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Why are not more forage accessions in the EFC (AEGIS)? The Austrian perspective

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Background

- AREC is the single forage breeder in Austria
- Currently, only a small breeding program with *Poa pratensis* is running
- At present, the focus is mainly set on maintenance of the registered varieties
- Characterization and evaluation data are not yet available, except for existing varieties
- AREC works on the implementation of regional seed material (focus on origin not on specific traits) primarily for nature protection, ecological restoration

Future perspective

- Screening, reproduction and long term conservation of the regional (collected) material from the 90s have priority
- Collection of new material is in progress
- Inserts into the “EFC” database passport need high investment of time – it will happen step by step
- Traits for characterization and evaluation data will be done only when a corresponding breeding program starts