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The implementation of GRIN-Global in Portugal

History, challenges, experiences and prospects

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Introductory note

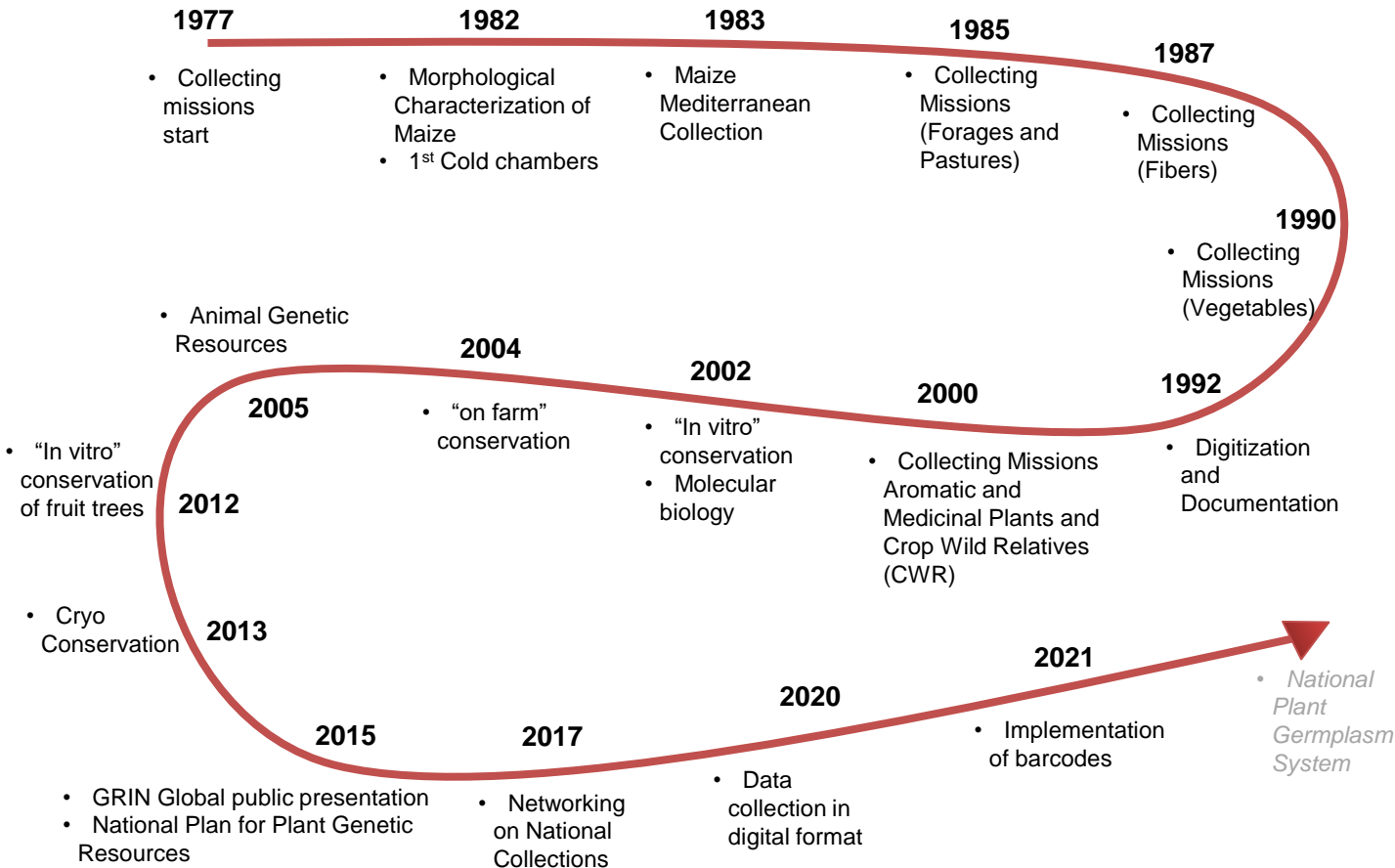
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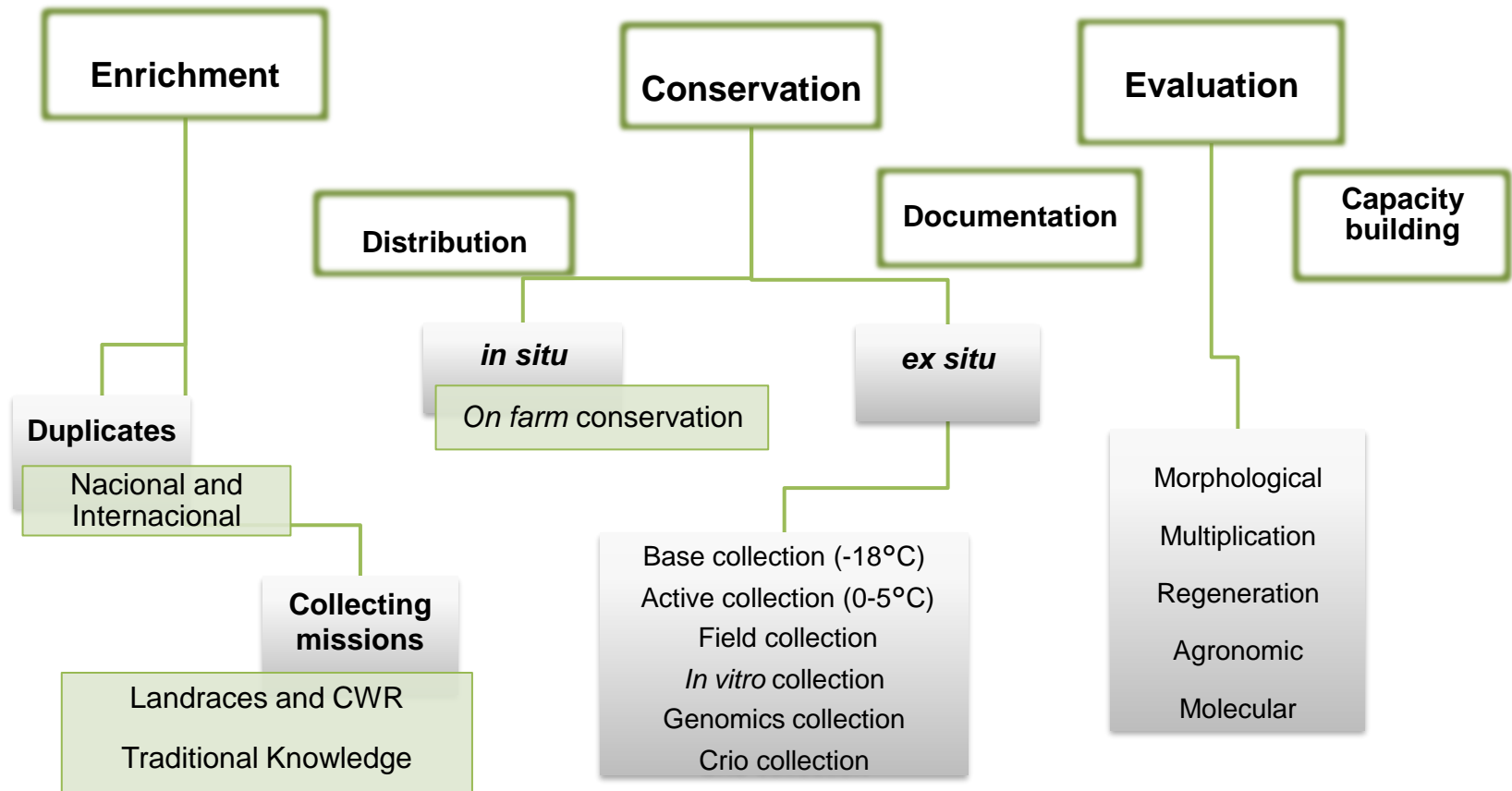
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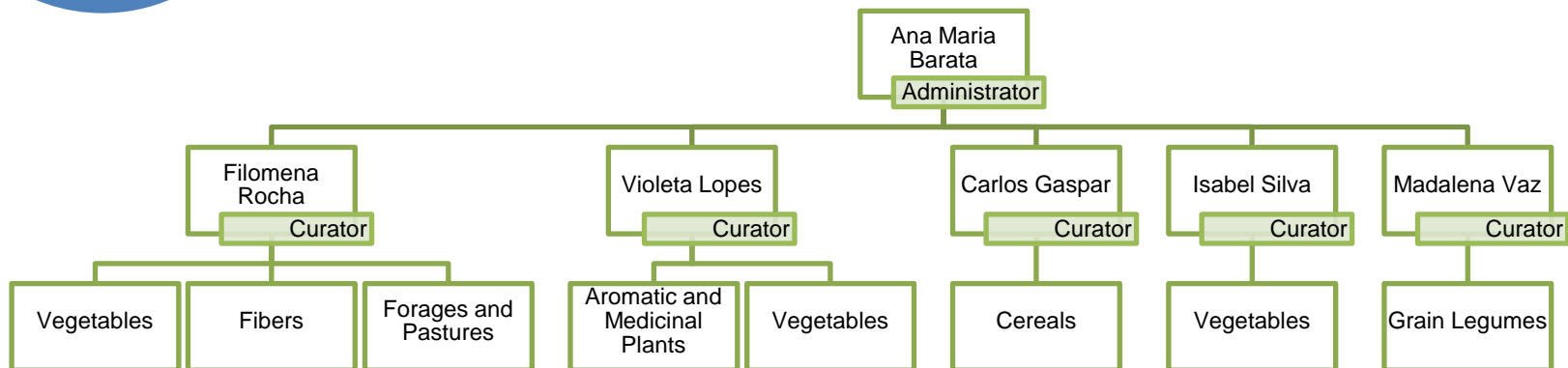
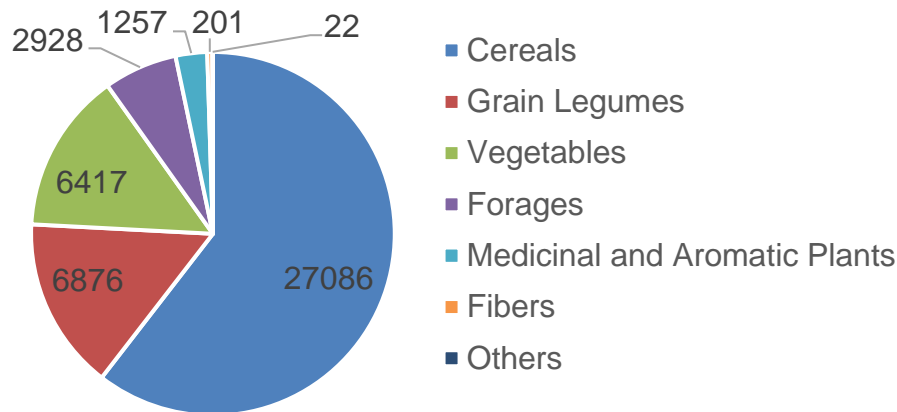
➤ Main activities



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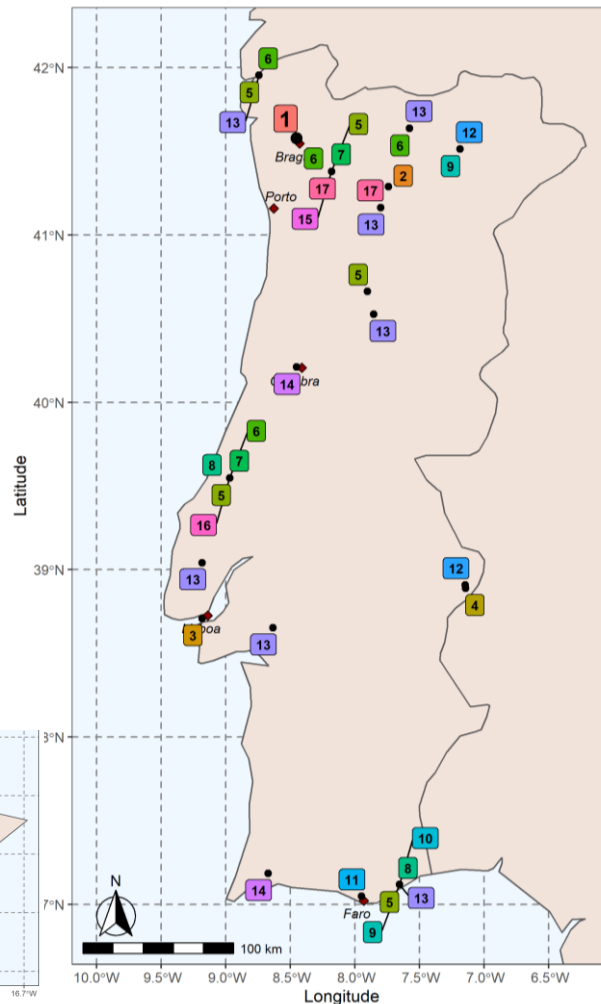
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➤ Collections and curators



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- The collections of Plant Genetic Resources for food and agriculture in Portugal



Collections

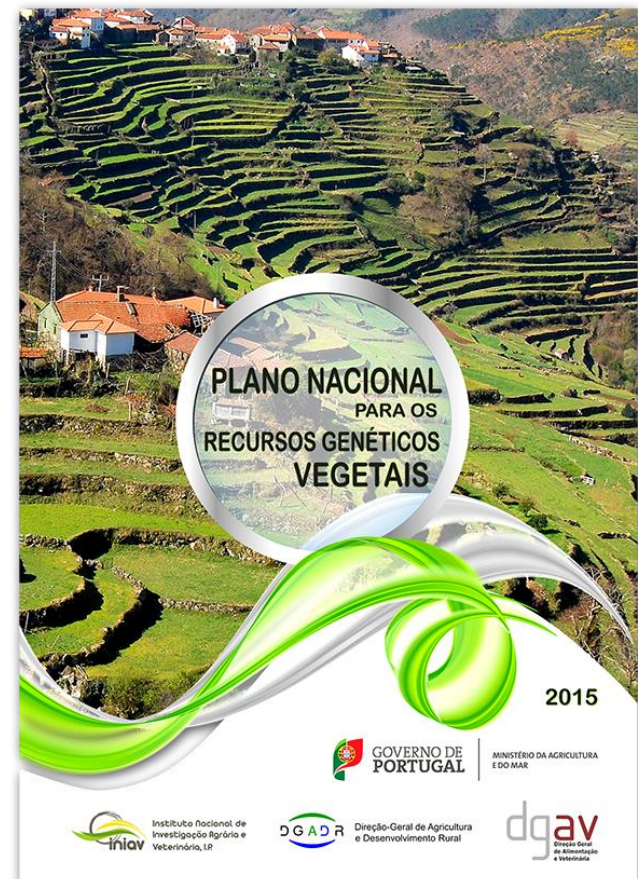
1	Cereals; Grain legumes; Vegetables; Forrages; Medicinal and aromatic plantas; Fibers
2	Cucurbits
3	Lupinus; Coffea
4	Fibers; Forrages; Grain legumes
5	Apples
6	Pears
7	Sweet cherry; Sour cherry; Persimmon; Quince
8	Figs; loquat; Pomegranate
9	Almonds
10	Carob
11	Citrus
12	Olives
13	Grapes
14	Strawberry tree
15	European hazel
16	Walnut
17	Chestnut
18	Cereals; Grain legumes; Vegetables; Forrages; Medicinal and aromatic plantas;Fibers

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- National Plan for Plant Genetic Resources

Strategic priorities

- To promote and strengthen the mid and long term *ex situ* conservation of cultivated species and CWR
- To promote and strengthen the *in situ* conservation of agrobiodiversity and CWR, in which the benefits of their usage, the farmer's rights and the access to PGR are the core guiding lines
- To update and deliver the **National Germplasm system of PGR**
- To **strengthen the documentation system** through a common platform.



Implementation of GRIN-Global

- Our starting point before GRIN-Global

- All data was available in paper format (and still is nowadays)

- Digitization of data started in **1992**

The image shows a handwritten data collection form from the International Rice Genebank (IRGAD). The form is titled "IRGAD INTERNATIONAL RICE GENE BANK" and "GENE BANK COLLECTION DATA". It contains various fields for recording collection data, including Experiment, Location, Family, Genus, Cultivar, Collector, Date, Latitude, Longitude, Altitude, Aspect, Slope, Soil Description, Cultivation, Association, Fertility, Disease, Biotic, Abiotic, Engineering, and Other. Handwritten entries include "LABOR-FAO Proj. GRAM Zea may", "CDS", "FC0101511977", "Lug. ANADRIMOS", "FREG. Pososos", "CROP. LEIRIA", and "40.443 km". There are also some numbers like "220780" and "Sample size 15kg" written on the form.

Since very early BPGV was committed to use informatics as a tool to help handle the large amounts of data and information that is typically generated in Genebanks.

During approximately two decades, data was stored using **Microsoft access, File Maker, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word.**

Despite the advantage and convenience of digital data availability, information was dispersed over different files and/or databases. We lacked **integration and functionality.**

- First contact with GRIN-Global in **2011**

Implementation of GRIN-Global

- Initial steps with GRIN-Global

First training session to become familiar with the tool in 2011

- The main goal was to evaluate if the system had the capacity to accommodate all the genebanks needs.
- By the end of the session, the main functionalities of GG proved to support BPGV and ISOplexis needs, so **the implementation phase started**.

Braga, June 6th-10th, 2011

Funchal, June 13th-17th, 2011

Implementation of GRIN-Global

- Implementation phase and learning process

- In the beginning: a team of 4 people (2 IT and 2 PGR) (1day/week)

- Understanding the overall structure of the database and the relationship between different tables (**this was the hardest think to learn; took us long time**)

- Conversion of data in various formats into Excel files

- Rearrangement of data in Excel to satisfy the new structure of GRIN-Global database (**most painful task!**)

Base File

INSTCODE	ACCNUMB	GENUS	SPECIES	SPAUTHOR	COLLNAM
PRT001	00512 - BPGV	Phaseolus	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.	Miguel Mot;
PRT001	00513 - BPGV	Phaseolus	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.	Miguel Mot;
PRT001	00514 - BPGV	Phaseolus	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.	Miguel Mot;
PRT001	00517 - BPGV	Phaseolus	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.	Miguel Mot;
PRT001	00519 - BPGV	Phaseolus	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.	Miguel Mot;

Import File

A	B	C	D	E	F	G					
1	taxonomy_taxon	taxonomy_name	authority	accession_number	par	accession_number	accession_number	pr	cor	status_code	life
2	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.		BPGV00512				N			An
3	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.		BPGV00513				N			An
4	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.		BPGV00514				N			An
5	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.		BPGV00517				N			An
6	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.		BPGV00519				N			An
7	Phaseolus vulgaris	L.		BPGV00522				N			An

00512-BPGV
BPGV00512

Implementation of GRIN-Global

- Implementation phase and learning process

- Code values

- *Are enough for our reality? Create new ones?*

- Development of taxonomy

- *Standard taxonomy available with GRIN-Global missed some of our species*

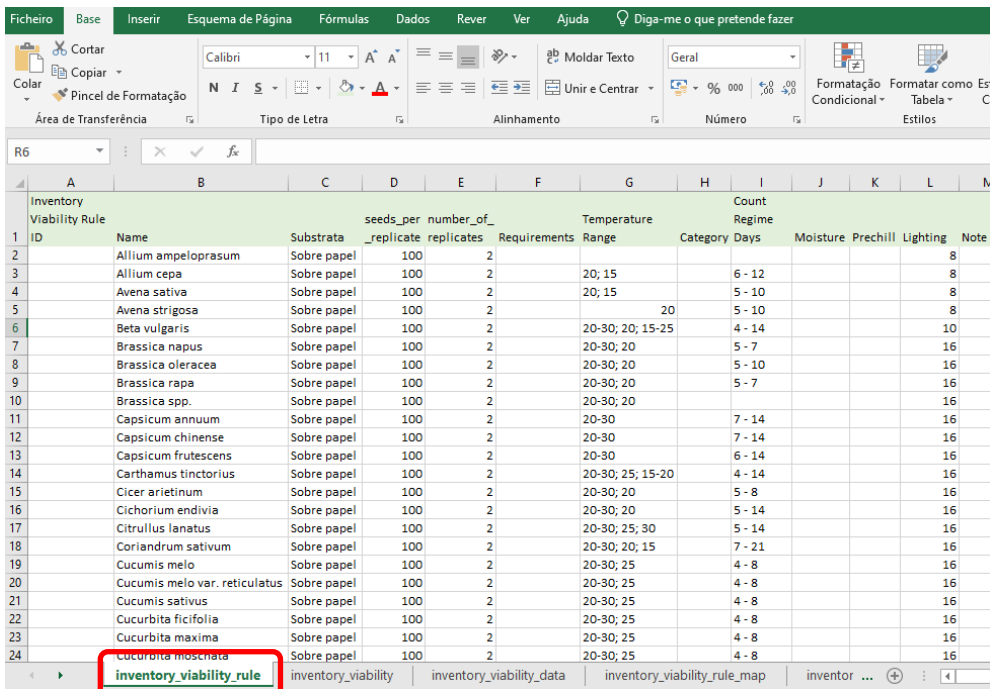
- Passport data

- *Accessions vs samples/inventory*

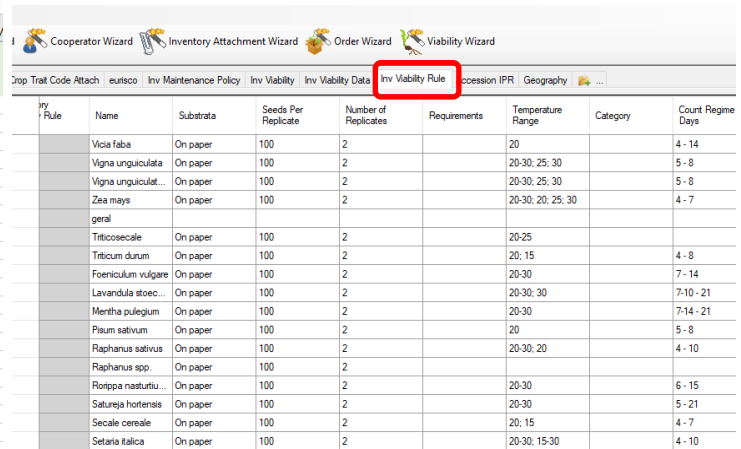
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- Implementation phase and learning process

➤ Viability



ID	Name	Substrata	seeds_per_replicate	number_of_replicates	Requirements	Temperature Range	Category	Days	Moisture	Prechill	Lighting	Note
2	Allium ampeloprasum	Sobre papel	100	2								8
3	Allium cepa	Sobre papel	100	2		20; 15		6 - 12				8
4	Avena sativa	Sobre papel	100	2		20; 15		5 - 10				8
5	Avena strigosa	Sobre papel	100	2			20	5 - 10				8
6	Beta vulgaris	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 20; 15-25		4 - 14			10	
7	Brassica napus	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 20		5 - 7				16
8	Brassica oleracea	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 20		5 - 10				16
9	Brassica rapa	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 20		5 - 7				16
10	Brassica spp.	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 20						16
11	Capsicum annuum	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30		7 - 14				16
12	Capsicum chinense	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30		7 - 14				16
13	Capsicum frutescens	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30		6 - 14				16
14	Carthamus tinctorius	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 25; 15-20		4 - 14				16
15	Cicer arietinum	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 20		5 - 8				16
16	Cichorium endivia	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 20		5 - 14				16
17	Citrus lanatus	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 25; 30		5 - 14				16
18	Coriandrum sativum	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 20; 15		7 - 21				16
19	Cucumis melo	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 25		4 - 8				16
20	Cucumis melo var. reticulatus	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 25		4 - 8				16
21	Cucumis sativus	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 25		4 - 8				16
22	Cucurbita ficifolia	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 25		4 - 8				16
23	Cucurbita maxima	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 25		4 - 8				16
24	Cucurbita moschata	Sobre papel	100	2		20-30; 25		4 - 8				16

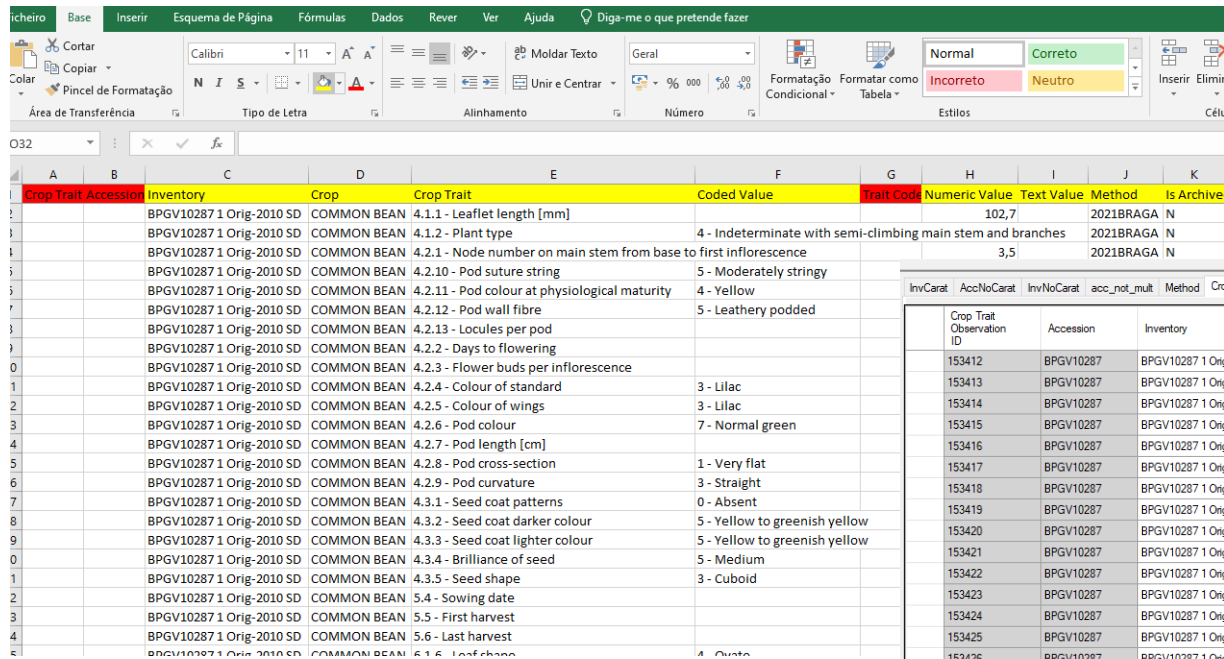


Inv Viability Rule	Name	Substrata	Seeds Per Replicate	Number of Replicates	Requirements	Temperature Range	Category	Count Regime
	Vicia faba	On paper	100	2		20		4 - 14
	Vigna unguiculata	On paper	100	2		20-30; 25; 30		5 - 8
	Vigna unguiculata...	On paper	100	2		20-30; 25; 30		5 - 8
	Zea mays	On paper	100	2		20-30; 20; 25; 30		4 - 7
	geral							
	Triticosecale	On paper	100	2		20-25		
	Triticum durum	On paper	100	2		20; 15		4 - 8
	Foeniculum vulgare	On paper	100	2		20-30		7 - 14
	Lavandula stoeac...	On paper	100	2		20-30; 30		7-10 - 21
	Mentha pulegium	On paper	100	2		20-30		7-14 - 21
	Pisum sativum	On paper	100	2		20		5 - 8
	Raphanus sativus	On paper	100	2		20-30; 20		4 - 10
	Raphanus spp.	On paper	100	2				
	Rorippa nasturtiu...	On paper	100	2		20-30		6 - 15
	Salureja hortensis	On paper	100	2		20-30		5 - 21
	Secale cereale	On paper	100	2		20; 15		4 - 7
	Setaria italica	On paper	100	2		20-30; 15-30		4 - 10

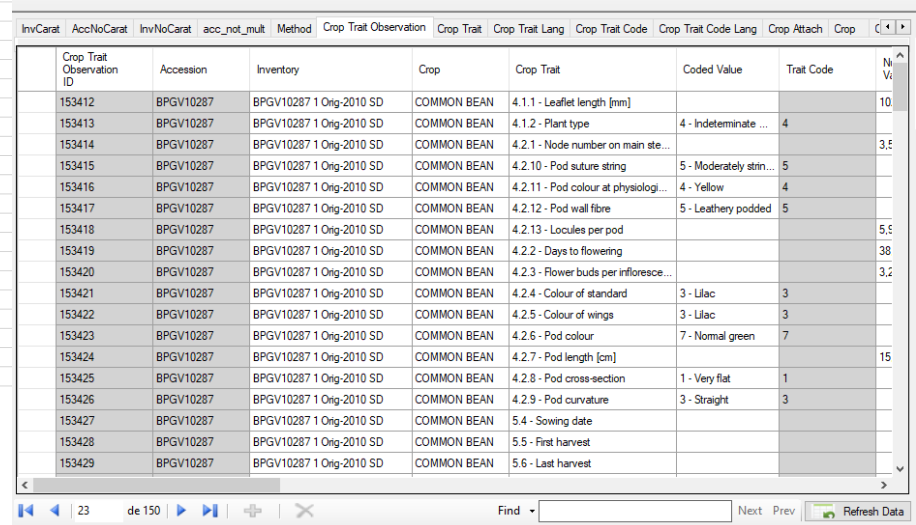
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- Implementation phase and learning process

➤ CROPS and species descriptors



Crop Trait	Accession	Inventory	Crop	Crop Trait	Coded Value	Trait Code	Numeric Value	Text Value	Method	Is Archive
4.1.1 - Leaflet length [mm]	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.1.1 - Leaflet length [mm]			102,7		2021BRAGA	N
4.1.2 - Plant type	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.1.2 - Plant type	4 - Indeterminate with semi-climbing main stem and branches				2021BRAGA	N
4.2.1 - Node number on main stem from base to first inflorescence	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.1 - Node number on main stem from base to first inflorescence			3,5		2021BRAGA	N
4.2.10 - Pod suture string	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.10 - Pod suture string	5 - Moderately stringy					
4.2.11 - Pod colour at physiological maturity	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.11 - Pod colour at physiological maturity	4 - Yellow					
4.2.12 - Pod wall fibre	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.12 - Pod wall fibre	5 - Leathery podded					
4.2.13 - Locules per pod	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.13 - Locules per pod						
4.2.2 - Days to flowering	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.2 - Days to flowering						
4.2.3 - Flower buds per inflorescence	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.3 - Flower buds per inflorescence						
4.2.4 - Colour of standard	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.4 - Colour of standard	3 - Lilac					
4.2.5 - Colour of wings	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.5 - Colour of wings	3 - Lilac					
4.2.6 - Pod colour	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.6 - Pod colour	7 - Normal green					
4.2.7 - Pod length [cm]	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.7 - Pod length [cm]						
4.2.8 - Pod cross-section	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.8 - Pod cross-section	1 - Very flat					
4.2.9 - Pod curvature	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.9 - Pod curvature	3 - Straight					
4.3.1 - Seed coat patterns	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.3.1 - Seed coat patterns	0 - Absent					
4.3.2 - Seed coat darker colour	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.3.2 - Seed coat darker colour	5 - Yellow to greenish yellow					
4.3.3 - Seed coat lighter colour	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.3.3 - Seed coat lighter colour	5 - Yellow to greenish yellow					
4.3.4 - Brilliance of seed	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.3.4 - Brilliance of seed	5 - Medium					
4.3.5 - Seed shape	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.3.5 - Seed shape	3 - Cuboid					
5.4 - Sowing date	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	5.4 - Sowing date						
5.5 - First harvest	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	5.5 - First harvest						
5.6 - Last harvest	BPGV10287	1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	5.6 - Last harvest						



Crop Trait Observation ID	Accession	Inventory	Crop	Crop Trait	Coded Value	Trait Code	N
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153413	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.1.2 - Plant type	4 - Indeterminate ...	4	
153414	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.1 - Node number on main ste...			3,5
153415	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.10 - Pod suture string	5 - Moderately strin...	5	
153416	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.11 - Pod colour at physiologi...	4 - Yellow	4	
153417	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.12 - Pod wall fibre	5 - Leathery podded	5	
153418	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.13 - Locules per pod			5,5
153419	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.2 - Days to flowering			38
153420	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.3 - Flower buds per infloresce...			3,2
153421	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.4 - Colour of standard	3 - Lilac	3	
153422	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.5 - Colour of wings	3 - Lilac	3	
153423	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.6 - Pod colour	7 - Normal green	7	
153424	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.7 - Pod length [cm]			15
153425	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.8 - Pod cross-section	1 - Very flat	1	
153426	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	4.2.9 - Pod curvature	3 - Straight	3	
153427	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	5.4 - Sowing date			
153428	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	5.5 - First harvest			
153429	BPGV10287	BPGV10287 1 Orig-2010 SD	COMMON BEAN	5.6 - Last harvest			

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- Implementation phase and learning process

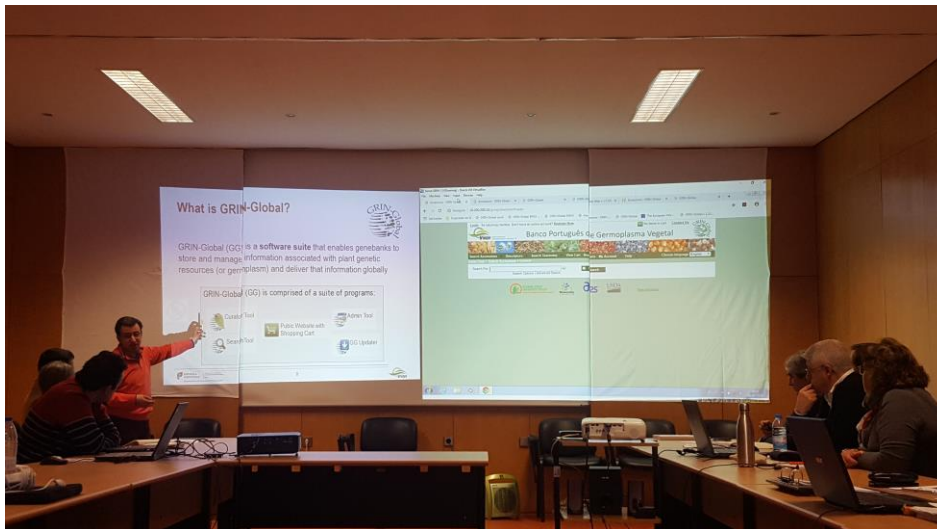
All these steps took several years but prepared the platform for our data

At the same time, we started loading all our data to the database, a process that was finished only recently

Implementation of GRIN-Global

- Implementation phase and learning process

- International workshops and courses (Oman 2015, Prague 2016, Porto 2018, Prague 2022)
- National workshops (2018 (1), 2019 (2))
- Internal sessions for BPGV staff (100's over the past decade)



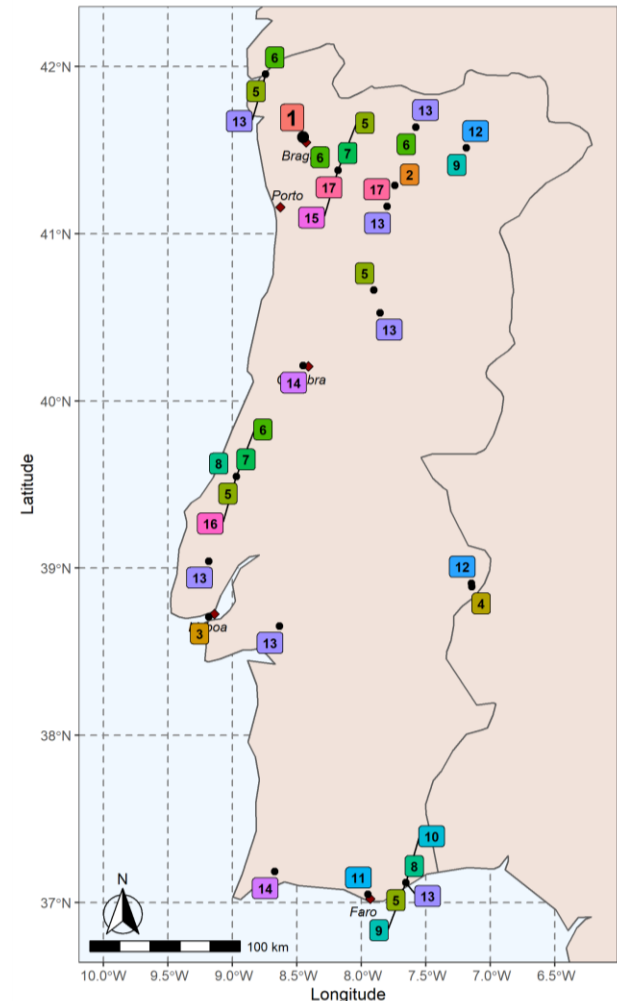
Implementation of GRIN-Global

- National Plant Germplasm System and broad adoption of GG

➤ There are **9** institutions or research stations outside BPGV that hold unique collections of **23** different clonal species, in the field or in greenhouse.

➤ All information regarding these collections is being integrated in GRIN-Global, to **deliver a National Inventory** of PGR in Portugal.

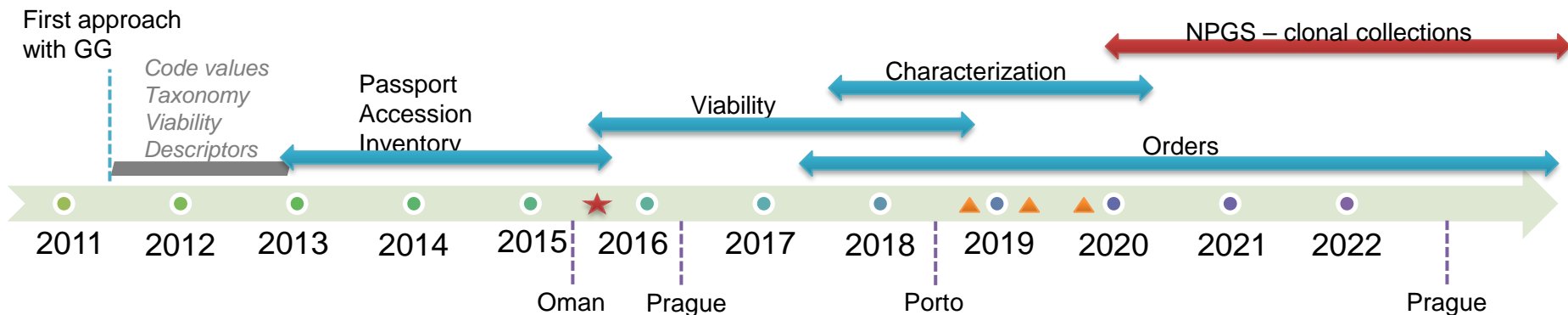
➤ Data collection is centralized at BPGV to accelerate the process. Our objective is that curators outside BPGV can start using Curator tool to manage their collections right after the data collection process is finished.



Implementation of GRIN-Global

- What have we accomplished so far?

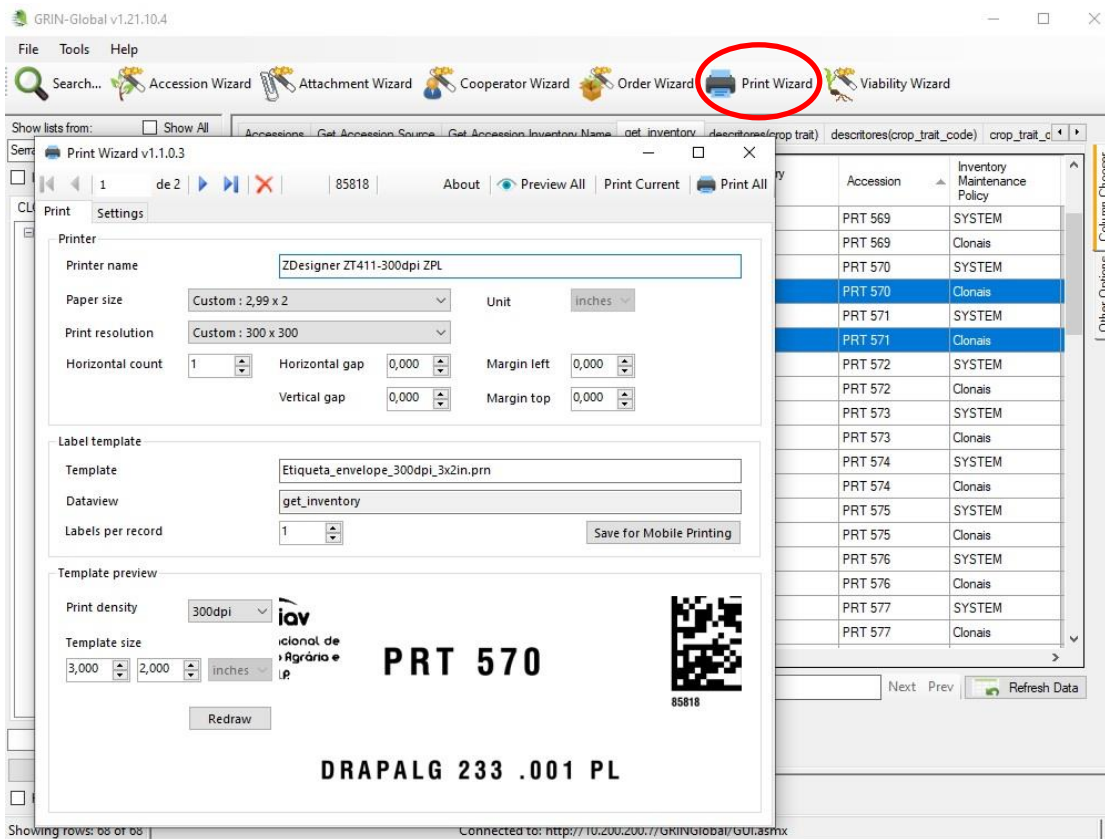
- Regarding BPGV collections, all data was migrated to GG and everything is up to date. This includes passport, inventory, characterization and viability data.
- All curators at BPGV fully use GG for the management of their collections.
- The handling of orders is already done using GG (in curator tool, not yet using web page)
- Regarding the NPGS, information from 10 species (out of 23) has already migrated.



Implementation of GRIN-Global

- What have we accomplished so far?

➤ The printing of barcodes using GG (print wizard)



Implementation of GRIN-Global

- What have we accomplished so far?

- *Digital First! Mentality*

- Besides everything we have achieved using GRIN-Global, one major achievement was to build **curator's trust over the digital world**. The confidence in the system is something that was only possible with GRIN-Global.

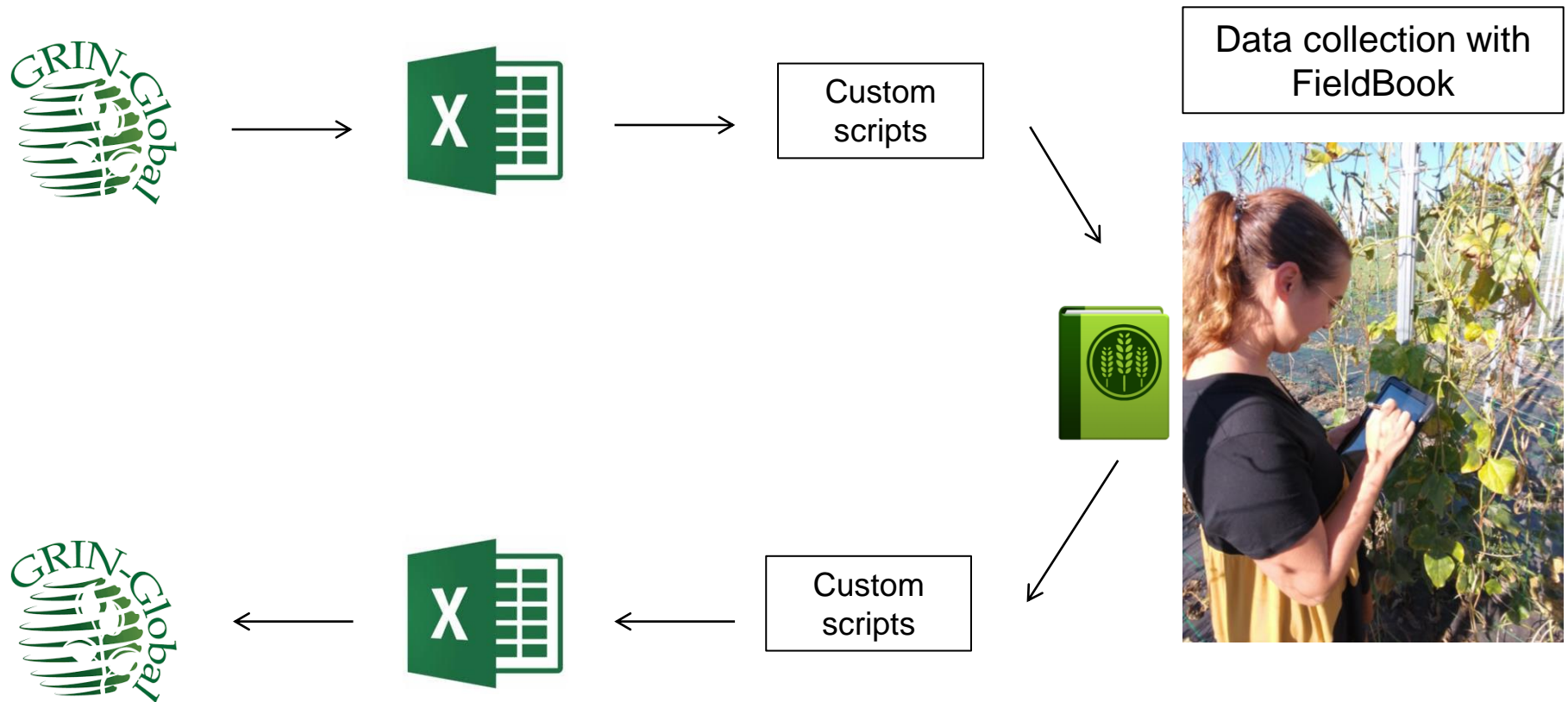
- This confidence boosted other approaches inside the Genebank and led us to **incorporate new technologies** in our routine activities.

- Conceptually, this is what it means: data collection is performed in digital format natively; paper still exists, for safety reasons, but only as a mirror of the data in the system.

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- What have we accomplished so far?

➤ Data collection with FieldBook



Implementation of GRIN-Global

- What are we aiming for in the near future?

- To finish the **National Plant Germplasm system** (priority)

- Implement **orders** from the public website

- Import all **genomic data** generated to date into GG

- Import all **biochemical data** generated to date into GG

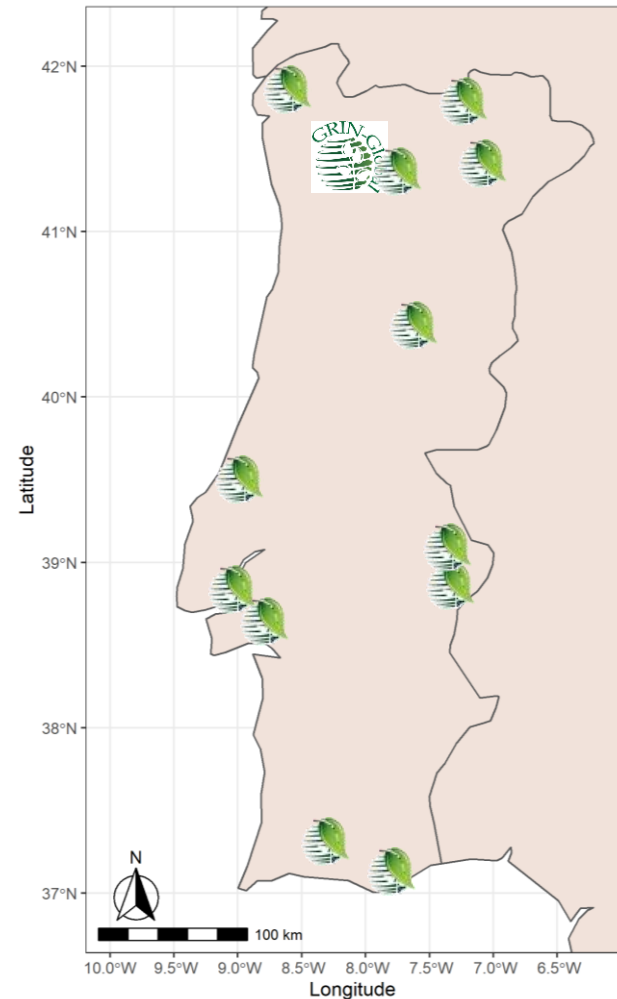
- Import **images** for every accession, if available, into GG

Implementation of GRIN-Global

- What are we aiming for in the near future?

The National Plant Germplasm System

- All institutions and research stations conserving PGR will be using curator tool to manage their collections.
- BPGV will be responsible for maintaining the database and to make all data available on-line through the National node of GRIN-Global web page.
- All PGR are managed over a single Germplasm System, that unites all information in an integrated fashion.



Suggestions and Recommendations

- Curator tool

- Orders

- When canceling an order on Order Wizard, the quantity is **not returned back** to the inventory. If a canceled order is resumed, quantity is reduced a **second time**.

- Manage samples like managing a stock inventory

- At any given moment, it is only possible to know the present quantity on inventory for a given sample. It is not possible to **track the movement** of material in the past (unless tracking all the orders on that sample). Would be very useful to have this feature built in CT.

- Logs for database changes

- Example: When a user edits a record on the database, that change would be logged. This would be useful, especially for the most important/critical information.

Suggestions and Recommendations

- Curator tool

- Inventory actions

- Create inventory actions automatically, after key changes to inventory. Example: after an order, automatically generate an inventory action with the key details from that order. Or if the location of the inventory is updated, create an inventory action reporting that location update automatically.

- Crop Trait Observation

- Automatically create in *crop trait observation* the mean, mode, difference between dates, or any other calculation from individual observation data available in *crop trait observation data*.

Suggestions and Recommendations

- Genomics

➤The ability to integrate large datasets of genomic data into GRIN-Global (diversity data from WGS studies or SNP arrays). *Is it desirable?*

- Dashboard

➤We need a dashboard!

- Curator tool is a very powerful tool to manage the collections routinely. But we miss a tool that could **read and digest all information**, making it available to curators on a visual and dynamic fashion. This would allow to immediately **answer key questions**, and facilitate **decision making**.

Final remark

Nowadays, GRIN-Global allow us to manage everything that is happening at our Genebank



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