



## D8.1

### CREATION OF A MIRRI GROUP AND EVENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL/ NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES PROVIDING A FORUM FOR THE INVITATION OF NEW mBRCs AND DISCUSSION WITH DECISION-MAKERS



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<b>Abstract:</b>	This is the report of the creation of a MIRRI group representatives providing a forum for the invitation of new mBRCs and discussion with Decision-Makers. This will allow us to scope the progression towards the MIRRI RI project expansion.
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## Executive Summary

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# 1. Introduction

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The WP8 is about the Consolidation & Enlargement of Membership and Partnership of MIRRI, which is crucial for MIRRI's sustainability. For this reason, WP8 will implement a well-planned approach to increase the number of countries engaged in the RI with a financial contribution, and to enlarge the mBRCs and CCs partner base. The underlying reasons of countries not willing to join MIRRI will be inquired and registered. This will allow the team to understand and analyze such motives and share experiences from engaged countries to better explain the advantages of becoming a MIRRI Member in order to attract them. A tailored plan on the ways to adapt MIRRI's offer accommodating specific country requirements (e.g. adaptation of services among others) could also be considered. This will help bringing on board the initially not committed countries in the long-term.

This deliverable reports the creation of a MIRRI group of representatives providing a forum to discuss membership and partnership issues with new mBRCs and Decision-Makers.

### 1.1. Objectives

WP8 (enlarge the membership of MIRRI) aims to consolidate the Members that have already signed the MoU, to strengthen, support, and consolidate existing Partners' collections and to stimulate new engagements at all levels (Members, partners, and other stakeholders). For this, the task proposed in the frame of this WP will promote enlargement of membership, organization of activities aiming to integrate local/national collections, industrial engagement, and rising of decision-makers' awareness.

The main objective of this D8.1 is to create a group out of the consortium partners and third parties to ensure a successful implementation of the enlargement and consolidation plan, as the main goal of the WP8.

### 1.2. Methodology

At the Kick-off Meeting of the [IS\\_MIRRI21](#) project, which took place on the 25 and 26 March 2020, the WP8 Session – Consolidation & Enlargement was presented. During the WP8 session, it was concluded that the creation of the WP8-Working Group (WG) among the Partners is a key-element in well organizing the next steps of the WP8 and next deliverables.

At the Kick-off Meeting, IAFB proposed that all partners, as far as possible, should select one representative which will be in the WP8-WG.

One week after the teleconference was given as a deadline for submitting the representatives' names.



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Based on the information established during the Kick-off Meeting and the feedback that was received later on, the working group within the WP8-WG was created.

The detailed information is gathered in Table 1 which is an alive list that can be updated during the lifetime of the project.

Table 1 – Working Group within WP8.

No	Name	Institution
1.	Joanna Bucka-Kolendo	IAFB - Institute of Agricultural and Food Biotechnology
2	Kamila Daniluk	IAFB - Institute of Agricultural and Food Biotechnology
3.	Raquel Hurtado-Ortiz	IP - Institute Pasteur
4.	Paolo Romano	USMI - Ospedale Policlinico San Martino of Genoa, Italy the third party of the University of Turin, Italy
5.	Rosa Aznar	UVEG-CECT - Universitat de València Estudi General, Spanish Type Culture Collection
6.	Svetlana Ozerskaya	VKM IBPM RAS - All-Russian Collection of Microorganisms, Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms, Russian Academy of Sciences
7.	Gerard Verkleij	KNAW - Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen – Westerdijk Fungal Biodiversity Institute
8.	Giovanna Cristina Varese	UNITO - Dipartimento di Scienze della Vita e Biologia dei Sistemi Università degli Studi di Torino viale Mattioli, 25 10125 Torino, Italia
9.	Marleen Bosschaerts	BELSPO - Belgian Science Policy Office  Manager BCCM coordination cell Deputy Director
10.	Bassem Kheireddine	UMINHO - University of Minho IS_MIRRI21 PFM Project and Financial Manager
11.	Luís Soares	UMINHO - University of Minho IS_MIRRI21 Executive Director
12.	Nelson Lima	UMINHO - University of Minho IS_MIRRI21 Coordinator



## 2.1. The mission of the Working Group within WP8

The main mission of this WP8-WG is to collaborate and share with the WP8 Leader the information about potential partners. The contact person will be directly involved in the process of membership enlargement and workshops organized within the WP8, to enhance the international cooperation and strengthen the national partnership between collections.

As a starting point, and taking into account the strong cooperation with the European Culture Collections Organisation (ECCO, [www.eccosite.org](http://www.eccosite.org)), the most active ECCO Corporate Members of different European countries that did not yet sign the MoU (Table 2) will be contacted first. These mBRCs and their country representatives will be the top priority for the engagement.

Table 2 – List of the potential countries that can join MIRRI and some of their mBRCs.

No	Country	mBRCs
1.	Austria	ACBR - Austrian Center of Biological Resources and Applied Mycology
2.	Bulgaria	NBIMCC - University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy
3.	Czech Republic	CCF - Culture Collection of Fungi, Department of Botany, Faculty of Science, Charles University CCM - Czech Collection of Microorganisms, Masaryk University
4.	Denmark	SCCAP - Scandinavian Culture Collection of Algae & Protozoa, University of Copenhagen
5.	Estonia	CELMS - Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Tartu
6.	Finland	MICCO - Finnish Microbial Resource Centre Organisation HAMBI - Helsinki Institute of Life Science VTTCC - VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
7.	Germany	DSMZ – German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures GmbH SAG - Culture Collection of Algae, Gottingen
8.	Hungary	NCAIM - National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Micro-organisms, Corvinus University of Budapest
9.	Norway	NORCCA - Norwegian Culture Collection of Algae
10.	Slovakia	CCY - Culture Collection of Yeasts, Institute of Chemistry, Slovak Academy of Sciences
11.	Sweden	CCUG: Culture Collection, University of Gothenburg
12.	Switzerland	CCOS – Culture Collection of Switzerland
13.	International	CABI – EGHAM, UK

Table 3 presents the risk and mitigation measures that are envisaged in this task and Table 4 mentions the KPI defined in the [IS\\_MIRRI21](#) Grant Agreement.

Table 3 – Critical risks for implementation in WP8.

No	Description of Risk (likelihood)	Proposed risk-mitigation measures
1.	Enlargement with reduced success (medium)	Enlargement will be crucial for MIRRI's sustainability. For this reason, WP8 will implement a well-planned approach to increase the number of countries engaged in the RI with a financial contribution, and to enlarge the mBRCs and CCs partner base. In the case of country rejections, the underlying reasons for not wanting to join will be inquired and registered. This will allow the team to understand and analyze such motives and conceive a plan on the ways to adapt MIRRI's offer accommodating specific country needs (e.g. adapt services or other) and sharing experiences in other countries to better show the mutual advantages of becoming a MIRRI member. This will help bring on board in the long-term the initially not interested countries.

Table 4 – Key Performance Indicators.

No	Indicator	Enlarge the number of European and associated countries participating in the infrastructure
1.	Target	Increase the number of MoU signatories by 4 countries by the end of the project

## 2.2. Collaboration

For better communications within the WP8, a mailing list including all participants was created. To submit information concerning any subject within the WP8, the email should be sent to [wp8.ismirri21@mirri.org](mailto:wp8.ismirri21@mirri.org).

To assure good communication within the WP8 Working Group, meetings will be held via videoconferences once per quarter or as much as needed.

The cooperation efforts between partners will contribute with a workshop, organized by IAFB on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2020, to disseminate MIRRI and attract new partners (See Annex 1 Workshop Program).

## Annex 1 Workshop Program

Time	Subject	Speaker
10:15 10:30	– Welcome	<b>Artur Hugo Świergiel</b> Director of the Institute & Leader of WP8
10:30- 11:00	The value of international collaboration for Polish Culture Collections	Ministry of Science and Higher Education
11:00- 12:00	History and Structure of Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure MIRRI	<b>Marleen Bosschaerts</b> , Belgian Co-ordinated Collections of Microorganisms
12:00- 13:00	Goals and services of IS_MIRRI21	<b>Nelson Lima</b> , Universidade do Minho, Portugal, IS_MIRRI21 Coordinator
13:00- 13:15	Break	
13:15- 14:00	Database program IS_MIRRI21 & CWE Collaborative Working Environment	<b>Rosa Aznar</b> , Spanish Type Culture Collection (CECT), University of Valencia
14:00 14:30	- Mission and activities MIRRI-ERIC as European Research Infrastructure	<b>Marleen Bosschaerts</b> , Belgian Co-ordinated Collections of Microorganisms
14:30-14:45	Break	
15:00-15:30	Common benefits to be a Member of MIRRI How to become a Member?	<b>Nelson Lima</b> , Universidade do Minho, Portugal, IS_MIRRI21 Coordinator
15:30-16:30	Open Board for questions	MIRRI Partners



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