

**Name of Issue:**

**NP – Co-operation in Europe**

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**Highlights from the discussion:**

- There are good examples for long-term co-operation in Europe e.g. Dutch-German co-operation, NGB.
- ECP/GR is the right forum to discuss/address research needs especially its networks.
- It is necessary to strengthen the links between National Programs and ECP/GR
- NGOs have to be more involved on the national level.
- NP has to provide a forum to bring together all relevant stakeholders to co-ordinate/prepare European co-operation, e.g. through meetings etc

**Future/Next step:**

- A definition for future areas of co-operation is necessary e.g. common ex situ conservation through a “European Gene Bank” (see results of other group of that theme)
- Raising of public awareness should be addressed more by ECP/GR