



ECPGR NETWORK STRUCTURE

PHASE X AMENDMENTS

STEERING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

(OCTOBER 2018)

WORKING GROUPS

- Establishment of a new Working Group on Maize
- Approval in principle of a new Working Group on 'Small Fruits and Berries', provided that a formal request clarifying its proposed scope and mandate is received and approved by the Steering Committee.

WORKING GROUPS' COMPOSITION AND CONTACT PERSON

- The Working Groups remain open to several members from the same country; these will all be listed on the ECPGR website and the respective WG's mailing list. At the same time, in case more than one member is nominated in a given WG, the National Coordinator (NC) should identify one WG's Contact person. This Contact person will be the primary contact point for the Working Group regarding crop-level items, such as questions on the European crop collection, the crop-specific standards and other crop-specific issues. The Contact person will not hold any privilege regarding the use or the management of the country quotas for participation in meetings and will need to consult with the NC on policy matters. Information flow within each country continues to be regulated by national decisions. The Secretariat will solicit NCs with a deadline to communicate the name of the Contact person, when appropriate.

WORKING GROUP CHAIRS

- Before the start of Phase X, the Secretariat will request all NCs to communicate the Secretariat whether any WG member would be interested to take over the role of Chair in any given WG. All the expressions of interest will be evaluated by the ExCo for possible appointment.
- Subsequently, an inquiry will be sent to the remaining Phase IX WG Chairs, asking whether they are willing to continue as Chairs during Phase X. Positive replies will lead to automatic re-appointment.
- Any remaining WG Chair vacant position will be filled following the procedures consolidated during Phase IX (expressions of interest solicited from the WG members and final decision by the ExCo).