

# Sixteenth meeting of the ECPGR Steering Committee

7-9 June 2022

*Alnarp/Malmö, Sweden*

## Annotated Agenda

### Monday, 6 June 2022

Arrival of participants at Hotel Savoy, Malmö

### Tuesday, 7 June 2022

#### Registration

8:30–9:00 *Conference venue: Sankt Gertrud conference, Östergatan 7B, 211 25 Malmö*

#### 1. Opening (*Chair: M. Lefort*)

09:00–09:15 Opening statements by representatives of the host country

09:15–09:30 Welcome address by the Chair and adoption of the Agenda

#### 2. Reporting on Phase X (*Chair: B. Maças*)

09:30–10:30 Technical and financial report of Phase X (*L. Maggioni, S. Goritschnig, S. Weise*)

The Secretariat gives an account of the first three years of Phase X implementation and the financial status of the Programme

Background Documents:

- Mid-Term Report on ECPGR Phase X (January 2019–April 2022) [[link](#)]
- ECPGR Objectives Phase X - Annotated by the ECPGR Secretariat in the 'activities' and 'indicators' columns (May 2022) [[link](#)]
- Overview of Working Group activities during Phase X (as of March 2022) [[link](#)]
- ECPGR Financial Report 2021 [[link](#)]

10:30–10:45 Report from the ExCo on its activities during Phase X (*M. Lefort*)

The ExCo reports about its activity during the first part of Phase X, including messages/recommendations for the attention of the Steering Committee

Background Document:

- Report from the ExCo on its activities during Phase X [[link](#)]

10:45–11:15 *Coffee/Tea break*

11:15–12:30 Discussion

Discussion for comments or clarifications

12:30–13:45 *Lunch*

### 3. The PGR Strategy: a new framework for ECPGR activities (Chair: B. Schierscher)

13:45–14:15 The Plant Genetic Resources Strategy for Europe (Th. van Hintum)

Theo van Hintum presents the [PGR Strategy](#)

14:15–14:30 Feedback from the GenRes Bridge final event and follow up initiatives regarding implementation of the GR Strategy for Europe and its linked PGR Strategy (M. Lefort)

Marianne Lefort gives an update on follow-up activities aiming to raise policymakers' awareness through an event organized in the framework of the French Presidency of the EU

14:30–15:15 Discussion

Discussion for comments or clarifications

15:15–15:45 Coffee/Tea break

### 4. ECPGR towards Phase XI (Chair: M. Lefort)

15:45 – 16:15 Proposal from Bioversity/others? for continued hosting of the Secretariat

Josephine Luzon, Head of Bioversity International Financial Operations, connecting from Rome, explains the conditions for the renewal of the hosting agreement between ECPGR and the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT.

A few questions will be allowed

16:15 – 17:45 Statements from all countries on participation in Phase XI, centred on the implementation of the PGR Strategy, and potential financing of the programme; and comments from observers (All National Coordinators and observers)

All National Coordinators and permanent observers are invited to express very briefly (2.5 min each max) their preliminary position regarding the possibility of participation of their country in a new ECPGR Phase starting in 2024, focusing on the implementation of the PGR Strategy. Based on the potential commitment expressed by countries, the Secretariat will prepare a proposal for a new Phase, which will be submitted for approval to the next Steering Committee meeting in summer 2023.

17:45 – 18:30 Support from ECPGR to the Ukrainian genebank (Introduced by F. Begemann)

Frank Begemann explains the initiative involving various donors including ECPGR for support and reconstruction of the Ukrainian genebank system. The current and future role of ECPGR is open for discussion.

*Dinner in Malmö (self-organized)*

## Wednesday, 8 June 2022

08:45 *Transfer to St. Gertrud conference venue*

### 5. ECPGR towards Phase XI (continued) (Chair: M. Lefort)

09:00–09:30 Feedback from the ExCo meeting with the Working Group Chairs and options for a new mode of operation for Phase XI (L. Maggioni)

Lorenzo Maggioni summarizes the discussion and points of agreement raised by the WG Chairs, and proposes three general options for a new mode of operation for Phase XI.

Background Documents:

- Analysis of the answers to the ECPGR Questionnaire to the Working Groups' Chairs [\[link\]](#)
- Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Groups' Chairs and the Executive Committee (5–6 April 2022) [\[link\]](#)
- Options for a new mode of operation for Phase XI [\[link\]](#)

09:30 – 10:30 Discussion

In the discussion, the Steering Committee is invited to comment on the role of the Working Groups and the options for Phase XI. This discussion will continue in separate subgroups in the afternoon.

10:30–11:00 *Coffee/Tea break*

11:00–11:15 Implementation of a newly established Cryopreservation WG (L. Maggioni)

Lorenzo Maggioni summarizes the steps leading to the creation of a cryopreservation WG, the need to discuss the role of international organizations in this WG, and the Chair selection.

11:15–11:45 Discussion

The discussion is intended to reach an agreement about the mode of operation of the Cryopreservation WG.

11:45 *Transfer to Alnarp*

12:15–13:30 *Lunch*

### 6. ECPGR towards Phase XI – subregional groups discussion (Chair: B. Lund)

13:30–15:30 Four subregional groups are formed to openly discuss ECPGR priorities and mode of operation for Phase XI and bring proposals to the attention of the plenary

The participants will split into four breakout rooms. Each group is invited to use the Background Document “Tables 2.1 to 2.6 of potential ECPGR actions in Phase XI” [\[link\]](#) and annotate the right-end column (Priorities) for at least two tables. The rapporteur should prepare to report the result on a PowerPoint, including the position of the subgroup on the options for the future mode of operation.

15:30–16:00 *Coffee/Tea break*

16:00 –16:40 Reports from subregional rapporteurs (10' each)

Rapporteurs present the results of each subgroup

16:40–18:00 Discussion on ECPGR priorities and mode of operation for Phase XI

The Steering Committee discusses the presentations and aims to reach an agreement on priorities and mode of operation for Phase XI. The conclusions will be considered by the Secretariat for the preparation of a proposal for Phase XI, during the coming year.

18:00–18:10 Wrap-up on decisions of the day (*M. Lefort*)

Marianne Lefort summarizes the points of agreement reached during the meeting and any issue that will need further consideration

18:30 *Return to hotel*

20:00 *Social dinner*

## Thursday, 9 June 2022

### 7. Study Tour

08:30–12:00 Visit to NorGen and Alnarp campus

*(Rapporteurs compile the draft report)*

12:00–13:45 *Lunch*

### 8. Conclusion (*Chair: M. Lefort*)

13:45–14:45 Reading of meeting's report

The Steering Committee members individually read the printed report of the meeting prepared by the Secretariat and identify corrections to be proposed in the plenary.

14:45–17:30 Discussion and approval of report, *with 15 min coffee break at 16:00*

The ExCo Chair guides the Steering Committee through the report, paragraph by paragraph, inviting suggestions for corrections or changes until the report is unanimously approved.

17:30–17:45 Concluding remarks of the meeting

18:00 *Return to hotel and / or*

*Departure of participants*