# Members’ turnover and number of meetings during Phase X (2019 – mid-2023)

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**13 meetings (2019-2023)**  
**4 in person**  
(Maccarese, 2019; Tuusula 2019; Svalbard, 2020; Brussels, 2021)  
**9 virtual**  
(from mid-2020 to April 2023)
Main highlights

• **Grant Scheme** calls for proposals and requests for meetings

• **Follow-up of SC decisions** taken during the 16th SC meeting

• Encourage the exploration for setting up a **Genebank curators’ network**

• Preparation of the **17th SC meeting**
Grant Scheme calls for proposals and requests for meetings (mid-2022 – 2023)

• 9 proposals accepted and one 1 WG meeting (2019 – mid-2022 / 5 calls)
  • \(197,000\text{€} + 13,500\text{€} = 210,500\text{€}\) awarded

• 6 proposals and two meetings accepted (mid-2022 – mid-2023 / 1 call)
  \(\rightarrow 188,500\text{€} + 48,000\text{€} = 236,500\text{€}\) awarded

→ A huge ‘quality’ effort for proposals submitted during the last call
→ \(446,500\text{€}\) awarded for Phase X (out of ca. 668,000€ available)

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Follow-up of decisions taken during the 16th SC meeting (1/3)

• Preparing the ‘Table of Priority activities’ for the implementation of the PGR Strategy for Europe during Phase XI
  • ExCo reviewed work based on SC preliminary discussions last June
  • ExCo suggested a wide circulation of drafts among WG chairs and SC Committee
  → Last revised version agreed by ExCo submitted for final discussion and agreement by SC at its 17th meeting
Follow-up of decisions taken during the 16th SC meeting (2/3)

• Set up a Task Force for the revision of the ECPGR ToRs and rules of procedures for Phase XI:
  • ExCo drafted mandate/ToRs of the TF
  • ExCo searched for volunteers from all subregions including chair (Linn Borgen Nilsen)
  • ExCo including ECPGR Secretary actively participated in the TF (3 ExCo members involved out of 7 participants)

→ Last version of the document presented by Linn Borgen Nilsen for final discussion and agreement by SC at its 17th meeting
Follow-up of decisions taken during the 16th SC meeting (3/3)

Cryopreservation WG:

• ExCo suggested the nomination of two co-Chairs (B. Panis/BE and M. Faltus/Cz) and agreed on their letter of appointment (June 2022)

• ExCo encouraged and supported the organization of a ‘launch’ meeting (May 2023) to discuss main elements to elaborate:
  • a strategy for cryopreservation of PGR in Europe
  • a strategy to broaden the routine use of cryopreservation methods.

→ Brief overview of this founder meeting (to be presented by L. Maggioni for discussion and guidance of SC on next steps)
Encourage the exploration for setting up a Genebank Curators’ Network

- Following preliminary discussion during the 16th SC meeting:
  - ExCo agreed on rough mandate of the TF
  - ExCo agreed on Lise Lykke Steffensen to operate as ad hoc Chair of the TF

  ➔ Progress on potential ToRs and modus operandi of a future network (to be presented by Lise Lykke Steffensen for discussion and guidance of SC on next steps)
Interactions with Working Groups

Appointment of WG Chairs:
  • Cryopreservation WG (B. Panis & M. Faltus, August 2022)
  • Forages (S. Barth, March 2023)

ExCo organized a virtual meeting with WG Chairs, focused on important issues to prepare Phase XI (March 2023):
  1. ‘Table of priority activities’ for progressive implementation of the PGR strategy for Europe: elaboration process and discussion
  2. ‘ECPGRs ToRs and Rules of Procedures’: presentation of the elements relevant to WG activities and discussion

→ Both documents were revised to take into consideration relevant suggestions from WG Chairs, after agreement of ExCo (1) and TF on ECPGR ToRs (2)
Preparation of the 17th SC meeting

• Agenda

• Background documents discussed and agreed by ExCo:
  • Proposals for Phase XI budget and table of country contributions
  • Table of priorities for Phase XI
  • WG reports template
  • How to deal with requests for emergency regeneration in European genebanks (a practical case).
Conclusions (1/2)

• A significant progress in the quality of Grant Scheme proposals in the last Call (2022)

• A new dynamic with WGs that are motivated to participate in the preparation of ECPGR strategic documents (PGR Strategy, Priority activities for Phase X, ECPGR ToRs)

• A relevant plus value of TFs’ work to accompany and/or urge the revision/evolution/creation of documents and activities.
Conclusions (2/2)

A new ambitious Strategy with clear objectives and associated 10-year targets with priority activities to be implemented during Phase XI

• The ECPGR budget to be adopted at the end of the 17th SC meeting

• The vital need to complement ‘current’ ECPGR budget through diversified sources:
  
  ➔ Importance to stimulate the implementation of activities through other funding sources, namely EU-funded projects (Secretariat, WGs and other operational bodies)

  ➔ Need to continue to lobby through successive EU presidencies for more sustainable funding for European cooperative activities
THANK YOU