

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE CPVO

Amsterdam, 14 October 2022

Main conclusions

1. Opening of the meeting, general information and approval of the draft agenda (DOC-AC-2022-2-01)

The Chairperson of the Administrative Council declared the agenda adopted as proposed.

2. CPVO Strategic Plan 2022-2026 (DOC-AC-2022-2-02 +5 annexes)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously adopted the Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

3. AC Decision on the draft Single Programming Document 2022-2024 (DOC-AC-2022-2-03 + 3 annexes)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously adopted the Single Programming Document – SPD – 2022-2024. They took note that a revised version, aligned to the Strategic Plan 2022-2026 previously adopted, would be presented at the spring AC meeting for adoption.

4. Statistics (as of 30.09.2022)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the statistics as of 30 September 2022 and advised the CPVO to closely monitor the evolution of the situation with regards to the impact of the ongoing crisis (energy and inflation).

5. Adoption of Implementing rules to the Staff Regulations (DOC-AC-2022-2-04a-b-c + 4 annexes)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously adopted the Commission model decisions by analogy on "Payment of the education allowance provided for in Article 15 of Annex X to the Staff Regulations to staff members for the duration of temporary assignments to the seat of the institution or any other place of employment in the Union"; "Home leave for officials, temporary staff and contract staff serving in a third country" and "Working time and hybrid working conditions". With a date of entry into force of 14 October 2022.

6. AC Decision on Draft Budget 2023 (DOC-AC-2022-2-05 + Annex)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously adopted the draft Budget for 2023.

7. CPVO Building project – State of play (DOC-AC-2022-2-06)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the state of play of the CPVO building project aiming at acquiring new office space for the CPVO in Angers. An analysis of the offers received will be provided to the AC which will include all costs and a planning for the purchase of the building. Prior approval of the AC is necessary before any purchase. The approval may be gathered by written procedure including budget implications with the possibility to convey an online meeting to discuss relevant items prior to taking the decision. The CPVO are invited to begin the process of sale of one of their existing buildings.

8. Update to fees' regulation (DOC-AC-2022-1-07)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the information on the update of the fees' regulation and the cost calculation exercise.

The AC members agreed that a written procedure would be launched once the cost calculation exercise would be terminated in order to avoid extended periods where the costs paid for examinations are significantly higher than the corresponding amounts received from applicants.

9. IP Action Plan /SMEs (DOC-AC-2022-1-08 + Annex)

The members of the Administrative Council expressed in favour of vouchers with an amount of up to EUR 450 allowing for 2 applications by SME with a duration of 6 months. A communication campaign shall follow.

10. R&D Advisory Group: Designation of a new member on behalf of the AC and renewal of mandates (DOC-AC-2022-2-09 + Annex)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously extended the mandate of the R&D Advisory group in its new composition presented during the meeting. A proposal for the replacement of the leaving AC nominated member can still be made until 31 December 2022. In the absence of candidate(s), the Advisory group will act with one AC nominated member for the coming advisory period in 2023.

11. Decisions on the recommendations to entrust Examination Offices (DOC-AC-2022-2-10 + 7 recommendations)

The members of the Administrative Council adopted the seven recommendations put forward by the Audit Team Leader for Centralny Ośrodek Badania Odmian Roslin Uprawnych (COBORU) (PL), Instituut voor Landbouw-en Visserijonderzoek ILVO eenheid Plant (BE), Centro de Ricerca Olivicoltura, Frutticoltura e Agrumicoltura (CREA-OFA) (IT), Consiglio per la Ricerca in Agricoltura e l'analisi dell'economia agraria (CREA-DC) (IT), Bundesamt für Ernährungssicherheit (AGES) (AT), Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development and Food (GR) and Finnish Food Safety Authority (Ruokavirasto) (FI).

12. Outside activities of the President (DOC-AC-2022-2-11 + Annex)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously adopted the decision on outside activities of the CPVO President.

13. Report on QAS activities (DOC-AC-2022-2-12)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report on QAS activities from April to September 2022.

14. EU Plant Variety Portal (DOC-AC-2022-2-13)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the state of play of the EU Plant Variety portal and welcomed its expected release Q1 2023.

15. Update on the Cost Calculation Working Group II (DOC-AC-2022-2-14)

The members of the Administrative Council took note that Cost Calculation Working Group II considered the two alternative proposals from the Swedish Board for Agriculture and from Plantum on how costs of variety testing could be calculated and decided to discard the proposal from Plantum and to analyse further the proposal from the Swedish Board.

16. R&D update (DOC-AC-2022-2-15 +° Annex)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report on R&D update.

17. Cooperation in technical examinations with third countries (DOC-AC-2022-2-16 + Annex)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the suitability to take-over the report for Wasabi 'Izuma' (*Eutrema japonicum*) tested in Japan in 2016

18. Presentation by DG SANTE

18.1. State of affairs as regards report on NGT (New Genomic Technics)

The members of the Administrative Council took note that legal proposal is tabled for Q2 of 2023 with parallel initiatives to ensure coherence with PRM and framework for sustainable food system.

18.2. State of affairs as regards possible updates on PRM (Plant Reproductive Material) matters

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the state of affairs as regards updates on Plant Reproductive Material legislation.



18.3. Update on EU measures in relation to selling DUS reports to Russia

The members of the Administrative Council were invited to share with the CPVO the situation in their Member States as regards the sales of DUS reports to Russia.

19. Presentation by EPO: latest developments in the examination of patent applications in the area of plant-related patents

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the presentation on EPO practice and its co-operation with CPVO.

20. Update on the seat agreement

The members of the Administrative Council took note that France was actively trying to get a seat agreement for the CPVO.

21. AC meeting Spring 2023

1- Next AC Spring meeting will be held virtually on 31 March 2023.

2 - The Autumn AC meeting is foreseen on 28 September in person, location to be communicated (with the appointment of the AC chair and vice-chair)

