COLiBRI Stakeholder Community

Terms of Reference

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Introduction

The stakeholder community is the broad group of organisations and individuals that wish to follow and contribute to the COLiBRI project. It spans the plant-breeding value chain and may include researchers, research infrastructures, breeders and seed companies, farmers and producers, policymakers and funders, processors, retailers, consumers and civil-society organisations. Together with the stakeholder community, COLiBRI will assess priorities, gaps and opportunities for plant breeding R&I in the EU, covering all types of research, plants, farming systems and approaches. COLiBRI Stakeholders are invited to co-create a strategic roadmap, implementation plan and governance framework for a coordinated European plant breeding R&I network and funding mechanism.

Community members may receive project information and invitations to surveys, interviews, workshops and other consultation or outreach activities. Membership in the community does not automatically imply membership in the Stakeholder Expert Panel.

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Role of members	The COLiBRI Stakeholder community will function as the database from which invitations are sent to provide expert input; contribute evidence and stakeholder perspectives; identify needs, gaps and opportunities through surveys, interviews and other outreach activities. This community will also be instrumental in creating the European network for Plant breeding R&I and implementing the roadmap created during the project.
Composition	There is no limit to the number of entries in the community database. Members register with the community by completing a sign-up form where they should identify their stakeholder group as well as primary expertise and interests.
Independence and conflicts of interest	Members register in their private capacity or may represent their organization and should distinguish personal expert views from formal organisational positions where appropriate.
Confidentiality and data protection	Members should respect any confidentiality requirements communicated for specific activities. Personal contact data will be stored and used in accordance with the project's data-protection procedures.

Participation and communication	Members are invited to respond to surveys and, where appropriate, in-depth interviews on topics relevant to their expertise. They also receive communications and project updates and are invited to engage with and promote the project and its objectives on social and other media.
Benefits of participation	Through their contributions and engagement members are co-creating the EU plant-breeding network according to the community's needs and priorities. They will be invited to build on the community and take ownership of the network towards the end of the project.

Expected Contribution

Activity	**Expected contribution**	**Indicative timing / frequency**
Online Surveys	Complete project surveys relevant to the member's expertise or stakeholder group.	October 2026-March2028 Up to 4 surveys (according to expertise)
Online Interviews (upon invitation)	Participate in interviews when invited and provide practical examples, evidence and stakeholder needs.	As required by WPs 1–3 and T4.2
Consultation of draft documents	Provide targeted input on draft documents through online feedback forms	As necessary, around 2-3 reports
Outreach and buy-in	Where appropriate, share information through the member's networks. Support targeted outreach and build the network toward project end.	Later project stages

Timeframe

Stakeholder community involvement from project launch (June 2026) until project end (November 2028)