

13:50-14:00

First meeting of the ECPGR Activity — EUBRASWILD Capturing Brassica Wild Relatives Diversity in the South Eastern Europe

Meeting draft agend 10:00 – 10:05	a: Welcome and opening of the meeting	Smiljana Goreta Ban
10:05 – 10:15	Introduction of participants	pants
10:15 – 10:30	Information about Brassica WG Ferdinand	lo Branca
10:30 – 11:00	Information and updates on ECPGR	Lorenzo Maggioni
11:00 – 11:10	Break	
11:10 – 11:25	Presentation of the project Smiljana (Goreta Ban
11:25 – 12:00 All partici		egeneration and characterization of the collected accessions
12:00 – 13:00	•	collections in participants countries (Albania, Croatia, Greece,
Italy, Monte Negro, S	Serbia and Slovenia) All participants	
13:00 – 13:10	Break	
13:10 – 13:50	Discussion on project activities for spring/s	ummer 2021 All participants

Smiljana Goreta Ban

Closing and conclusions

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Capturing Brassica Wild Relatives Diversity in the South Eastern Europe



Project details:

Duration: 24 months - 1 October 2020 – 1 August, 2023

• Working group: *Brassica*

- Working group chair: Ferdinando Branca

- Activity Coordinator: Smiljana Goreta Ban



Project details

Activity Partners (ECPGR-funded):

1. Ferdinando Branca

- University of Catania (UNICT)
- Italy

2. Smiljana Goreta Ban

- Institute of Agriculture and Tourism (IPTPO)
- Croatia

3. Sokrat Jani

- Agricultural University of Tirana, Institute of Plant Genetic Resources (IPGR)
- Albania

4. Ana Marjanović Jeromela

- Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops (IFVO)
- Serbia

5. Vladimir Meglič / Barbara Pipan

- Agricultural Institute of Slovenia (KIS)
- Slovenia

6. Nataša Mirecki

- University of Montenegro Biotechnical Faculty (UNIMO)
- Montenegro

7. Georgia Ntatsi

- Institute of Plant Breeding and Genetic Resources (IPBGR)
- Greece

Self-funded partners:

1. Nikola Major

- Institute of Agriculture and Tourism
- Croatia

2. Nevena Nagl

- Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops
- Serbia

3. Bernard Prekalj

- Institute of Agriculture and Tourism
- Croatia

4. Dragana Rajković

- Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops
- Serbia

5. Di Bella Maria Concetta

- University of Catania
- Italy

6. Lorenzo Maggioni

- ECPGR
- Italy

Project activity description

- Eastern Europe is rich in wild Brassica relatives, but there is a lack of information on existing species and their distribution
- Previously mentioned species: *Brassica rupestris* Raf., *B. villosa* Biv., *B. macrocarpa* Guss., *B. drepanensis* (Caruel) Damanti , *B. incana* and related endemic species such are *B. botterii* Vis., *B. cazzae* Ginzb. & Teyb and *B. mollis* Vis
- No known cultivation in the area, but utilized as food by the local population
- Brassica wild species used as leafy vegetables: Eruca spp., Diplotaxis spp., Sinapis spp., Isatis spp., Hirschfeldia spp.

Aims:

- to contribute to knowledge on presence, distribution and biodiversity status of wild *Brassica* relatives in the Eastern Europe
- filling the gaps of wild Brassica in genbanks and AEGIS

Project activities justification

- Crop wild relatives (CWRs) = carriers of desirable agronomic/quality properties → →
 breeding programs
- Brassica wild relatives are endangered (climatic changes, enlargement of urban areas, tourism, summer fires) due to their specific habitat (coastal cliffs/rocky terrains)
- AEGIS database contains 2 273 Brassica accessions (UK 909, Netherlands 673, Italy 256) → none from the geographical area that will be covered by EUBRASWILD

Activities

2 meetings: to define the number of samples and detail protocols for collecting, regenerating and characterizing the collected accessions



Info sharing on status of national gen-banks and national priorities related to Brassica CWRs (all partners)



Collecting and monitoring of at least 10 accessions of Brassica WR populations in each involved country (all partners)



Selection of accessions for inclusion in AEGIS (all partners)



Description of morphological traits using the same descriptors (all partners)



Establishing
field/greenhouse
collection(s) of gathered
CWRs populations and their
regeneration (all partners)

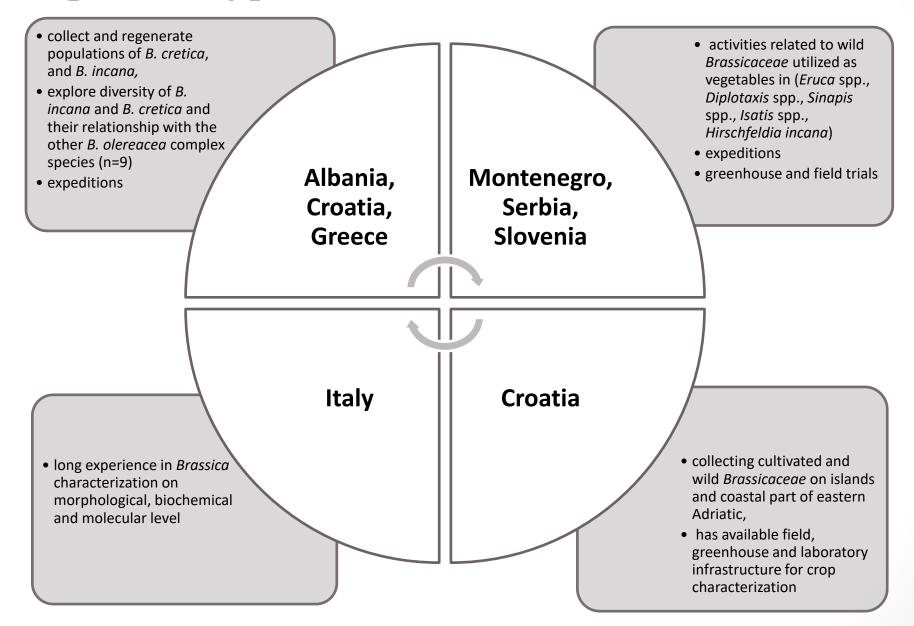
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Meeting																																	
Collecting material/exchange																																	
Characterization/regeneration																																	
Duplication for AEGIS																																	

Expected products and related ECPGR objectives



	Expected products/results	Corresponding ECPGR output, activity
1	Defined accessions for inclusion in AEGIS	Output 1.2.; Activity 1.2.1 - identification of new EU accessions for inclusion into AEGIS
2	Update on crop-specific gen-bank standards for Brassica CWRs	Output 1.6; Activity 1.6.2 - standards – agree on crop-specific gene bank standards
4	Seeds available for exchange among partners and available for AEGIS	Output 1.8; Activity 1.8.3 - ECPGR-mediated regeneration of AEGIS accessions

Choice of partners/partner activities





Genetic material

- Genetic material in national collections of participated countries + samples collected during this project will be biochemically and molecularly analyzed at UNICT, IPTPO and/or IPBGR
- Obtained results = comparison with already analyzed samples characterized by the partners
- = Evaluation and description of the genetic diversity and relationships between *Brassica* CWRs in SE EU

^{*}costs funded by the H2020 BRESOV project and other interested partners

Expected impact

- 1. widening activities of Brassica working group to members of underrepresented genebanks in EURISCO and particularly AEGIS
- 2. capturing of Brassica CWRs diversity in SE Europe
- **3.** exploration and identification of new accessions of Brassica CWRs for inclusion into AEGIS
- **4.** improvement of genebank management in accordance with principles of AEGIS
- **5.** recommendations for future activities contributing to long-term in situ and ex situ conservation of Brassica CWRs

Activity acronym	
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Meetings

Meetings					
Title of meeting	Location (city/country) Month - Year	No. of ECPGR-funded participants	Expenses	Requested meeting budget in Euro*	Please list ID No. of all Partners involved in each meeting**
Kick-off meeting	Porec/Croatia/November/2020	6	750	€ 4.500	
					1,3,4,5,6,7
-	Catania/Italy/April/2022	6	750	€ 4.500	2,3,4,5,6,7
Expeditions	Partner countries	7	600	€ 4.200	1,2,3,4,5,6,7
		Total budget requested for meetings		€ 13.200	

^{*} For the cost of participation for each participant anywhere in Europe, you can use a fixed amount, inclusive of travel, board, loadging, local transportation and other miscellaneous meeting costs as follows: for meetings requesting one night of accommodation Euro 500 - for two nights Euro 600 - for three nights Euro 750 - for four nights Euro 800. Please use different figures only if you can make a precise estimate.

Other actions - please break down costs for each partner separately (For any cost related to travel and accommodation please use the above table "Meetings")

ID No. of Partner*	Type of action (characterization, molecular screening, software development, etc.)	Staff time costs in Euro	Supplies and/or services in Euro	Total costs requested to ECPGR in Euro	Additional available funding in Euro**	In-kind contribution**
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		Total budget requ	ested for actions	€ 6.800		

^{**} Partner ID number as listed on the proposal application form

Workplan for the 1st meeting

Discussion on the following subjects:

- Status of the Brassica accessions in the national banks
- Discuss the possible accessions for sharing and using as a 'standard' for each species
- Exchange of the information on methods for survey and collection of Brassica CWRs
- Defining protocols for collection, regeneration and characterization of targeted species
- Detail planning and synchronization of next activities







Brassica incana