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Farmer's Pride

Networking, partnerships and tools to enhance *in situ* conservation of European plant genetic resources

Workshop 2 Programme

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INTRODUCTION

Workshop context

Farmer's Pride is a three-year Community Support Action funded by the European Union under the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme. The project aims to enhance and promote the *in situ* management, conservation and use of plant genetic resources (PGR) in Europe to provide greater diversity for food, nutrition and economic security. Farmer's Pride involves more than 40 national and international organizations representing stakeholder groups with an interest in the conservation and sustainable use of PGR, either as project partners, members of the External Advisory Board, or as Farmer's Pride Ambassadors.

Building on existing mechanisms for PGR conservation and use—such as Europe's protected area system, farmer and gardener networks, gene banks and community seed banks—the diverse actors involved in the project are working together to establish a European network for *in situ* conservation and sustainable use of PGR. This network will involve both stakeholders (custodians and users of PGR), populations (managed to agreed standards) and sites (specific localities where wild and cultivated PGR are under active conservation management). It will require appropriate operational procedures, governance and policies to ensure its effective functioning and longevity.

Farmer's Pride Workshop 2 is the second of three workshops that provide forums for the PGR conservation and use stakeholder communities to discuss and make decisions on the development and establishment of the European Network. The workshop involves representatives of the Farmer's Pride project consortium and External Advisory Board (EAB); Farmer's Pride Ambassadors (FPAs); regional and international policy-makers; and other invited experts, including members of the Wild Species Conservation in Genetic Reserves Working Group of the European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR).

The second annual consortium meeting of the Farmer's Pride project will also be convened on Friday 11 October following the workshop, to be attended by representatives of the project consortium and the External Advisory Board.

The third Farmer's Pride workshop will take place as part of the final project dissemination conference in Portugal from 5 to 8 October 2020.

Workshop aim and structure

The aim is to prepare a roadmap (to define objectives, actions, responsibilities and timeline) for the establishment of the European Network during the final year of the project and for its continuity beyond 2020. The workshop will comprise presentations and discussions in plenary and working groups within four sessions:

1 Workshop context, aim and objectives

In the opening session, we will present the context, aim, objectives and programme of the workshop. Presentations will be given on the Farmer's Pride project, a proposal for the establishment of the European Network, and perspectives on the global context.

2 Discussion session 1: Network sites/populations

To maximize the PGR diversity conserved in the Network, and to ensure availability and access to the germplasm, sites/populations nominated for inclusion will need to meet a set of minimum criteria and be managed according to minimum standards. In this session, we will review and discuss proposed inclusion criteria and management standards, the process of nomination and adoption of sites/populations, and procedures for providing access to the conserved germplasm and guaranteeing benefit sharing from its utilization. The aim is to come to a consensus on these standards and processes and make a clear proposal for taking them forward for implementation in the Network.

3 Discussion session 2: Network governance, policy and communications

The Network will require the establishment of a governing body to oversee its operation and appropriate policies to sustain it, as well as on strong communications to engage the full suite of PGR conservation and use stakeholders. In this session we aim to agree on the governance structure required to establish and maintain the Network, make decisions on how to embed the Network in national, regional and global policy and legal instruments, and develop a communications plan to engage stakeholders. The session will also address the policy environment relevant to supporting LR growers and put forward recommendations for policy change.

4 Roadmap for establishment of the Network

In the final session, we will prepare a roadmap for the establishment of the European Network and for its continuity beyond 2020, defining clear objectives, actions, responsibilities and a timeline. We aim to also establish a shared commitment by participants to work together to bring the roadmap to fruition.

Within the discussion sessions, participants will split into working groups (WGs) to address the specific objectives of the workshop which are detailed in the WG schedule and working documents. The WG convenors are partners and FPAs in the project who are leading or contributing to related tasks of the project work programme. Each WG will be led by a chair, and a rapporteur will be responsible for recording the main outcomes of the discussions. The convenors will work with the chairs and rapporteurs to prepare reports for the plenary sessions, to include a list of clearly defined essential actions, a timeline and agreed responsibilities for next steps. A reporting template will be provided.

SANTORINI PROGRAMME SUMMARY

All events take place at the Petros M. Nomikos Conference Centre unless otherwise stated

Monday 7th October

Evening	18:00–19:00	Workshop registration	Lobby
	19:00–21:00	Welcome reception	Dining area

Tuesday 8th October

Morning	08:00–08:45	Workshop registration	Lobby
	09:00–10:30	Workshop context, aim and objectives	Main hall
	11:00–12:30	Discussion session 1 – Introductory WG presentations and discussion	Breakout rooms
Afternoon	14:00–15:30	Discussion session 1 – Discussion and preparation of reports	Breakout rooms
	16:00–18:00	Discussion session 1 – Reporting and plenary discussions	Main hall
Evening	19:30–21:30	International food party	

Wednesday 9th October

Morning	08:30–09:30	Discussion session 2 – Presentations in plenary	Main hall
	09:30–12:30	Discussion session 2 – Introductory WG presentations and discussion	Breakout rooms
Afternoon	14:00–15:30	Discussion session 2 – Discussion and preparation of reports	Breakout rooms
Evening	15:30–21:30	Field trip	

Thursday 10th October

Morning	08:30–10:30	Discussion session 2 – Reporting and plenary discussions	Main hall
	11:00–13:00	Farmer's Pride Ambassadors' meeting Farmer's Pride task leaders' meetings	Breakout rooms
Afternoon	14:30–17:30	Roadmap for the establishment of the Network	Main hall
Evening	19:30–21:30	Dinner in Thera	

Friday 11th October

All day	08:30–18:00	Farmer's Pride second annual consortium meeting (by invitation only)	Main hall
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WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Monday 7 October

18:00	Workshop registration	Lobby
19:00	Welcome reception (until 21:00)	Dining area

Tuesday 8 October

08:00	Workshop registration	Lobby
09:00	Workshop context, aim and objectives <i>Chair: Merja Veteläinen, Boreal Plant Breeding</i>	Main hall
09:00	– Welcome to the workshop: <i>Merja Veteläinen</i>	
09:05	– Welcome to Santorini: <i>Popi Ralli, Hellenic Agricultural Organization – DEMETER</i>	
09:10	– Farmer's Pride – project overview and workshop objectives: <i>Shelagh Kell, University of Birmingham</i>	
09:30	– Global perspectives: <i>Chike Mba, FAO; Jane Ramos de la Cruz, ITPGRFA</i>	
09:50	– Proposal for the establishment of the European Network: <i>Nigel Maxted, University of Birmingham</i>	
10:25	– Workshop logistics: <i>Jenny Hawley, Plantlife International</i>	
10:30	COFFEE (and move to discussion session 1 breakout rooms)	
11:00	Discussion session 1 – Network sites/populations	
11:00	– Introductory WG presentations and discussions in subgroups	Breakout rooms
12:30	LUNCH	Dining area
14:00	– Subgroup discussions and preparation of WG reports	Breakout rooms
15:30	COFFEE	
16:00	– WG reports and plenary discussion (20' presentation, 20' discussion x 3) <i>Chair: TBD</i>	Main hall
18:00	– Close of day 1	
19:30	INTERNATIONAL FOOD PARTY	Dining area

Wednesday 9 October

08:30	Discussion session 2 – Network governance, policy and communications	Main hall
08:30	– EU policy perspectives: <i>Alexander Just, DG Environment; Annette Schneegans, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission</i>	
09:10	– Introduction to discussion session 2: <i>Nigel Maxted, University of Birmingham</i>	
09:20	– Introductory WG presentations and discussions in subgroups	Breakout rooms
10:30	COFFEE	
11:00	– Subgroup discussions	
12:30	– Group photo	Terrace
12:40	LUNCH	Dining area
14:00	– Subgroup discussions and preparation of WG reports	Breakout rooms
15:30	– Field trip: Akrotiri, Santo Wines and Pyrgos	

Thursday 10 October

08:30	Discussion session 2 – Network governance, policy and communications cont'd	Main hall
08:30	– WG reports and plenary discussion (20' presentation, 20' discussion x 3) <i>Chair: TBD</i>	
10:30	COFFEE	
11:00	Farmer's Pride project meetings	Breakout rooms
	– FP Ambassadors' meeting: <i>Facilitated by Karen Inwood, Plantlife International</i>	
	– FP task leaders' meetings (FP partners)	
13:00	LUNCH	
14:30	Roadmap for the establishment of the Network <i>Chair: Chike Mba, FAO</i>	Main hall
14:30	– Preparation of the roadmap: <i>Facilitated by Nigel Maxted and Shelagh Kell, University of Birmingham</i>	
16:00	COFFEE	
16:30	– Preparation of the roadmap cont'd	
17:15	– Concluding comments: <i>Chike Mba</i>	
17:30	– Close of workshop	
