

# QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE CONSULTATION OF STAKEHOLDERS ON THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMME ON GENETIC RESOURCES IN AGRICULTURE

The European Commission, Directorate-General for Agricultural and Rural Development, is carrying out a consultation on genetic resources in agriculture. The survey and on-line consultation should help to identify current and future needs, identifying possible future objectives, and exploring measures to meet them.

The results of the survey will also be considered in the forthcoming evaluation by independent experts of the "[Community programme](#) on the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation (hereinafter: conservation) of genetic resources in agriculture" (Council Regulation (EC) No 870/2004).

This is to invite you to share your opinion: you are invited to complete the questionnaire and to send us your answers not later than Friday 20th January 2012.

The questionnaire can be completed in any official language of the European Union. However, we would be particularly grateful, if you could complete the survey in English, as this will considerably facilitates the processing assessment of results

To find some general information (background, international and EU context, relevant measures, stakeholders) click [here](#).

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[Name of organisation and main field of interest](#)

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(maximum 500 characters)

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## 1. Conserving genetic resources in agriculture

1. In your view, which are the main benefits of conserving agricultural genetic resources (max 5 choices)? (optional)

(at most 5 answers)

- a. Agronomic and/or economic advantages/benefits

- b. Consumer attraction /interest
- c. Environmental benefits (biodiversity)
- d. Food quality
- e. Food security
- f. Human health
- g. Larger products range (diversification, products offer)
- h. Non-tangible benefits (cultural, ethical)
- i. No regret strategy in case of future needs
- j. Scientific interest
- k. Other

If other, please specify (optional)  
(maximum 1000 characters)

2. If your organisation is involved in conserving genetic resources diversity in agriculture (including actions under the Community programme established by Council Regulation No 870/2004) please provide brief details of its activities. (optional)  
(maximum 1500 characters)

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3. Are you familiar with the Community programme established by Council Regulation No 870/2004

?\* (compulsory)

(at most 1 answer)

Yes

No

## 2. Community programme established by Council Regulation No 870/2004

4. The Community programme had the objective "to help ensure and improve conservation, characterisation, collection and use of plant, animal & microbial genetic resources". To what extent has the objective been realised?

(optional)

(maximum 1500 characters)

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5. A second objective was "to co-ordinate and harmonise actions in Member States with a view to reinforcing the Community's efforts and eliminating duplication of effort". To what extent has the objective been realised? [\(optional\)](#)  
[\(maximum 1500 characters\)](#)

6. A third objective was "to promote an effective information exchange between the Community main actors and the relevant organisation concerned by genetic resources in agriculture". To what extent has the objective been realised? [\(optional\)](#)  
[\(maximum 1500 characters\)](#)

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7. A fourth objective was "to be multidisciplinary and to build constructive collaboration between partners (e.g. the various stakeholders including gene banks, non-governmental organisations, technical institutes, breeders, farmers, gardeners and the forest sector)". To what extent has the objective been realised? (optional)

(maximum 1500 characters)

8. In your view, what are the specific positive (or negative) effects that can be expected from the Community programme? (optional)

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9. Do you have any views on the organisational and administrative handling of the Community programme? If the programme were to be renewed, what in your opinion should be maintained and what should be modified and how often should calls for proposals be launched? (optional)  
(maximum 1500 characters)

### 3. Community programme, Rural Development Policy & Research Framework Programme

10. According to your knowledge, which measures on the conservation of endangered genetic resources in agriculture or the use of traditional and local agricultural genetic resources (plant varieties/landraces and animal breeds) have been promoted under Rural Development Programmes in your region(s) and/or country (max 500 words)? (optional)  
(maximum 3000 characters)

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11. In your opinion, what are the advantages and disadvantages of the three different types of measures, used for the conservation of genetic resources in agriculture: Rural Development Policy; Community Programme on Genetic Resources; EU Research Framework Programme? How could these measures complement each other in a meaningful manner? (optional)  
(maximum 3000 characters)

#### 4. Identifying needs and objectives

12. In your views, which sector could benefit in particular from efforts to conserve genetic resources in agriculture (max -5 choices)? (optional)  
(at most 5 answers)

a. Agri-food industry



- b. Biotechnology industry
- c. Other industry
- d. Botanical and zoological gardens
- e. Breeders
- f. Consumers
- g. Farmers
- h. Scientific bodies
- i. Tourism
- j. Other

If other industry, please specify (optional)  
(maximum 500 characters)

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(maximum 500 characters)

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Please explain your choice (optional)  
(maximum 3000 characters)

13. Which of the existing initiatives and activities of EU and other organisations do you consider to be most relevant for the conservation of genetic resources in agriculture? Please choose 5 out of the following possibilities (optional)  
(at most 5 answers)

- a. EU Community programme (Council Regulation No 870/2004)
- b. EU Rural Development Policy
- c. Other relevant measures applied under EU Common Agriculture Policy

- d. EU Research Framework Programmes
- e. EU Biodiversity Strategy
- f. EU legislation on the protection of intellectual property rights
- g. Other EU policies (e.g. propagating material and zoo-technical legislation)
- h. Activities of the UN-Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- i. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), incl. the Nagoya protocol
- j. European cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR)
- k. European Forest Genetic Resources Programme (EUFORGEN)
- l. European Regional Focal Point for Animal Genetic Resources (ERFP)
- m. International Treaty on Plant Genetic resources for Food and Agriculture
- n. International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)
- o. World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
- p. Other

If other, please specify [\(optional\)](#)

[\(maximum 500 characters\)](#)

What should be modified or strengthened in order to enhance the effectiveness of the selected initiatives and actions (max 500 words)?

(optional)

(maximum 3000 characters)

14. In your opinion, which is the impact of the EU seed and propagating material and zootechnical legislation on actions, including farming practises, relevant for the conservation of genetic resources diversity? (optional)

(maximum 1500 characters)

15. In your opinion what would be the most effective and efficient approaches to encouraging actors

(including farmers, breeders, up-stream and down-stream industry, scientists, and others) at local, regional, national, and European levels to engage in the conservation of agricultural genetic resources in their habitat (*in situ*) and outside their habitat (*ex situ*)? (optional)

(maximum 1500 characters)

16. With respect to decisions on different types of measures and their implementation, which role should be attributed to the local, regional, and national level? Which decisions and which types of action should be undertaken specifically at the EU level? (optional)

(maximum 1500 characters)

17. The main objectives of the Community Programme on Genetic Resources are "to help ensure and improve conservation, characterisation, evaluation, collection, documentation, development and use of [...] genetic resources". How far do these objectives correspond to relevant needs? Which other objectives should be pursued? (optional)



development of genetic diversity (level of populations) <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
documentation (such as Web-based inventories) <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
evaluation <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
use <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. In view of ensuring the most effective use of resources devoted to the conservation of genetic resources, which relative importance should be given to the different types of conservation actions?

(optional)

(at most 1 answer)

- a. only in situ conservation of genetic resources
- b. in situ > ex situ
- c. in situ = ex situ
- d. in situ < ex situ
- e. only ex situ

Please, explain your choice (optional)

(maximum 1500 characters)

20. In your view, how far could an EU-wide lists of endangered breeds and plant varieties (e.g. the "*list of endangered local breeds in danger of being lost*" and "*plants under threat of genetic erosion*" used for Rural Development Programmes - Regulations 1698/2005 and 1974/2006 - Annex IV) be useful for the implementation of a possible future EU-Community programme?

(optional)

(maximum 1500 characters)



## 21. Priority in *in situ* conservation

Which priority should be given to the different types of actions, listed below, supporting *in situ* conservation at farm level? Please provide a ranking from top (1) to bottom (6).

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Communication <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Innovation <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowledge transfer <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Networking <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Training <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If other, please specify (optional)  
(maximum 500 characters)

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Please explain your choice for the 3 top ranking actions [\(optional\)](#)  
[\(maximum 1500 characters\)](#)

## 22. Priority in *ex situ* conservation

Which priority should be given to the different types of actions, listed below, supporting *ex situ* conservation? Please provide a ranking from top (1) to bottom (9).

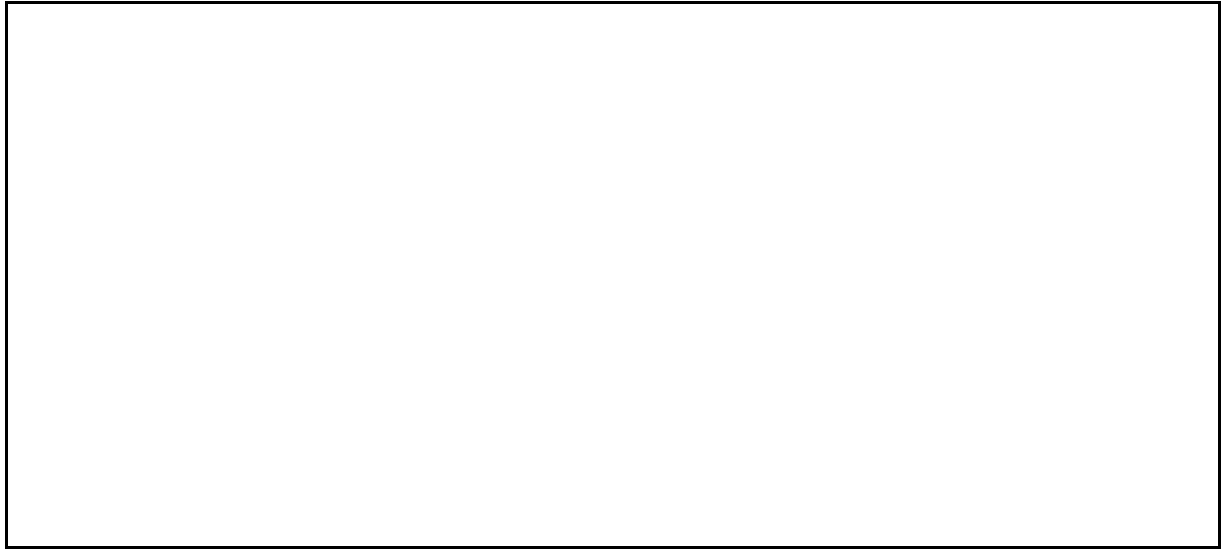


Knowledge transfer <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Training <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

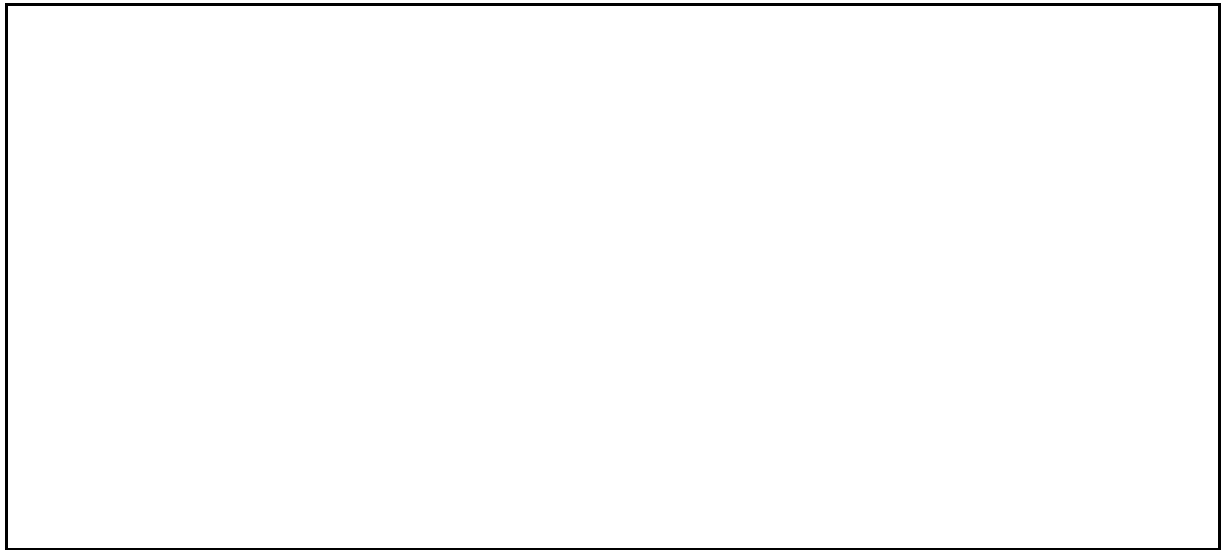
If other, please specify (optional)  
(maximum 500 characters)

Please explain your choice for the 4 top ranking actions (optional)  
(maximum 1500 characters)

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23. In your view, which are the most relevant obstacles to valorise under-utilised crops and animal species and traditional varieties and breeds? How could these obstacles be overcome? (optional)  
(maximum 1500 characters)



## 24. Microorganisms and invertebrates

In your view, what are the priority areas regarding conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources of agriculturally relevant microorganisms and invertebrates? Please provide a ranking from top (1) to bottom (6).

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Agro-industry microorganism  <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bio-control microorganisms  <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pest and disease (used in breeding programs)  <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plant & animal health microorganism  <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soil biodiversity  <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other <small>optional</small>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If other, please specify (optional)  
(maximum 500 characters)

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Please explain your choice for the 4 top ranking actions [\(optional\)](#)  
[\(maximum 1500 characters\)](#)

25. In your opinion, what would be the link between securing product quality (and quantity) and the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in agriculture and what should be done in this respect? [\(optional\)](#)  
[\(maximum 1500 characters\)](#)

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26. How far could short food supply chains help promoting the use of traditional and local agricultural or underutilised genetic resources? [\(optional\)](#)

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27. Other comments & suggestions [\(optional\)](#)

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