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Taking forward the national LR conservation strategies: procedures and responsibilities

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Preparation of conservation and use action plan

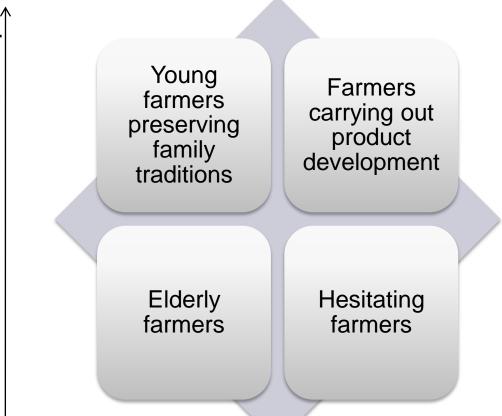
Target	Responsibility <u>National</u>	Responsibility <u>European</u>
Landrace inventory	X	
Landrace and farmer survey	X	
Conservation ex situ/in situ	X	X (AEGIS principles)
Sustainable use	X	
Integration of the plan in national/regional planning	X	X (EU level integration)
Development of the concept for on-farm conservation network		X (PGR Secure)





Case: Farmer survey on landrace cultivation motivations in Finland

Strong commitment for cultivation



Weak commitment for cultivation

Economy not so determent for cultivation

Economy determent for cultivation

Source: Heinonen 2009



Development of effective means for systematic landrace conservation *in situ*

Target	Responsibility <u>National</u>	Responsibility <u>European</u>
Awareness raising among conservationists on the of on-farm conservation and appropriate management strategies	X	X (ECPGR)
Enhancement of farmer management of landraces	X	
Integration of on-farm conservation and farmer management of landraces in a system that promotes landrace use	X	



Awareness raising



- ECPGR On farm conservation Working Group web-site: <u>Examples of successful</u> <u>national activities contributing to the in</u> <u>situ, on farm conservation</u>
 - Beans in Italy
 - Cabbage in Scotland
 - Fodder beet in Germany
 - Forages in Nordic Countries
 - Solanaceae in Spain





Assess landrace threat and climate change

Target	Responsibility <u>National</u>	Responsibility <u>European</u>
Establish protocols for assessing landrace threat status (according to the model of the IUCN Red List Criteria)		X (ECPGR)
Develop methods to assess impacts of climate change on landraces		X (European research community)







Lazio example



Target	Responsibility <u>National</u>	Responsibility <u>European</u>
Create national and European priority landrace lists and identify priority sites for onfarm conservation	X	X ECPGR: Establishment of European on-farm conservation network
Establish a European mechanism/clearing house		X ECPGR: common landrace descriptors
Establish protocols for landrace information management and dissemination		X Inclusion of the landrace suitable descriptors in EURISCO
Ensure public awareness, effective security and legislative protection for European landraces	X	X EU level regulations require European level coordination
Promote sustainable use	X	X Develop novel approaches for CxE of landrace diversity



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Conclusions

- National conservation strategies need to be prepared both in national and European context due to complexity and interrelatedness of the issues
- Greater public awareness, conservation security and legislative support need to be created for successful implementation

