



**15<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting**  
**European Forest Genetic Resources Programme (EUFORGEN)**

*23-25 (26) November 2020*

*Virtual Meeting*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Webinars in preparation for the meeting**

**Genetic Resources** – a new journal serving all GR sectors - *Sandra Goritschnig*, (Alliance Bioversity-CIAT) - [link to the webinar](#)

**GeneNet Project** – Improving the genetic conservation network for Ireland. *Colin Kelleher* (National Botanic Gardens, Ireland) [link to the webinar](#)

**FORGENIUS project** – a new H2020-funded project to expand, improve, organise knowledge of forest diversity and resilience. *Ivan Scotti* (INRAE, France) - [link to the webinar](#)

**European Genetic Resources Strategy** - Securing genetic resources in Europe – Development of the European Genetic Resources Strategy *Nigel Maxted* (University of Birmingham, UK) - [link to the webinar](#)

Meeting participants are warmly invited to watch the recording of the webinars, since those will be the basis for the discussion during the meeting

**Monday 23 November**

Time	Session	Purpose Outcome	Background documents
9.30	<b>Virtual gathering - informal</b>	The virtual space is open to allow the meeting participants to informally gather and to get ready for the meeting	
10.00	<b>Opening of the meeting</b> Logistics and instructions for the online event ( <i>Ewa Hermanowicz, Secretariat</i> ) <b>Introduction</b> and approval of the agenda ( <i>Michele Bozzano, Secretariat</i> )	<b>For discussion and approval</b> The agenda is approved	Draft Agenda of the meeting
	Introduction of participants and nomination of meeting rapporteurs ( <i>E. Hermanowicz</i> )		<a href="#">List of participants</a>
10.20	<b>Session 1: Reporting</b> EUFORGEN's 2019 Technical and Financial report ( <i>M. Bozzano</i> ) EUFORGEN's Communication 2019 and 2020 ( <i>Ewa Hermanowicz Secretariat</i> ) Update on EUFORGEN's activities during 2020 ( <i>M. Bozzano</i> )	<b>For discussion and approval</b> Technical and financial report for 2019 are approved by the SC	<a href="#">Technical</a> and <a href="#">financial</a> report for 2019 <a href="#">Communications report</a>
	GenRes Bridge project (updates and next steps) <i>M. Bozzano</i>	<b>For information and discussion</b> 2020 EUFORGEN's activities are presented	
		<b>For information and discussion</b> 2019-20 project's activities are presented	<a href="http://www.genresbridge.eu">www.genresbridge.eu</a>
11.15	Coffee Break		
11.30	<b>Session 2: Issues stemming from webinars</b> <i>E. Hermanowicz</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GenRes Journal (<a href="http://www.genresj.org">www.genresj.org</a>)</li> </ul>	<b>For discussion and deliberation</b> SC to indicate if the journal is relevant for the FGR community if supporting it	<a href="#">Webinars</a>
	The FORGENIUS Project ( <i>Ivan Scotti (INRAe)</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MoU - data sharing agreement (<i>Marjana Westergren (GIS)</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>For information and discussion</b>	

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		Pending actions from the webinars are addressed	
	<b>Emerging needs and opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU Rural developments funds for cofounding FGR activities 2021-2027 (<i>Felipe Pérez Martín (Spain)</i>)</li> <li>Glossary (<i>Anna-Maria Farsakoglou, Secretariat</i>)</li> <li>Species' pages on the EUFORGEN's website (<i>M. Bozzano</i>)</li> </ul>		
	Introducing Session 3 (M. Bozzano)		
12.30	Lunch break		
14.00	<b>Session 3: European Genetic Resources Strategy (EGRS) presented to the EUFORGEN Steering Committee</b> European Genetic Resources Strategy ( <i>Nigel Maxed (UoB)</i> ) Q/A	<b>For information and discussion</b> The SC has a comprehensive overview of the overall European Genetic Resources Strategy	<a href="#">Recording of the webinar</a>  <a href="#">European Genetic Resources Strategy draft version 3.1</a>
14.45	Coffee Break		
15.00	European Genetic Resources Strategy – key commitments	<b>For discussion</b> The SC discusses the possible key commitments and agrees on a consolidated EUFORGEN <b>perspective</b> for the following day	EGRS 15.2
16.50	<b>Assessment of day 1 (and getting ready for the following day)</b>  <i>E. Hermanowicz</i>	Strengths and possible improvements for the next days	
17.00	Close of the day		

## Tuesday 24 November

Time	Session	Purpose Outcome	Background documents
10.00	<b>Brief recap – M. Bozzano and participants</b>		
10.15	<b>Session 4: The European FOREST Genetic Resources Strategy</b> (AM Farsakoglou)	<b>For information and discussion</b> The SC has a comprehensive overview of the draft European Forest Genetic Resources Strategy	<a href="#">Draft Zero European Forest Genetic Resources Strategy</a>
11.00	Coffee Break		
11.15	<b>Defining a roadmap for the finalisation of the FGR Strategy and to address complementary issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental classification for the strategy</li> <li>• <i>Ex situ</i> minimum requirements</li> <li>• Key commitments</li> </ul>	<b>For discussion and approval</b>	<a href="#">FAO Ecological zones – JRC s</a>
11.45	<b>Getting ready for the afternoon session (M. Bozzano)</b>	<b>For discussion</b>	
12.00	Lunch Break		
13.30	<b>Cross-domain feedback workshop</b> Opening of the online space		
14.00	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>		
14.30	<b>Sharing feedback from the networks</b>  Domains coordinators/Secretary will introduce the outcomes of the domain-specific discussions of the previous day	<b>For discussion</b>	
15.20	Coffee Break		
15.35	<b>Processing feedback from the networks</b>	<b>For discussion</b>	
16.25	<b>Closing</b>		
16.30	<b>Close of the day</b>		

**Wednesday 25 November**

Time	Session	Purpose Outcome	Background documents
10.00	<b>Brief recap</b> <i>M. Bozzano and participants</i>		
10.15	<b>Session 5: addressing open issues (M. Bozzano)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring the possibility of EUFORGEN receiving funding by the European Commission</li> <li>• State of Europe's FGR report</li> <li>• Inputs into the development of the EU Forest Strategy</li> <li>• Transition measures for countries joining the new Phase</li> <li>• Countries sharing fees and responsibilities internally</li> </ul>	<b>For discussion and deliberation</b> Open issues are discussed and actions to address them have been defined	<a href="#">EU Forest Strategy - roadmap</a>
11.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
11.15	<b>Session 6: workplan for 2021</b>  Definition of workplan for 2021 and modalities to nominate representatives for the collaborative platforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion platforms</li> <li>○ Working Groups</li> <li>○ Advisory committee</li> </ul>		
	Closure - Date and place for the next meeting		
12.00	<b>Lunch Break</b>		
13.15	<b>Feedback Workshop on the European Genetic Resources Strategy</b>		<i>Separate programme</i>
15.15	<b>Coffee break</b>		
15.35	<b>Feedback Workshop on the European Genetic Resources Strategy</b>		<i>Separate programme</i>
17.00	<b>Close of the meeting</b>		

**Thursday 26 November**

Time	Session	Purpose Outcome	Background documents
13.15	<b>Feedback Workshop on the European Genetic Resources Strategy</b>		<i>Separate programme</i>
15.00	Coffee break		
15.20	<b>Feedback Workshop on the European Genetic Resources Strategy</b>		<i>Separate programme</i>
16.30	Close of the meeting		