

Governance

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- Objectives: Discuss & evaluate strengths & weaknesses of BR governance mechanisms (structures & modalities)
- Expected outcomes: 1) elements on governance for BR Operational Guidelines; 2) Contribution to joint EuroMAB/EUROPARC report on European BRs and how to link them to EU policies; 3) provide data for eventual database on governance.
- Workshop format: Brief presentations by all participants and by EUROPARC.

- Main issues discussed / Outputs:
- very wide diversity of governance structures/mechanisms for BRs across Europe.
- typology generally accepted by participants.
- Comprehensive survey using this typology should be conducted.
- NPA SHAPE project review can be a first step; it should be designed with EUROPARC
- Support for EUROPARC proposal for project to develop recommendations of how BRs could more effectively contribute, to the implementation of EU policies etc.
- Compilation of projects focusing on BRs funded by the EU would be a useful tool to show alignment of BRs with EU priorities.
- Outputs
 - Relevance to LAP: A3.1, A3.2, B5.1, C5.1
 - Relevance to SDG: 16



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