



## Section Vegetables & Ornamentals – SVO

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### Annotated Agenda

10 October 2017

8h00 – 9h30

Riga, Latvia

#### Points of Agenda

#### **I. Opening, welcome and approval of the agenda**

Mr Ibrahim el Menschawi, SVO Chairman, will open the meeting and welcome the participants.

The agenda (ESA\_17.0517) will be proposed for approval.

Participants will be asked for items to include under Any Other Business.

#### **II. ESA Anti-Trust Guidelines**

Participants will be reminded of the ESA Anti-Trust Guidelines (ESA\_11.0246.1) and to act accordingly.

#### **III. Minutes of SVO meeting 11.10.2016**

The Chairman, with ESA Secretariat, will inform on the status of the minutes of SVO meeting (ESA\_16.0716) held 11 October 2017. No comment was received. Minutes can be, then, proposed to be considered as final.

#### **IV. ESA Policy priorities**

This item of the agenda covers updates of different horizontal issues of importance for the European seed sector. For each subject, participants are invited to take note of background documents. On most of the subjects, presentations will be given during one of the ESA crop section meetings as indicated.

SVO members interested in these subjects are invited to attend the respective Section meetings.

All presentations will be published on ESA website after its annual meeting.

**a) Focus on Biodiversity**

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on:

- the Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization (ESA\_17.0630);
- the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ESA\_17.0631);
- the regulation on organic production and labelling of organic products (ESA\_17.0633).

Participants will have the opportunity to have an insight on that topic thanks to presentations given during the meeting of the section for Vegetables (SVO):

- **“The New Organic Regulation: good or bad news for Europe’s seed sector”** by Kate WILSON, ESA Manager Public Affairs
- **“Tools to navigate the ABS sea”** by Szonja CSORGO, ESA Director Intellectual Property & Legal Affairs
- **“The future of access to genetic resources under the IT PGRFA”** by Anke van den HURK, Deputy Director of Plantum, Chair of ESA Working Group Biodiversity

**b) Plant Breeding Innovation**

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Plant Breeding Innovation (ESA\_17.0632).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the General Assembly which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 14h00 – 16h00.

**c) Intellectual Property Rights**

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Intellectual Property (ESA\_17.0624) and on Brexit (ESA\_17.0625).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Cereals and Pulses (SCP) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 8h30 – 10h30.

d) Research & Innovation

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Research & Innovation (ESA\_17.0626).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Maize (SMA) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 11h00 – 13h00.

e) Seed Treatment

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Seed Treatment (ESA\_17.0627).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Oil and Fibre Crops (SOF) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 14h00 – 16h00.

f) Plant Health

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on Plant Health (ESA\_17.0628).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Fodder crops and Amenity grasses (SFG) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 16h30 – 18h30.

g) ePhyto

Participants are invited to take note of the background document on ePhyto (ESA\_17.0629).

Participants interested in that subject are invited to attend presentations given during the section for Potatoes (SPO) which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 10 from 10h00 – 11h30.

## V. **Section specific issues**

This item of the agenda covers updates of specific issues of importance for the section for vegetables.

a) Report on activities of SVOwic

Participants will be invited to take note of the presentation on topics discussed this year in SVOwic.

b) SVO Factsheet

Participants will be reminded of the existing SVO Factsheet (ESA\_16.0121). The ESA Crop Factsheets have been developed with help of many Members, who contributed by providing facts, figures and info on several aspects of each crop. The Factsheets are available on the on the ESA website, on the crop sections. The factsheets (4-page format) contain information on key production figures, research and development of the most important relevant crops, environmental aspects as well as information on the ESA Members (both Direct and Association Members) active in those crops. The ESA Secretariat collected feedback and comments on the first versions that were published and will update those factsheets in the coming months.

c) Priority topics to be addressed in the coming year

Participants will be reminded of the priority topics agreed for 2017.

	<b>2017</b>
<b>1</b>	Enforcement Intellectual Property Rights
<b>2</b>	Evaluation EU legal framework on Plant Health and related Phytosanitary barriers
<b>3</b>	Organic production
<b>4</b>	Seed Treatment
<b>5</b>	Biodiversity at large – vegetable specific issues

In the spring meeting, the ESA Section for Vegetables (SVO) has addressed those priorities.

Participants will be invited to renew and/or amend the priorities for the coming year.

## VI. **International organisations**

This item of the agenda covers updates of the outcomes of the latest meetings of international organisations of importance in the seed sector.

a) International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

Participants will be invited to take note of the report by ESA Secretariat on the outcomes of interest for SVO section of the latest meetings of UPOV.

A presentation will be given by the Office of UPOV on the electronic Application Form during the meeting of the section for Oil and Fibre Crops (SOF) which is scheduled to take place on Monday October 9 from 14h00 – 16h00.

b) Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)

Participants will be invited to take note of the report on the outcomes of interest for SVO section of the latest meetings of CPVO.

**VII. Any other business**

Participants will be invited to share any information of interest.

**VIII. Confirmation of next SVO meeting and Closure**

Participants will be invited to note that, on invitation the next SVOwic meeting is scheduled to take place in spring 2018. Date and location still need to be confirmed.

The next ESA annual congress will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Madrid, Spain.