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# **EUFORGEN STEERING COMMITTEE: REPORT OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING**

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## 20th Meeting of the EUFORGEN Steering Committee 9-11 April 2024, Bergen, Norway

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## 1. Approval of the agenda and rapporteurs' appointment

M. Bozzano opened the meeting and welcomed the participants to the 20<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting. The meeting was attended by 22 National Coordinators from Phase VI member countries, 2 observers and the members of the EUFORGEN Secretariat (full list of participants is available in Annex 1).

Adalsteinn Sigurgeirsson and Heino Konrad were nominated as rapporteurs.

M. Bozzano introduced and updated the agenda (Annex 2) for the meeting, which was approved by the participants.

Participants were informed that the meeting was partially supported by the FORGENIUS<sup>1</sup> programme.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee (SC) approved the agenda without further changes content-wise. Adalsteinn Sigurgeirsson and Heino Konrad were appointed as rapporteurs.

## 2. Approval of the technical and financial report of 2023

M. Bozzano gave a brief presentation of the draft technical and financial report 2023, complementing the webinar organised on 26 April 2024 where he presented the updates of the report. No further comments were received.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee approved the drafts of the technical and financial report 2023.

## 3. Update on the implementation of Phase VI activities

The Steering Committee was informed about updates of the EUFORGEN Phase VI ongoing activities.

### 3.1. Report of Discussion Platform on GCU Network management in case of biotic outbreaks: the case study of ash dieback (*A.M. Farsakoglou, Secretariat*)

The Steering Committee was reminded of the recommendations from the report of the Discussion Platform on “GCU Network management in case of biotic outbreaks: the case study of ash dieback” that can be possibly included in the Phase VII activities.

### 3.2 Report of Discussion Platform on adaptation of GCUs to climate change (*M. Bozzano, Secretariat*)

The Steering Committee was reminded of the recommendations from the report of the Discussion Platform on “Adaptation of GCUs to climate change”, that can be possibly included in the Phase VII activities.

Discussion:

The Steering Committee took note of the suggested actions.

Iceland asked for permission to share the document on Nordic level at a workshop in May 2024. This was agreed but with mentioning that the document is not an EUFORGEN product but a draft report on the outcomes of the Discussion Platform.

### 3.3 Forest Europe Bonn Ministerial documents

M. Bozzano presented the possible reference to EUFORGEN, FGR and FRM in the Ministerial document under preparation for the ninth Ministerial Conference. The Steering Committee took note of the relevant needs identified by the Forest Europe process to be addressed during the preparation of Phase VII.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.forgenius.eu](http://www.forgenius.eu)

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that the Secretariat will send the draft documents with the current wording in the two relevant documents for the upcoming Forest Europe Ministerial conference (Oct 2024), for comments by the Steering Committee by 16 April, and comments on the inputs by 19 April 2024.

### 3.4 Cooperation with neighbour countries

A map of the Forest Europe signatory countries and EUFORGEN member countries was presented. Focus for further cooperation will be devoted to South and Eastern Mediterranean countries and to the Balkan countries, currently not EUFORGEN members, in collaboration, among others, with the Union for the Mediterranean. Central Asia and Caucasus countries will remain an important element for future collaboration, as well.

### 3.5 Lesson learnt from FRM normative: developing a procedure to react on similar cases

M. Bozzano introduced a proposal on how to proceed in future consultation requests from external entities similar to the one experienced on the FRM normative; a roadmap was presented and discussed. An indicative roadmap can be used and adapted for each case, depending on several needs, e.g. National Coordinators may need internal consultations. The Steering Committee will decide upon the need to react, based on the relevance of the topic, the deadline, the type of feedback and if consensus is needed. An *ad hoc* Task Force can be appointed if needed.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that the Secretariat will prepare an online document for the procedure to be followed if feedback, similar to the EC FRM normative, is required. The deadline for the preparation of the document is 10 June 2024.

### 3.6 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary EUFORGEN

The Secretariat prepared and presented a concept note for an event in Brussels in autumn 2024, jointly organized with relevant stakeholders (eg the IUCN). The main topic of the event could be to approach possible conflicts in sustainable use of FGR and conservation of biodiversity. The Secretariat will circulate the concept note and the Steering Committee will provide feedback and decide upon the event.

### 3.7 Webinars

Webinars planned for the next couple of months include a webinar in collaboration with Forest Europe and the FORGENIUS project, to take place on 15 April 2024 entitled “spotlight on genetic diversity – adapting forest to drought” and another, in collaboration with the EFI Mediterranean and Biocities Facilities, on “Mediterranean stone pines under attack: the invasion of the pine tortoise scale”, which will take place on 2 May 2024.

The Steering Committee was asked to identify topics for future webinars, associated to projects or topics for discussion.

### 3.8 Collaboration with OECD Forest Seed and Plant Scheme

As part of our joint communication activities, the Secretariat will collaborate with the OECD Forest Seed and Plant Scheme to further disseminate the policy brief, the policy summary<sup>2</sup> and the publication

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.euforgen.org/resources/forest-reproductive-material/frm-policy/>

series on the production and use of FRM, which was produced based on the report on “Genetic aspects linked to production and use of forest reproductive material (FRM)”<sup>3</sup>.

#### 4. Decisions SC19 Meeting – checklist

The status of the decisions taken at the 19<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting were presented.

#### 5. Project heritage

The Steering Committee discussed a proposal from the Secretariat on how the scientific questions and the outcomes of the old and ongoing projects (e.g. the FORGENIUS project) could be archived and be available in the long term.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that the Secretariat will prepare a specific proposal to be presented at the Steering Committee meeting in autumn 2024 for a simple archive containing only the projects in which EUFORGEN was involved.

#### 6. Phase VII document preparation

##### 6.1 Overview of Phase VII document

The Secretariat gave a brief overview about the comments and inputs received on the draft of the Phase VII document. A detailed overview of the document was presented during a pre-webinar. The Task Force was thanked for their collaboration in preparing the document.

The document will be finalized by June 2024.

- It was also agreed that the in-kind contribution will be quantified and included in the financial report. Outstanding contributions will be written off for older phases.

##### 6.2 Preliminary agreement on expected annual national contributions

The Steering Committee discussed the proposed annual national contributions to define a baseline budget for Phase VII activities. The proposed thresholds were the same as per the previous phase, based on UN scale assessment<sup>4</sup>.

A discussion took place about a possibility of the future involvement of the EC in the Programme. In the case that the EC would become member of EUFORGEN, the countries would continue paying a contribution to remain as members (though fees for the EU countries may be reduced).

**Decision:** The Steering Committee agreed on the proposed expected annual national contributions for Phase VII based on the countries that were EUFORGEN member countries during Phase VI.

##### 6.3 Revision/confirmation of thresholds

The Steering Committee decided to apply a cap of up to 20% on increases/decreases between the phases to avoid major changes in the national contribution in certain countries.

The Steering Committee agreed that the thresholds of the annual national contributions will be defined based on the UN scale assessment. However, upon request, an exception will be made for Bosnia &

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.euforgen.org/publications/publication/genetic-aspects-linked-to-production-and-use-of-forest-reproductive-material-frm>

<sup>4</sup> <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n21/418/88/pdf/n2141888.pdf?token=OHk1Haj6AMXW0MmFbl&fe=true>

Herzegovina which will be moved from category B to category A to encourage the country to join the Programme.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that to avoid major fluctuation in annual national financial contributions between Phase VI and Phase VII, a +/- 20% cap will be applied. The thresholds will not be changed, but an exception will be made for Bosnia & Herzegovina, which will be moved to category A.

## 7. EUFORGEN 's evaluation

The different options for carrying out the evaluation of the EUFORGEN Programme were presented and discussed. Since the EUFORGEN's evaluation will be part of the Phase VII activities, the detailed concept note will be prepared and presented during Phase VII.

## 8. Discussion on activities for each Strategic Objective

The National Coordinators were split in three groups and discussed possible activities for each Operational Objective in three consecutive rounds of discussions.

### 8.1 Presentation and prioritisation of the proposed activities under the three Strategic Objectives

The Steering Committee discussed the activities of each of the three Strategic Objectives to be executed in Phase VII. A short presentation was given on the discussions that took place during the parallel sessions and the comments and remarks were directly included in the document.

The document will be circulated to the Steering Committee for ranking of the activities.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that the activities for Phase VII will be defined during an online Steering Committee Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### 8.2 Definition of the Activities for Phase VII

All the proposed activities were discussed, and corrections, comments and merging of some activities were done on the document directly. The activities were listed and source of funding, uniqueness and level of importance/expected impact were assigned to some activities.

The Secretariat will prepare a file including the activities and the National Coordinators will rank them to develop an updated file with all the activities listed and ranked. The final decision will be taken at an extraordinary Steering Committee meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. The budget will then be allocated on the basis of this document, and priorities and deliverables will be set. The National Coordinators were also asked to send elements from the reports of the two DPs that are not included but should be addressed.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee agreed that the Secretariat will prepare a tool to prioritize activities during an online meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. National Coordinators will send activities to be addressed during Phase VII based on the reports of the Discussion Platform "adaptation to climate change" and "biotic outbreaks" by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### 8.3 Identification of activities that require external funding

This item was not yet taken into consideration but will be discussed at the next Steering Committee meeting on 17 May.



## 9. Procedure for budget allocation in Phase VII

Since the discussions regarding the activities to prioritise for Phase VII were not completed, it was agreed that the budget will be finalized only after the activities of Phase VII are finalized.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that the budget allocation can only be completed once the activities of Phase VII are finalized.

## 10. Principles for defining costs categories

During past meetings, the Steering Committee requested to have more detailed cost categories. The current categories proposed for the budget table are:

- Secretariat staff
- Staff travel
- Steering Committee meeting
- Discussion Platform and WGs
- EUFGIS portal and websites
- Public Awareness (PA) communications publications dissemination
- Dissemination events
- Evaluation of the programme

The Steering Committee requested an overview on the time of the Secretariat dedicated to the programme as an overall average reporting of the Person Months (PMs) of the entire secretariat (not divided into separate staff PMs).

The cost categories were agreed as proposed.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that during Phase VII the cumulative person-months of the EUFORGEN Secretariat staff will be added in the annual technical and financial reports and approved the proposed cost categories.

## 11. Definition of key deliverables for Phase VII

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that the activities are not currently in an advanced stage and the definition of the key deliverables will be part of the online Steering Committee Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## 12. Discussion on pending issues of the Phase VII document (eg Observer Organisations)

The Steering Committee discussed about inviting observers to the Steering Committee meetings, as for instance FAO, OECD, EC. For the moment it was decided not to invite any permanent observer, but the Steering Committee may invite external observers on an *ad hoc* basis, depending on the agenda.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that representatives from organizations may be invited as case specific observers to future Steering Committee Meetings.

## 13. H2020 FORGENIUS<sup>5</sup> Project – Presentation of FORGENIUS outputs relevant to EUFORGEN

### 13.1 EUFGIS upgrade - Presenting the new web application upgraded by the FORGENIUS Project

The Steering Committee was informed on the upgrade of the EUFGIS Information System. The new web application was demonstrated, showing some new implementations on the data obtained from remote sensing, climate data, surface data and environmental data from characterization. The National Coordinators were asked to test the application and provide feedback. The new web application is planned to be released towards the end of the year.

### 13.2 Species pages

The Steering Committee discussed the proposal from the Secretariat on the species pages. “*Pinus sylvestris*” as presented as a case study. The development of the web species pages was part of the Phase VI activities with all experts nominated at the start of Phase VI. However, the implementation would require the experts to devote their own time to provide information. For this reason, the Secretariat has prepared the drafts for 45 species pages and the other 45 will follow. Once done, all pages will be made visible with the possibility to suggest additional info or revision.

The Steering Committee suggested that there should be a clear date on each species page on when the review was done and authorship. A procedure to update the information should be established.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that the Secretariat will continue developing all species pages.

### 13.3 Data on Indicator 4.6 derived from EUFGIS - as to be reported to SoEF 2024

The Steering Committee discussed the data available to be reported to the SoEF 2024 and decided on the next steps.

A need to support countries that have not entered all data in EUFGIS for the dynamic conservation (*in situ* and *ex situ*) of native species populations, was identified. The data collection of static *ex situ* conservation will begin once the report on dynamic and static *ex situ* conservation is finalized and an information system to collect the data launched. Regarding FRM, currently FOREMATIS is used. More countries are expected to provide data to FOREMATIS in the future.

Upon request, the Secretariat will check the missing data in “potential for the production of FRM” and the National Coordinators will receive the draft table before it will be published. It was also mentioned that some countries report data on national level only for species included in the directive.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided to provide additional data by 26<sup>th</sup> April and the Secretariat will finalize the analysis by 6<sup>th</sup> May and will circulate the draft tables and chapter by the first week of June.

## 14. Ongoing activities – Part 2

### 14.1 Working Group dynamic and static *ex situ* conservation

Jan Peter George (Luke) updated the Steering Committee on the progress of the Working Group and presented potential indicators for dynamic and static *ex situ* conservation, based on a preliminary study

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.forgenius.eu>

including six species across six pilot countries. An updated version will be ready to share by the end of October, with the aim to finalize the report by the end of the year and the Phase.

No decisions.

## 14.2 Working Group evacuation

Based on the feedback received from the Steering Committee on the last draft, the Working Group was questioning the need for a new terminology or if a combination of existing terminology would be sufficient to avoid confusion. The Steering Committee agreed that the Working Group can continue developing the concept using a combination of existing terminology and that it can be included in the report on dynamic and static *ex situ* conservation as a subchapter on how to move the FGR to conserve endangered GCUs. The Steering Committee also encouraged the Working Group to consider submitting a paper explaining the concept, so that the knowledge is available inside and outside the EUFORGEN community.

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that the concept propose by the Working Group on evacuation will be added to the report of dynamic and static *ex situ* conservation and keep separate authorship.

## 15. Roadmap for the finalisation of the Phase VII document

The Steering Committee discussed the roadmap towards the finalization of the Phase VII document and agreed on the next steps. The plan is to have the document finalized at the beginning of June to be then submitted to the Implementing Agencies.

15-21 April	Secretariat to prepare the document
22-30 April	Online consultation
1-10 May	Secretariat to prepare consolidated version and associate costs
13 -17 May	Steering Committee to provide feedback on the updated version
17 May	Online Steering Committee meeting to approve the activities and define the deliverables
20-24 May	Secretariat (Task Force if major work needed) to prepare draft 4
27-31 May	Steering Committee to amend draft 4
3 -7 June	Secretariat to finalize document

**Decision:** The Steering Committee decided that there will be an online consultation (22-30 April), then the Secretariat will associate costs to the activities (1-10 May) and the Steering Committee will provide feedback (13-17 May). On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00 – 13:00 CEST an online Steering Committee Meeting will take place to finalize activities and define the key deliverables. Depending on the outcome of the meeting, the Secretariat (in cooperation with the Task Force) will prepare the fourth draft of the Phase VII document (20-24 May). The Steering Committee will amend the Phase VII document (27-31 May) and the Secretariat will finalize the document (3-7 June), aiming to have the document ready to be sent to the Implementing Agencies.

## 16. AOB

### 16.1 External funding of Phase VII activities

During the meeting, it was mentioned that some of the activities under SO2 may require external funding. The Secretariat will prepare a one-page document to be submitted to potential donors defining the research and action needs. The aim is to send this draft to the Steering Committee in 10-days' time with then one week for feedback by the Steering Committee.

**Decision:** The Secretariat will prepare a document with the Phase VII activities requiring major external funding to be submitted to potential donors. The Steering Committee will provide feedback to the draft within one week of receiving the document.

## 16.2 MigFoRest

Alain Servais presented the Interreg MigFoRest project “Assisted Migration to Increase Forest Resilience in North-West Europe”<sup>6</sup>.

## 17. Closure of the meeting

M. Bozzano closed the meeting and thanked the participants for attending.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://migforest.nweurope.eu/>

## Annex 1 – List of Participants



### 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EUFORGEN Steering Committee 9-11 April 2024, Bergen, Norway

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## Annex 2 - Agenda

**20<sup>th</sup> EUFORGEN Steering Committee (SC) Meeting**  
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**AGENDA**



### Preparatory webinars (information only)

**Webinar 1:** Thursday 21 March 2024 11:00 – 12:30 CET [1.5 hours] – **Facilitator: Sarah Adams**  
 Introduction to the Phase VII Strategic Objectives and Implementation Plan (*M.Bozzano*)


 [Recording of the webinar](#)

**Webinar 2:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 10:00 – 11:30 CET [1.5 hours] – **Facilitator: Anna-Maria Farsakoglou**  
 a. Update on OptFORESTS (*Santiago Gonzalez-Martínez, INRAE*) and FORGENIUS (*Ivan Scotti, INRAE*) projects  
 b. Technical and Financial Report 2023 (*Michele Bozzano, Secretariat*)  
 c. Update on FRM dissemination (*Gerard Fernandez, Secretariat*)


 [Recording of the webinar](#)

### Day 1 - Tuesday 9 April

Time	Session	Purpose Outcome	Background documents
<b>Session 1 – Phase VI Ongoing activities</b>			
<b>Moderator: Sarah Adams</b>			
<b>Session 1 – Part A: Registration, opening of the meeting and approval of the agenda</b>			
8:00 – 8:30	<b>Registration</b>		
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Opening of the meeting</b> Round table – introduction and approval of the agenda. Nomination of rapporteurs	<i>For discussion and decision</i> Approval of the agenda	List of participants Agenda of the meeting
<b>Session 1 – PART B: 2023 Report and ongoing activities</b>			

Time	Session	Purpose Outcome	Background documents
9:00 - 9:15	<b>Brief presentation of draft technical and financial reports 2023</b> ( <i>Michele Bozzano</i> ) (Detailed presentation of the document during a pre-webinar)	<b><i>For discussion and decision</i></b> The SC approves the drafts of the technical and financial reports 2023	<a href="#">Technical and Financial Report 2023</a>  <a href="#">Recording of the webinar</a>
9:15 – 9:45	<b>Ongoing activities</b> <b>Update on the implementation plan -</b> ( <i>M Bozzano</i> ) - WG <i>ex situ</i> ( <i>Jan Peter George, Luke</i> ) (5'+5') - WG evacuation ( <i>AM Farsakoglou</i> ) (5'+5') - Webinars (5'+5')	<b><i>For information and discussion</i></b> The SC is informed on updates of the EUFORGEN Phase VI ongoing activities	
9:45 – 10:00	<b>SC19 Decisions – Checklist</b> ( <i>Anna-Maria Farsakoglou</i> )	<b><i>For information</i></b> The SC is informed about the progress on the decisions taken during the SC19 Meeting	SC19 Decisions – Checklist
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>		
<b>Session 1 – Part C: Phase VI Outcomes to be used in Phase VII preparation</b>			
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Report of ash dieback workshop</b> ( <i>AM Farsakoglou</i> )	<b><i>For information and discussion</i></b> The SC discusses on the recommendations of the ash dieback workshop report to be included in the Phase VII activities	Report of DP on “GCU Network management in case of biotic outbreaks: the case study of ash dieback” (adapted) [LINK]
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Report of DP on adaptation of GCUs to climate change</b> ( <i>M Bozzano</i> )	<b><i>For information and discussion</i></b> The SC discusses on the recommendations of the DP on adaptation to CC report to be included in the Phase VII activities	Report of DP on adaptation of GCUs to climate change (adapted) [LINK]
11:00 – 11:30	<b>EUFORGEN’s evaluation</b> ( <i>AM Farsakoglou</i> )	<b><i>For information and discussion</i></b> The SC discusses the proposal of the Secretariat for the evaluation of the EUFORGEN Programme to be carried out during Phase VII as part of the activities	



Time	Session	Purpose Outcome	Background documents
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Lesson learnt from FRM normative: developing a procedure to react on similar cases</b> (M. Bozzano)	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses and decides the procedure to be followed if feedback similar to the EC FRM normative is required	Concept Note on a proposed procedure [link]
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Buffer time</b>		
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>		
<b>Session 2 – Phase VII document preparation</b> <b>Moderator: Sarah Adams</b>			
14:00 – 14:05	<b>Brief overview of Phase VII document</b> (Detailed overview of the document during a pre-webinar) (M. Bozzano)	<b>For information</b> The Secretariat gives a brief overview of Phase VII document (Detailed overview of the document during a pre-webinar)	<a href="#">EUFORGEN Phase VII Strategic Objectives and Implementation Plan</a>   <a href="#">Recording of the webinar</a>
14:05 – 15:00	<b>Tour de table - general comments</b> (All)	<b>For discussion</b> The SC discusses on the Phase VII document	
15:00 – 15:20	<b>Preliminary agreement on expected annual national contributions to define a baseline budget for Phase VII</b>	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses the expected annual national contributions to serve as a baseline budget for the Phase VII activities	Potential <i>annual national contributions</i> [ <a href="#">LINK</a> ]
15:20 – 15:30	<b>Revision/confirmation of thresholds</b>	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses and agrees on the thresholds of the expected annual national contributions in Phase VII	Potential <i>annual national contributions</i> [ <a href="#">LINK</a> ]
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>		
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Part 1: Discussion on activities for each Strategic Objective in 3 break out groups</b>	<b>For discussion</b> The SC splits in 3 groups (one for each Strategic Objective) and discusses on possible activities for each Operational Objective	
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Wrapping up Day 1 – Revision of the agenda as appropriate</b>		
18:00 – 18:30	<b>Buffer time</b>		


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20:30 – 22:00			Dinner at the hotel

## Day 2 - Wednesday 10 April

Time	Session	Purpose Outcome	Background documents
<b>Session 2 – Phase VII document preparation</b> <b>Moderator: Sarah Adams</b>			
8:30 – 10:00	<b>Part 2:</b> Discussion on activities for each Strategic Objective in 3 break out groups	<b>For discussion</b> The SC splits in 3 groups (one for each Strategic Objective) and discusses on possible activities for each Operational Objective	
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>		
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Part 3:</b> Discussion on activities for each Strategic Objective in 3 break out groups	<b>For discussion</b> The SC splits in 3 groups (one for each Strategic Objective) and discusses on possible activities for each Operational Objective	
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation and prioritisation of the proposed activities under the 3 Strategic Objectives	<b>For discussion</b> The SC discusses and prioritises the activities of each of the three strategic objectives to be executed in Phase VII	
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Buffer time</b>		
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>		
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Definition of the Activities for Phase VII</b>	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses and agrees on the activities to be executed in Phase VII	
14:30 – 14:45	<b>Identification of activities that require external funding</b>	<b>For discussion and decision</b>	

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		The SC discusses and agrees on the activities in Phase VII that require external funding	
14:45 – 15:10	Procedure for budget allocation in Phase VII	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses and agrees on the procedure to allocate budget for each activity in the implementation plan	
15:10 – 15:30	Definition of expected annual national contributions	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses and agrees on the expected annual national contributions	
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>		
16:00 – 16:30	Principles for defining costs categories	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses and agrees on the principles to define the cost categories of the Phase VII document	
16:30 – 17:00	Definition of key deliverables for Phase VII	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses and decides on the key deliverables of Phase VII or agrees to only keep the implementation plan to track the progress of Phase VII	
17:00 – 17:30	Discussion on pending issues of the Phase VII document (eg Observer Organisations)	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses and reaches a common agreement on pending issues	
17:30 – 18:00	Wrapping up day 2 – Revision of the agenda as appropriate		
18:00 – 18:30	<b>Buffer time</b>		
20:00 – 22:00	<b>Dinner at Restaurant Bryggeloft - Bryggen 11, 5003 Bergen</b>		

## Day 3 - Thursday 11 April

Time	Session	Purpose Outcome	Background documents
<b>Session 3 – H2020 FORGENIUS Project</b> Moderator: Anna-Maria Farsakoglou			 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Session 3 – PART A – EUFGIS UPGRADE Presentation</b>			
8:30 – 10:00	<b>EUFGIS</b> Presenting the new web application upgraded by the FORGENIUS Project	<b>For information</b> The SC is informed on the upgrades of the EUFGIS Information system	The link to the beta version of the EUFGIS portal will be provided during the session
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>Session 3 – PART B – Presentation of FORGENIUS outputs relevant to EUFORGEN</b>			
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Species pages</b> (M. Bozzano)	<b>For information, discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses on the proposal from the Secretariat on the species pages, approves the structure and decides on the next steps	<a href="#">[link to case study]</a>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Data on Indicator 4.6 derived from EUFGIS - as to be reported to SoEF 2024</b> (M. Bozzano)	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses on the available data to be reported to the SoEF 2024 and decides on the next steps	
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Project heritage</b> How and where the scientific questions and the outcomes of the FORGENIUS Project can be archived as a case study to ensure that they can be available in the future (AM Farsakoglou)	<b>For discussion and decision</b> The SC discusses on the proposal from the Secretariat on how the scientific questions and the outcomes of FORGENIUS can be available in the future	
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Buffer time</b>		
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>		

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Session 3 – PART C – Consultation on the upgraded EUFGIS		
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Consultation on the upgraded EUFGIS</b> <i>(Secretariat)</i>	<b><i>For information and discussion</i></b> The SC discusses and provides feedback on the upgraded version of EUFGIS
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
Session 4 – Phase VII document finalisation & Closure of the Meeting		
Moderator: Sarah Adams		
16:00 – 16:45	<b>Roadmap for the finalisation of the Phase VII document</b>	<b><i>For discussion and decision</i></b> The SC discusses on the roadmap towards the finalisation of the Phase VII document and agrees on the next steps
16:45 – 17:00	Revision	
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Decisions of SC20 Meeting</b>	<b><i>For discussion and approval</i></b> The SC discusses on the outcomes of the meeting and approve the decisions of each session
17:30 – 18:00	<b>Wrap-Up and Closure of the meeting</b>	
18:00 – 18:30	Buffer time	
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner at Restaurant Bjerck - Torgallmenningen 1A, Bergen	

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