plant Genetic Resources "K. Malkov"	Bulgaria	NFP, Training participant
9	Celina de Fátima Rodrigues de Matos	Instituto Nacional de Investigação Agrária e Veterinária (INIAV)	Portugal	NFP, Training participant
10	Mirjana Jankulovska	Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje	Macedonia	Training participant
11	Maria Antonietta Palombi	CRA-FRU Fruit Tree Research Centre	Italy	NFP, Training participant
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### Self-funded partners

Partner No.	Name and Surname	Institute	Country	Role
1	Stephan Weise <sup>1</sup>	IPK	Germany	EURISCO coordinator, Trainer
2	Helmut Knüpffer	IPK	Germany	Trainer
3	Jonas Nordling	NordGen	Sweden	Trainer
4	Sarah Sensen	BLE Bonn	Germany	Trainer, Participant
5	Belul Gixhari	Agricultural University of Tirana	Albania	NFP, Participant
6	Vahur Kukk	Estonian Crop Research Institute	Estonia	NFP, Participant

### Description of Activity

Please address the following aspects: *Background – Justification – Methodology or Approach – Expected impact.*

Describe the Activity (max. 500 words):

Since April 2014, the ECPGR *European Search Catalogue for Plant Genetic Resources* (EURISCO) is being transferred from Bioversity International, Italy, to its new host, IPK Gatersleben, Germany. The adaptation of the system to the new IT infrastructure requires both the actual EURISCO web application (search interface) and the backend (module for uploading national data sets by the National Focal Points, NFPs) to be largely revised. Moreover, the last EURISCO training workshops for NFPs were conducted in 2009.

We would like to take this as an occasion to revive the series of regional training workshops, starting with Southeastern Europe, focussing on the SEEDNet member countries which include the ECPGR members Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, and Slovenia. SEEDNet is presently coordinated by Vladimir Meglič, without external funding. Alban Ibraliu, lecturer at the Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania, and member of ECPGR working groups, agreed to host the workshop and to act as the local organiser.

The NFPs who were not yet members of the Doc&Info WG (according to the ECPGR website of 12 September 2014) were informed that they belong to the WG, thus being eligible to participate in the training.

Besides the training for technical data uploading, we also consider it essential to include data quality and completeness. Individual NFPs will test uploading their National Inventories (NI), and receive responses from the system, and will get guidance on interpreting and utilising these responses to improve their data. We will also cover checking scientific plant names (Helmut Knüpffer, IPK), and an experienced NFP (e.g. CGN, NordGen) will report about the experiences gained while working with the new system. We are convinced that such a report will both improve the further development of EURISCO and increase the acceptance of the system by other NFPs.

A short-term goal of EURISCO is the extension by characterisation and evaluation (C&E) data. Depending on the status of its implementation at the time of the workshop, submission of C&E data to EURISCO may also be included in the training.

Interested participants will get the opportunity to present their National Collection.

<sup>1</sup> Self-funded via ECPGR's EURISCO budget

The training materials prepared will be used for forthcoming regional training workshops. Responses from participants will assist in improving the training materials. A short report about the training will be produced.

The funds requested from the ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme will be used to cover the travel costs (flight, accommodation, meals) for the participants (trainers and trainees), local costs for the meeting (e.g. meeting facilities, internet connections), an excursion, and a workshop dinner.

Depending on the number of Expressions of Interest from NFPs from the SEEDNet region and the number of trainers involved, there may be free capacity for a few participants (NFPs) from non-SEEDNet countries. A few self-funded trainees may also be included.

## ECPGR Objective(s)

*Objectives must be feasible and achievable within the project timeline. Please list here the corresponding number(s) of the ECPGR Outcome(s) and/or Output(s) and/or Activities to which your proposed Activity will contribute. The logframe describing ECPGR objectives is available from the website.*

List ECPGR outcomes, outputs, activities to which this Activity contributes:
Outcome 2. Quantity and quality of data in EURISCO, including <i>in situ</i> and on-farm data, have been increased. Functionality of EURISCO meets users' expectations.
Output 2.1. All National Focal Points (NFPs) update national inventories effectively and timely
Activity 2.1.3. Training of NFPs (how to compile, maintain, update and upload NI) realized
Output 2.2. C&E data in EURISCO included, with high quality and wide coverage
Activity 2.2.2. Training of NFPs in gathering and uploading C&E data

## Expected products

*List concrete products and results that are obtained by the Activity*

Expected products/results
New training materials developed
Hands-on training for ca. 12 NFPs performed
Short report about the training course prepared

## Workplan for the proposed period of the Activity

*Brief description of meetings and/or main actions of the Activity.*

Type of Action (indicate if "meeting" or "other action")	Description
1 Other action	Preparation of training materials
2 Workshop	EURISCO training workshop for ca. 12 NFPs, 2.5 working days
3 Other action	Short workshop report, publication via ECPGR or EURISCO website

## Additional remarks

*Indicate any additional remark(s) that is/are important for the evaluation/implementation of the proposed Activity*

Remarks:
<p>The cost for the participation of one ECPGR-funded person in the workshop is estimated as 1000€ (mail from Lorenzo Maggioni of 18 September 2014). We assume that more self-funded participants will be allowed after submission, if local capacity will allow.</p>

**Please send the completed form together with the budget table to the  
Chair of the submitting Working Group for submission of the Activity proposal.**