

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE CPVO

Presential meeting, 18 September 2024

FINAL

OPENING

1. Opening of the meeting, general information and approval of the draft agenda

The Chairperson of the Administrative Council (AC Chair), Mr. Sobrino Mate, declared the agenda adopted as proposed, with an additional confidential point and an AOB point proposed by France.

DECISION AND REPORTING

1. SPD 2025-2027 (DOC-AC-2024-2-01)

The members of the Administrative Council approved the Single Programming Document 2025-2027 with the proposed amendments.

1.1. 2024 Statistics

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the statistics for 2024.

2. AC decision on Draft Budget 2025 (DOC-AC-2024-2-02)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously approved the draft budget 2025.

3. Entrustment of Examination Offices (DOC-AC-2024-2-03)

The members of the Administrative Council adopted the 3 recommendations put forward by the Audit Team Leader for the EOs of Italy [Centro di Ricerca Orticoltura Floravivaismo (CREA-OF)], Germany (Bundessortenamt) and France [Groupe d'Etude et de contrôle des Variétés Et de Semences (GEVES)]. Italy abstained on the first vote; Germany abstained on the second vote; France abstained on the third vote.

4. Confidential point: (PowerPoint presentation)

The members of the Administrative Council discussed a Confidential agenda item in absence of the Observers

5. Confidential Point: (oral intervention)

The members of the Administrative Council discussed a Confidential agenda item in absence of the Observers

REPORTING

6. Decrease of applications (DOC-AC-2024-2-07)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report on the decrease of applications.

7. Strategic discussion on DUS examination (DOC-AC-2024-2-04)

The members of the Administrative Council endorsed the approach proposed by the CPVO for the strategic discussion and agreed to create the necessary working groups to address the various points raised in the presentation of the strategy. Terms of reference will be approved by written procedure and presented to the AC at its next meeting in 2025.

8. Final Accounts 2023 (DOC-AC-2024-2-05)

The members of the Administrative Council gave a positive opinion on the final accounts 2023.

9. Update on the HR strategy (DOC-AC-2024-2-06)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the update on the HR strategy.

10. R&D update (DOC-AC-2024-2-09)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report on the new R&D project and the INVITE project.

11. CPVO-EPO cooperation (DOC-AC-2024-2-10)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report on the CPVO-EPO cooperation.

12. Update on international relations strategy (PowerPoint presentation)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the updates concerning the implementation of the international relations strategy.

13. Update on the SME Fund 2024 (PowerPoint presentation)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the updates concerning the implementation of the SME Fund initiative for 2024.

14. DG SANTE updates (Oral presentation)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the updates from DG SANTE.

15. AOB

Update on the headquarters agreement (France)

The AC took note of the updates on the headquarters agreement.

Date and place of next meeting

Greetings

The members of the Administrative Council were informed about potential dates for the next meetings, which will be formally approved in writing. The CPVO took the occasion to bid farewell to the senior advisor, Mr. Dirk Theobald.

CLOSING

The AC Chair (Mr Sobrino Mate) thanked the participants and closed the meeting.