

PRO-GRACE final project meeting 2nd International Workshop and Training School on plant genetic resources

Tuesday, 7 October 2025 – Friday, 10 October 2025
Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, Chania, Greece and online

AGENDA

Tuesday, 7 October, 9:00-17:30

Final PRO-GRACE meeting

(PRO-GRACE partners only)

Presentation of all Work Packages and related deliverables

09:00-09:40 WP7 “Scientific coordination and management”

09:40-10:20 WP1 “Inventory and information system”

10:20-11:00 WP2 “Quality-certified *ex situ* and *in situ* management”

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:10 WP3 “Technologies and scientific services”

12:10-12:50 WP4 “Evaluation and valorization”

12:50-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:40 WP5 “RI concept, social and regulatory aspects, governance, and financial plan”

14:40-15:20 WP6 “Dissemination, communication, exploitation, and training”

15:20-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:30 PRO-GRACE General assembly

16:30-17:30 EU Funding Opportunities: An Overview

Wednesday, 8 October, 9:00-17:30

Workshop – Day 1: PRO-GRACE results and legacy

(Open to external stakeholders)

09:00-09:10 Introduction to the workshop by Panagiotis Kalaitzis

09:10-09:45 Keynote lecture (TBA)

09:30-11:00 **Pillar 1 session: SERVICES FOR EX SITU CONSERVATION.** Chair: Theo Van Hintum

09:30 – 10:00 *Ex-situ PGR conservation: genebanks in Europe - conservation and availability of material* by Theo van Hintum

10:00 – 10:15 *How omics tools may support PGR management - from identification to services* by Michael Lyngkjaer

10:15 – 10:30 *Services to support the ex-situ PGR community* by Jaime Prohens

10:30 – 11:00 Q&A

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Pillar 2 session: SERVICES FOR *IN SITU* CONSERVATION. Chair: Nigel Maxted

11:30-12:00 *In-situ introduction, integration and networking (crop wild relatives & landraces)* by Nigel Maxted

12:00-12:15 *National crop wild relatives in situ planning and its application* by Joana Magos Brehm

12:15-12:30 *In situ crop wild relatives management planning and implementation* by José M. Iriondo

12:30-13:00 Q&A

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Pillar 3 session: DATA & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT. Chairs: Stephan Weise and Catherine Hazel Aguilar

14:00-14:30 *Background and aims* by Stephan Weise

14:30-14:45 *What has been reached in PRO-GRACE? Inventory of plant genetic resources (PGR) information not represented in EURISCO* by Catherine Hazel Aguilar

14:45-15:00 *How to make describing PGR data easier – MI-PGR* by Catherine Hazel Aguilar

15:00-15:15 *Possible interconnection of external phenotypic data with EURISCO* by Kritika Adhikari

15:15-15:30 Q&A

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Pillar 4 session: CHARACTERIZATION AND (PRE)BREEDING SERVICES. Chairs: Esra Karakas, Véronique Lefebvre, and Ignazio Verde

16:00-16:15 *Phenotyping for breeding and pre-breeding* by Roland Pieruschka

16:15-16:30 *Metabolomic Approaches for PGR* by Esra Karakas

16:30-16:45 *Molecular characterization of large collections using genomic tools* by Lorenzo Barchi

16:45-17:00 *Bioinformatic approaches for identifying traits in PGR* by Luciana Gaccione TBD

17:00-17:30 Q&A

Thursday, 9 October, 9:00-13:00

Workshop – Day 2: Continuation of the workshop

09:00-11:00 Pillar 5 session: PGR ACCESS AND CAPACITY BUILDING. Chair: Sandra Goritschnig

09:00-09:20 *Current status of access to PGR for research in Europe* by Sandra Goritschnig

09:20-09:40 *Opportunities for supporting ethical, legal and societal issues in the PGR community* by Leire Escajedo and Imke Thormann (online)

09:40-09:55 *Managing phytosanitary risks in germplasm collections* by Wu-Yang Willie Chen

09:55 -10:15 *Building capacity of stakeholders in PGR conservation and use* by Vojtech Holubec

10:15-10:30 *Examples of capacity building: Genebank peer reviews* by Dagmar Janovská and Zoltan Ay

10:30-11:00 Q&A

11:00-11:30 coffee break

11:30-13:00 Wrap up + 90 minutes of GRACE RI perspectives. Chair: G. Giuliano

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Thursday, 9 October, 14:00-17:30

Workshop: Collaboration and synergies with Research Infrastructures and International Organizations

TBA

Consortium gala dinner at MAICH

Friday, 10 October, 9:00-12:00

From conservation to use: expectations from the private sector

Organized by Euroseeds

09:00-09:15 *Euroseeds presentation*

09:15-09:35 *Survey 1: Interactive on-site survey*

09:35-09:55 *Survey 2: Results of the Euroseeds CPGR (Committee on Plant Genetic Resources) survey*

09:55-10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30-10:50 *Access and benefit-sharing and international frameworks to access genetic resources by Szonja Csörgő, Bejo*

10:50-11:10 *Gert Jan de Boer, Enza Zaden TBD (Presentation from second industry representative)*

11:10-11:30 *Q&A*

11:30-11:50 *Case study: Practical use of genetic resources in development projects by Ninja Lacey, SeedNL*

11:50 -12:00 *Conclusions*

Friday, 10 October, 14:30-17:30

1st GRACE-RI General Assembly

(only for partners who signed the GRACE Memorandum of Understanding)