

Genetic resources for food-secure and forested Europe

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## European Genetic Resources Strategy – Virtual stakeholder feedback workshop

25-26 November 2020

Dear colleague,

Based on your expertise, interests and roles in plant, animal or forest genetic resources conservation and sustainable use, we have the pleasure of inviting you to a stakeholder workshop for reviewing and providing feedback on the draft European Genetic Resources Strategy (<a href="www.genresbridge.eu/resources/european-strategy/">www.genresbridge.eu/resources/european-strategy/</a>).

We would be grateful if you could kindly confirm whether you will be available to participate in this workshop using the online registration form. The **deadline for registration is 13 November 2020.** 

**The aim of the workshop** is to gather feedback on the draft European Genetic Resources Strategy which is under preparation in the GenRes Bridge project, with a view to ensuring the Strategy meets the expectations of the broad genetic resources stakeholder community in Europe, and to enhance its relevance and impact.

**Two series of webinars** will be convened ahead of the workshop to provide background to the workshop, including the wider policy landscape and an overview of the European Genetic Resources Strategy itself. More information about the webinars will follow.

This workshop is being organized back-to-back with Steering Committee/General Assembly meetings of the three European networks, European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR – <a href="https://www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/">www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/</a>), European Regional Focal Point for Animal Genetic Resources (ERFP – www.animalgeneticresources.net/), and European Forest Genetic Resources Programme (EUFORGEN – <a href="https://www.euforgen.org/">www.euforgen.org/</a>), as well as a session dedicated to sharing and discussing the feedback on the Strategy among the network committees. Members and observers in these bodies will receive further information and a separate invitation to the respective meetings.

We do hope you will be able to join us at the workshop, and look forward to meeting and welcoming you online.

With kind regards,

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On behalf of the workshop organizers; Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research, University of Birmingham, University of Padova, and the Secretariats of ECPGR, ERFP and EUFORGEN