Obstacles from French national legislation

Discussing AEGIS constraints / problem areas
A diverse mosaic of actors in the conservation

120 main actors

**LOCAL LEVEL (in-situ & ex-situ conservation)**

- Voluntary sector (farmers, individual or non-profit organizations)

**NATIONAL LEVEL (ex-situ conservation)**

- Public research institutes
  - Cirad
  - INRA
- 27 Public-private networks

No clear overview available on PGR conservation in France
Since 2016:
A national growing dynamic of conservation

Coordination structure for PGR and CWR conservation

- Inventories of stakeholders and collections in France
- Identification of interested stakeholders to be part of network conservation
- Support on policy context

Stakeholders support

Interaction stakeholders in situ & ex situ conservation

French Ministry for Agriculture & Food

Official recognition of stakeholders & PGR’s collections

- Threatened collections or orphan species

CTPS Section for PGR and CWR conservation

- Criteria of recognition
- Definition of priorities between targeted species & validation of conservation schemes
- Punctual and decisive support actions
Implementation to the international level

CONSERVATION

National collections

Facilitated access

MLS pool

DATA INTEGRATION

FR

Siregal

FLORILÈGE

EUROPE

The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

7 national collections deposited into the MLS

MINISTÈRE DE L’AGRICULTURE ET DE L’ALIMENTATION
France membership to ECPGR: retrospective and prospects

Phase II (1983-1986)
Phase IX (2014-2018)
In preparation
Phase X (2019-2023)

2015: EURISCO data sharing agreement
2016: National coordination structure

National coordinator: Audrey Didier

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AEGIS membership : Situation of France

Technical elements justifying France membership in AEGIS :

1) Associate members : CRB – public research institutes
- conservation standards in agreement with AEGIS standards

2) Prior reflection on candidate collections (among public-private networks' collections) thanks to French members of ECPGR WGs
Circular from the Prime Minister on May, 30th 1997 (in force): Signature of agreements under international law

**prohibition of signature** on Memorandum of Understanding

→ *legal uncertainty*: all agreements (whatever their denomination) signed by the French government are legally binding
AEGIS membership : Situation of France

Prospects ?

• To agree with the ECPGR Secretariat on a different legal terminology.

Declaration of Intent ?
(ongoing project EUGENA – ERFP network)
Thank you for your attention
Discussion time