

MAIN CONCLUSIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE CPVO

Virtual meeting, 11 April 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.

DECISION AND REPORTING

1. Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2023 (DOC-AC-2024-1-1)

1.1. Items to take note

1.1.1. Management report

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the Management report including the declaration of assurance by the Court of Auditors.

1.1.2. 2023 Statistics

1.1.3. Financial report and provisional annual accounts (DOC-AC-2024-1-1)

1.1.4. Social report

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the reporting part of the Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2023.

2. Items to adopt

2.1. Administrative Council analysis and assessment (DOC-AC-2023-1-01)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously adopted the AC Analysis and Assessment to be signed by the Chairperson of the AC.

2.2. Discharge of the President for 2022 budget year (DOC-AC-2024-1-01)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously discharged the President of the Office in respect of the implementation of the budget 2022.

2.3. AC Opinion on the draft Single Programming Document (DOC-AC-2024-1-02)

The members of the Administrative Council were introduced the draft Single Programming Document for 2025-2027 and were invited to provide written comments by 30 June 2024.

3. AC opinion on the Preliminary Draft Budget 2025 (DOC-AC-2024-1-03)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the Preliminary Draft Budget for 2025.

4. Adoption of the policy on plant material submitted for DUS testing (DOC-AC-2024-1-04)

The members of the Administrative Council adopted the updated policy on plant material submitted for DUS testing.

5. Entrustment of Examination Offices (DOC-AC-2024-1-05)

The members of the Administrative Council adopted the 3 recommendations put forward by the Audit Team Leader for The Netherlands (Naktuinbouw), Poland (Centralny Ośrodek Badania Odmian Roslin Uprawnych (COBORU) and Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food (HAPIH). The Netherlands abstained on the first vote; Poland abstained on the second vote; Croatia abstained on the third vote.

6. AC Decisions on the adoption of CPVO Technical Protocols (DOC-AC-2024-1-06)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously adopted the New Technical Protocol: CPVO-TP/248/1 *Panicum miliaceum* L. and the Revision of existing Technical Protocols: CPVO-TP/045/2-Rev.3 *Brassica oleracea* L. convar. *botrytis* (L.) Alef. var. *botrytis* L.; CPVO-TP/048/3-Rev.3 *Brassica oleracea* L. var. *capitata* L.; CPVO-TP/054/2-Rev.2 *Brassica oleracea* L. var. *gemmifera* Zenker; CPVO-TP/065/2-Rev *Brassica oleracea* L. var. *gongylodes* L. (*Brassica oleracea* Kohlrabi Group); CPVO-TP/151/2-Rev.3 *Brassica oleracea* L. var. *italica* Plenck.

7. Adoption by analogy of Commission Decision C(2024) 1038 of 21 February 2024 on the transfer of pension rights (DOC-AC-2024-1-07)

The members of the Administrative Council unanimously adopted the decision on the transfer of pension rights by analogy.

8. Revision of the AC Rules of procedure and the decision on Observer status (DOC-AC-2024-1-8)

The AC members adopted the AC rules of procedure as amended, except for the proposed changes to Article 4 of the AC rules of procedure, on the admission of observers.

The AC members did not adopt the amended “AC decision on eligibility criteria for observership in its meeting of non-governmental organisations and procedural rules”.

9. AIPPI Observer status (DOC-AC-2024-1-9)

The proposal to admit the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) was withdrawn due to the refusal of the amendments concerning the rules on observer status before the Administrative Council.

REPORTING

10. Report on QAS activities (DOC-AC-2024-1-10)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report on QAS activities for 2023.

11. EU plant variety portal - update (DOC-AC-2024-1-11)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report on the EU plant variety portal.

12. Cybersecurity report (DOC-AC-2024-1-12)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the cybersecurity report.

13. Digitalisation of exchanges with examination offices (DOC-AC-2024-1-13)

The members of the Administrative Council note of the report on digitalisation of exchanges with examination offices.

14. SME Fund 2024 (Power Point presentation only)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report on the SME Fund initiative for 2024.

15. CPVO-EUIPO Workshop on PVR enforcement (DOC-AC-2024-1-15)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report on the CPVO-EUIPO Workshop on PVR enforcement.

16. Report on recent developments (DOC-AC-2024-1-16)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the updates concerning recent developments, which included the building project and the creation of a Working Group on Variety Denominations.

17. DG SANTE updates (Oral presentation)

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

18. Update on the seat agreement (DOC-AC-2024-1-18)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the updates on the seat agreement.

19. Internal audit report (DOC-AC-2024-1-19)

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the internal audit report for 2023.

20. Internal audit plan 2024 (DOC-AC-2024-1-20)

The members of the Administrative Council approved the internal audit plan for 2024.

21. Date and place of next meeting

The members of the Administrative Council approved the proposal to hold the next meeting in Alicante, at EUIPO premises, on 18 September 2024, followed by a seminar on 19 September 2024, to jointly celebrate the 30th anniversary of the EUIPO.

CLOSING

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