

**EU CAP Network Focus Group
'Local perennial plant genetic
resources in view of climate change
and biodiversity loss'**

AGENDA
2nd meeting

20-21 May 2025

Chania, Greece

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The second meeting of the Focus Group 'Local perennial plant genetic resources in view of climate change and biodiversity loss' is a physical 1,5 day meeting, including the presentations, discussions and field visits around the topic.

The overarching question of the Focus Group is: **How can the conservation and utilisation of local under-utilised varieties of perennial crops be attractive and profitable for farmers and thereby contribute to biodiversity-friendly sustainable farming under climate change?**

The objectives of the second meeting will be:

To present the 6 Mini Papers, go deeper and discuss in order to

- › Suggest innovative and appropriate management practices;
- › Identify capacity building experiences and needs for preserving and utilising local perennial crops at farm level;
- › Identify further research needs from practice, and possible gaps in technical knowledge;
- › Suggest innovative ideas for EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and other innovative projects.
- › To be inspired by concrete examples in the field.

The meeting includes a fieldtrip to the experimental facilities of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (CIHEAM-MAICh), the premises & national collection of Olive varieties (ELGO-DIMITRA's institute) and the Operational Group titled 'Exploitation of Cretan Chestnut Genetic Resources for the Introduction of High-Added-Value Products to the Market'.



Timing	Tuesday 20 May 2025
8:45 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:20	Welcome & introduction to the 2nd meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcome and purpose of the meeting – <i>Anikó Seregélyi (DG AGRI, Unit D.1 Rural areas and networks)</i> ➤ Agenda of the meeting – <i>Céline Karasinski (Task Manager EIP-AGRI Support Facility)</i>
9:20 – 9:35	Summary of findings from the 1st meeting <i>Vasileios Gkisakis (Coordinating Expert of the Focus Group)</i>
9:35 – 10:00	Presentation of Mini Papers by the coordinators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MP1: How to conserve local perennial germplasm “on farm” and “in situ” ➤ MP2: Benefits and services of local and under-utilised perennial crops ➤ MP3: Boosting traditional genetic resource use and sharing in Agriculture: practical steps for farmers and stakeholders
10:00 – 10:25	Presentation of Mini Papers by the coordinators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MP4: Developing participatory plant breeding for perennial crops ➤ MP5: Unique varieties – unique opportunities, local perennial species valorisation ➤ MP6: Conservation and valorisation of potential arable crops
10:25 – 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 11:30	Working on Mini Papers in small groups
11:30 – 12:30	Innovative and appropriate management practices
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 19:30	Field visits The experimental facilities of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (CIHEAM-MAICh) The premises & national collection of Olive varieties (ELGO-DIMITRA's institute) - Chania Operational Group titled 'Exploitation of Cretan Chestnut Genetic Resources for the Introduction of High-Added-Value Products to the Market' - Elos
19:30 – 21:00	Networking dinner on the way back
21:00 – 22:30	<i>Return to the hotel</i>



Timing	Wednesday 21 May
8:15 – 8:30	Registration
8:30 – 8:40	Short recap of the first day from the participants and introduction to the second day
8:40 – 9:25	Capacity building experiences and needs for preserving and utilising local perennial crops at farm level
9:25 – 9:35	EIP-AGRI and Operational Groups – <i>Anikó Seregélyi (European Commission, DG AGRI)</i>
9:35 – 10:15	Interactive sessions: Innovative ideas for Operational Groups
10:15 – 10:35	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:35 – 10:45	EU-Funded Research and Innovation: Conservation and Sustainable Use of Perennial Plant Genetic Resources – <i>Agata Gulisano (European Commission, DG AGRI)</i>
10:45 – 11:25	Interactive sessions: Research needs from practice
11:25 – 11:40	Dissemination plan
11:40 – 12:00	Next steps and closing – <i>Céline Karasinski and Anikó Seregélyi</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Light lunch and goodbye</i>

