

Fifteenth meeting of the ECPGR Steering Committee

Thessaloniki, Greece

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Biodiversity International representative

Hosting arrangement for Secretariat

- **Ann Tutwiler** (Director General Bioversity International):
 - *I'm glad that we will be able to continue to host ECPGR for its next phase*
- **Eva Thörn** (ECPGR ExCo Chair):
 - *I am very pleased that we could agree on a continued hosting of the ECPGR Secretariat at Bioversity for the next phase 2019 - 2023 under the same conditions as during the current phase (of course with an adjusted overhead in the budget) – **actually with reduced overheads, from 18.15% down to 15.84%***
 - *Continue to run EURISCO under the Bioversity **legal framework** and the **same contract terms***
 - ***Budget preparation** for the next phase should be initiated in collaboration with Bioversity Finance and as usual be approved by you or your deputy*

Some further notes

- ECPGR is happy to investigate possible staff sharing with Bioversity if adequate expertise will be available (suggestion by Bioversity)
- Bioversity offers partnerships/collaboration with European countries to carry out projects of common interest. No more CGIAR issued restrictions on spending funds in European countries.