

EUROPEAN UNION LAUNCHED A CALL FOR A STUDY ON THE CONSERVATION OF GENETIC RESOURCES IN AGRICULTURE

The EU Commission has launched a call for tender for a study on the conservation of genetic resources in agriculture. Following an initiative tabled by the European Parliament, an amount of EUR 1 500 000 was established in the 2013 Community budget for a preparatory action for a new EU programme on the conservation and sustainable use of plant and animal genetic resources in agriculture. Deadline for the submission of offers is 25 October 2013.

The evaluation of the second [Community program on genetic resources in agriculture](#) underlines the need for further action to enhance the conservation of genetic diversity within agriculture and promote the sustainable use of traditional varieties and breeds so as to make conservation economically viable.

The aim of this preparatory study is to provide a comprehensive description and analysis of the state of the art of genetic resources-related activities in the EU as well as practical recommendations based on case studies and interviews of relevant actors involved in the conservation and sustainable use of agro-biodiversity. The preparatory action outputs will identify, describe and analyze the ongoing activities and identify missing links and areas of actions to be addressed in future actions on the conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in agriculture and forestry.

The brochure published in 2013 by the European Union [Preserving genetic resources in agriculture. Achievements of the 17 projects of the Community Programme 2006-2011](#) (where the pictures shown on this page are published) illustrates the outcome achieved and the methodologies applied in different countries.

This EU initiative, also diffused at international level by the TP Organics Technology Platform, shows the interest of the members of biological agriculture networks in the preservation of the area-specific genetic resources, in order to promote green and sustainable development.

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