



Module 17: Tracking OHM: a digital tool for the notification, traceability of OHM seed

# **Unit 17.1: Digital tools to manage OHM traceability**

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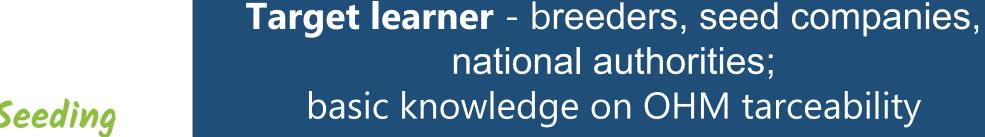
## About the module

# Module 17 - Tracking OHM: a digital tool for the notification, traceability of OHM seed

Unit 17.1 - Digital tools to manage OHM traceability

Unit 17.2 - Online tutorial on OHM track

- Downloadable user guide.
- Learning assessment: link of the quiz: <a href="https://forms.gle/zbqLpN9RJUvsEQUV6">https://forms.gle/zbqLpN9RJUvsEQUV6</a>







## What is the traceability

Keep track of the exchange of seeds related to Organic Heterogeneous Material

- Who: organisation involved in seed exchange (breeder, seed banks, seed producers)
- What: keep track of the seed amounts during
  - Diffusion: seed exchange between organisations
  - Reproductions: sowing and harvesting
- When: track seed exchanges in time
- Where: locations of farm and seed storages



## **Best practices**

Best practice to manage the seeds inside an organisations:

- Do I keep track of the entrance of seed lots in my organisations?
  - Who gives me the seed?
  - Do they have a code to the seed (es. Accession code)
  - There are any related passport data?
- Internal management
  - Do I have internal codes for accessions or seed lots?
  - Do I track in internal seed exchanges? (data, amount, locations)
- Do I keep track of the organisation I send my seeds?



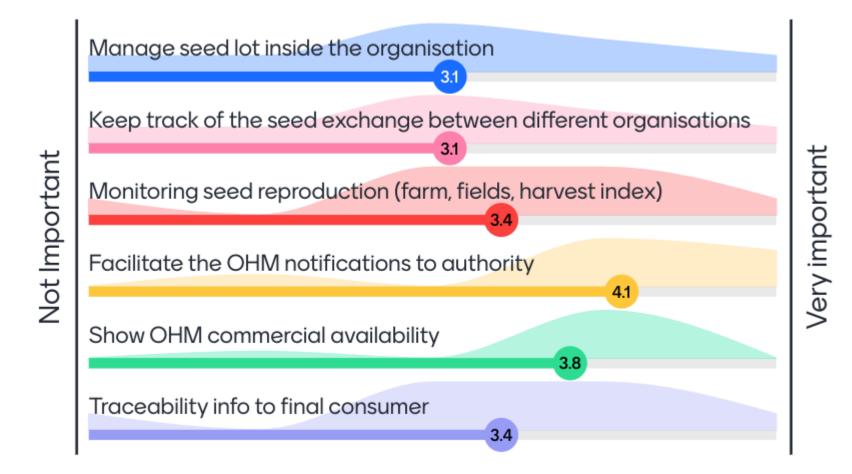
# "Life cycle" of an OHM

code	Status	Activity
pre_breed	initial phase (choosing parental, field test);	Genetic material traceability
breed	the OHM has a name; testing the OHM with some associated farms; not yet notified	Genetic material traceability
notification	Collected the data for the notification (pedigree; phenotype etc) Send a notification; the OHM is registered	Receive / analyze notifications
propagation	OHM propagation (seed producers sell/distributed certified OHM)	Seed and Phytosanitary controls; Seed traceability
ohm_new	after a few generations the result of propagation may have changed ad require a new registration	(re-registration?)





# User's requirements for OHM traceability









# **OHM Notification Data**

## Reviewed countries

Country	Organisation	Procedure
France	Geves	Document
Italy	CREA	Draft (not publicly available)
Germany	BSA	Online
UK	Animal & Plant Health Agency	Document



Forms should be available also in Denmark Czech Republic and Slovenia

# Notification - cross country comparisons

Topic	DE	IT	FR	UK
Species and name	species the designation and identification no.: (if alreay apporved under the "Regulation on the marketing of seed of populations of the species oats, barley, wheat and maize":)	Specie - denominazione botanica Specie - nome comune	Specie	Species and varieties used to create population
	the name of the ecological heterogeneous material:	Denominazione del MEB (1)	Nome proposto	Name of population (or proposed name)
	Notifying person or company/other name	Nome e cognome o ragione sociale dell'operatore che effettua la notifica Codice Fiscale o Partita IVA CUUA	Nome del richiedente, fornitore dell'attrezzatura	Name and address of applicant (where the applicant is not an individual, the person responsible for participation in the experiment)
Notifier	Address Address Number:	Indirizzo Numero civico Codice postale	Indirizzo	Address
	Long distance call:		Telefono	Telephone: :
	E-mail:		Email	Email
dina	Trademark at german Patent Office (if available)			

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## **Notifications #2**

Topic	DE	IT	FR	UK
Mantainer (if different)		Nome e cognome o ragione sociale dell'operatore che effettua il mantenimento del MEB		Name and address of the person responsible for the breeding, production and maintenance
Parental	Description of the <b>parent material</b> , if applicable, indicate the varieties or genotypes used to create the ecological heterogeneous material:	Parentali del MEB (2)	Parentali, descrizione	Species and varieties used to create population
Breeding scheme	Breeding Scheme	Metodo utilizzato per realizzare il MEB (3)	Descrizione del metodo e delle tecniche utilizzate per creare il materiale proposto.	* Objectives of the breeding programme * Description of the type of technique used to generate the population, including the breeding scheme
Production protocol	Description of own production protocol program (for 7.1 and 7.3) or on-farm management and selection practices (for 7.2):			
Country / Locations	country of breeding or production, indication of region if applicable	Località in cui il MEB è stato selezionato (4)	Localizzazione dei siti di selezione e	Region or proposed region of production

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## **Notifications #3**

Topic	DE	IT	FR	UK
Pedo-climatic	Description of soil and climate conditions	Caratteristiche agro- pedoclimatiche della località (5)	Localizzazione dei siti di selezione e condizioni agropedoclimatiche.	
Phenotipic	Phenotypic characterization of essential features common to the material:	Caratteristiche descrittive (6)	Descrizione dei caratteri del materiale, delle caratteristiche comuni e dell'eterogeneità	A description of the population's characteristics, including—(ii) whether it is selfpollinating;  (vi) disease resistance; (vii) taste or colour; and (viii) any other characteristic which the applicant regards a relevant.  * Results of any experimental trials concerning the characteristics specified, outlined in the previous section
Heterogeneity	Degree of heterogeneity	Se il materiale è omogeneo per un carattere, indicare il livello di espressione del carattere. In caso contrario, indicare se possibile l'intervallo di variazione o la proporzione nelle diverse tipologie.		(i) the degree of heterogeneity

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## **Notifications #4**

Topic	DE	IT	FR	UK
Agronomic value	9.4 Documentation of relevant traits including agronomic aspects (e.g. yield, yield stability, suitability for extensive management, direction of use, performance, resistance to abiotic stress, disease resistance, quality, taste or color):	Valore agronomico (7) Valore di utilizzazione (8)	Valore agronomico e di utilizzazione	(iii) yield, yield stability and quality; (iv) performance;
Organic condition			Condizioni favorevoli alla coltivazione e all'uso di questo materiale biologico eterogeneo (FACOLTATIVO)	(v) usability in lowinput agriculture;
Period of production	indication of the year of production			
Amount of seed to be marketed				Quantity of seed intended to be marketed during the period of participation in the experiment



## Tools to collects data for notifications

#### **SHiNeMaS**

Breeding data

### Seedlinked

Phenotipic observation

#### **EU Router DB**

organic seed databases

### **OHM-Track**

Interoperability adn seed producers data



eneral data	
Country	Italy
Requester	Questa è la mia org!
Request Date	2023-11-09
Status	Draft
Specie	Cicer arietinum L.
OHM name	Cece Ascolao - germplasm Cece Bianco #line A12



# Farm2 Farm1 Farm1 Farm1









OHM-Track

## Access the demo



https://ohmtrack.aedit.it



## **OHM-Track - objective**

- support Breeder, Seed Producers, Seed traders and Authority in the traceability of the OHM
- Trace the seed lots exchange between different organisations
- Facilitate the notification of the OHM



## **OHM-Track**

## The OHM-track will not be used for:

- Take track of the breeding activities (crossing, mixture, selection) -> SHiNeMaS
- Manage the field trials -> Seedlinked
- Keep track of the organic seed availability -> European Router DB

We are exchanging data with the other tools



## **Current Status**

- The website has been published and presented to the users
- We have currently receiving feedbacks from users to improve the systems
- We are testing with the organisation that participates to Liveseeding but we are open to open ti to other organisations
- New functions will be delivered in the next months





## **OHMTrack**

LIVESEEDING tool for OHMs traceability

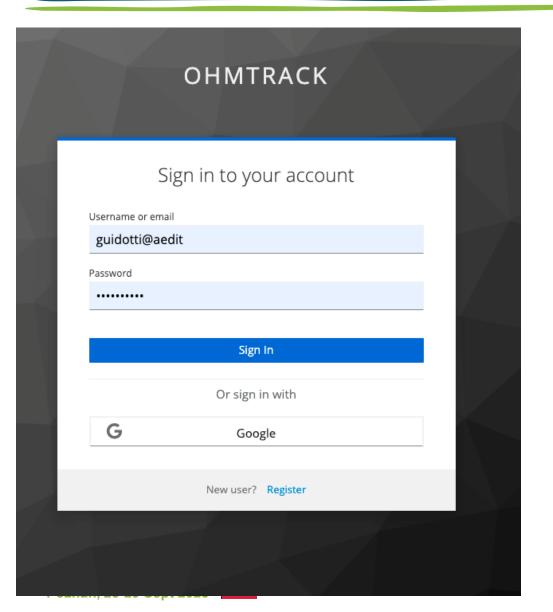
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## **OHMTrack**

(i)

Please, login to access the system.

# Login



If you have not the login you can:

- If you have google account you can use it (you will not need to remember a password)
- Otherwise click on register to create a new user

At the moment I did not ask to verify the password to have less barrier for testing





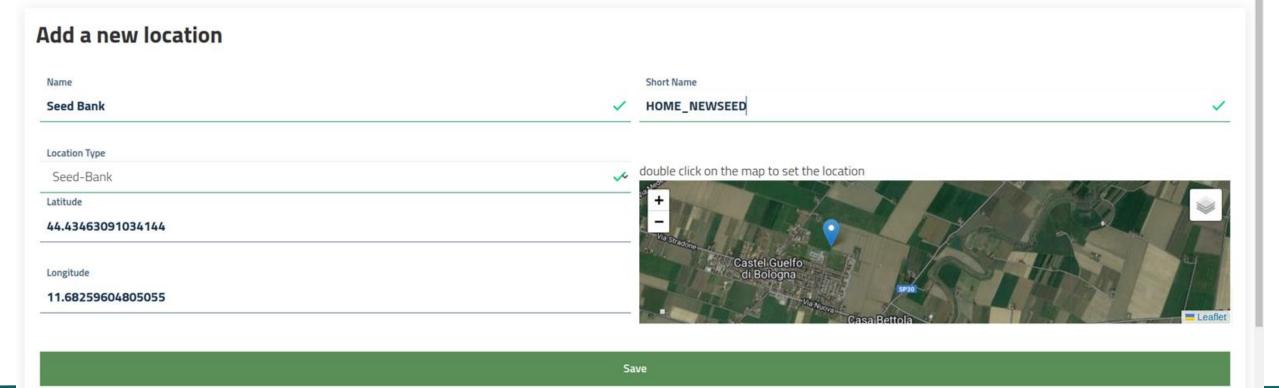






#### OHMTrack

## **OHMTrack - NEW SEED s.r.l.**













#### OHMTrack

LIVESEEDING tool for OHMs traceability

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Shinemass Demo

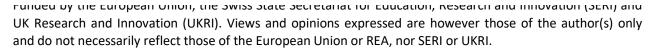
## **OHMTrack - NEW SEED s.r.l.**

There is no germplasm in the system. Please, add a new one.	
Germplasm Type	
OHM	<b>✓</b>
Name	
EVOLDUR_NEWSEED	✓
Specie	
Triticum durum Desf.	<b>✓</b>
Add germplasm	

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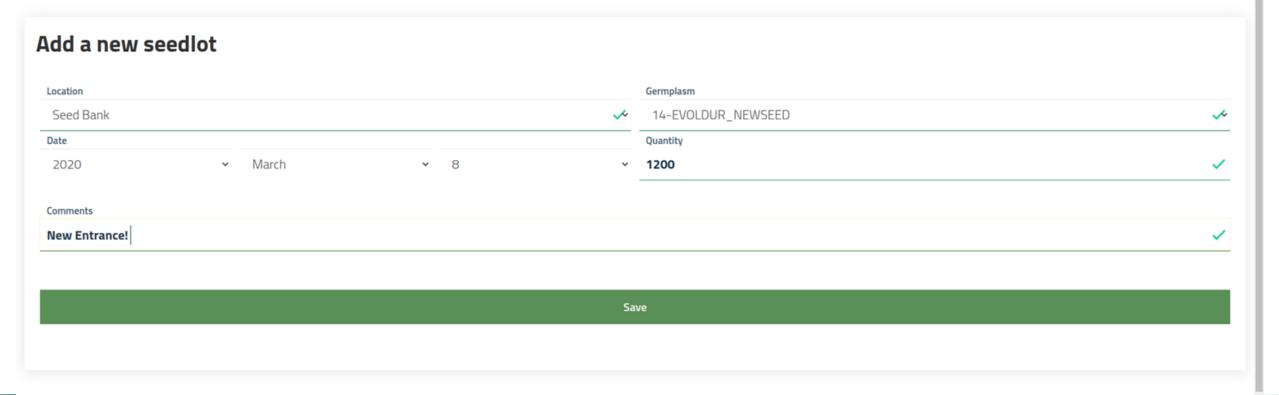








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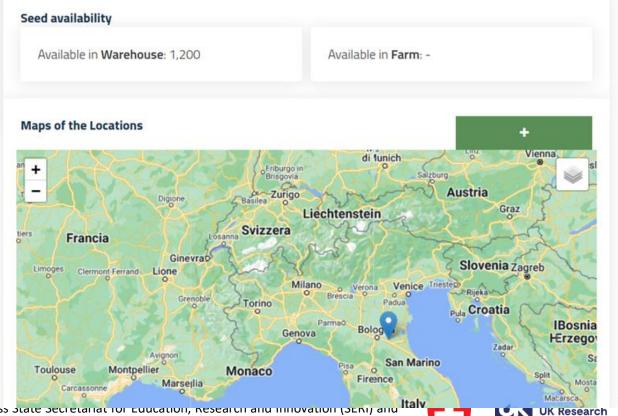






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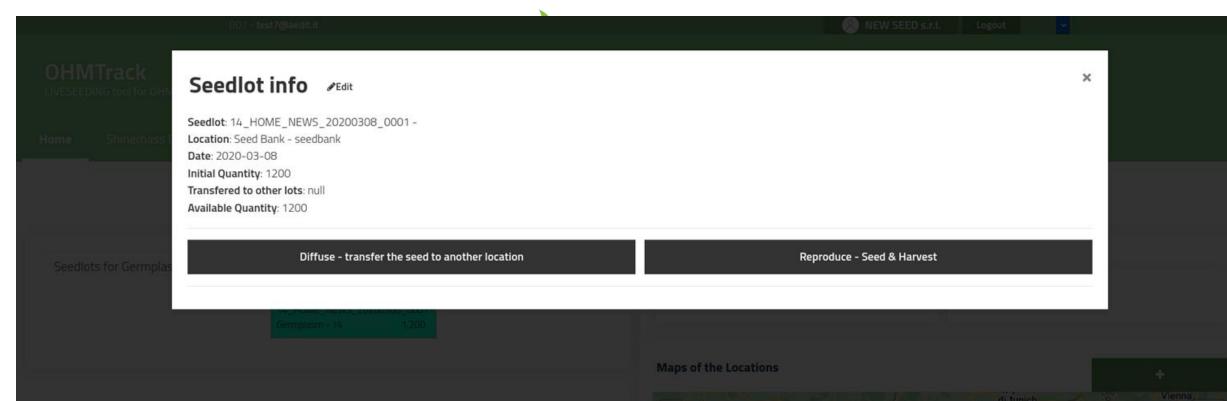






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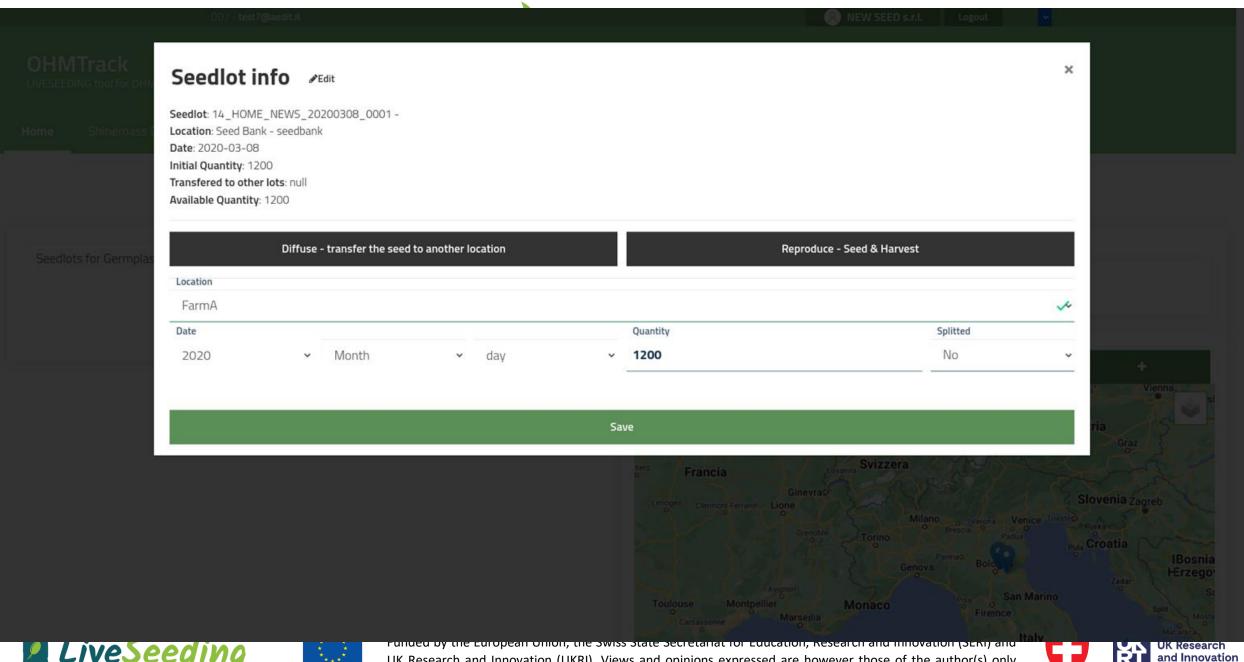


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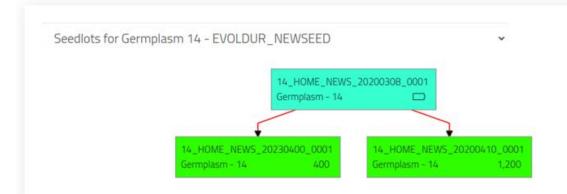
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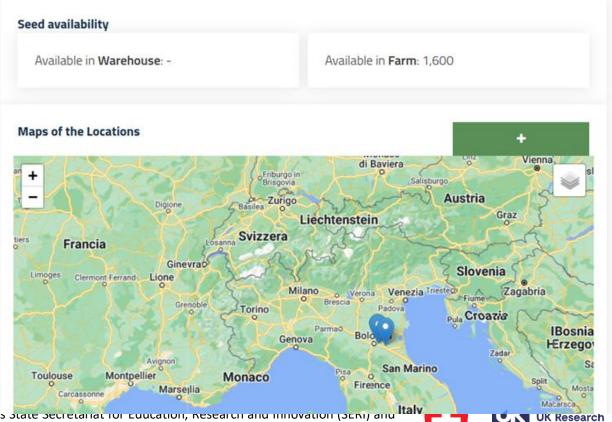
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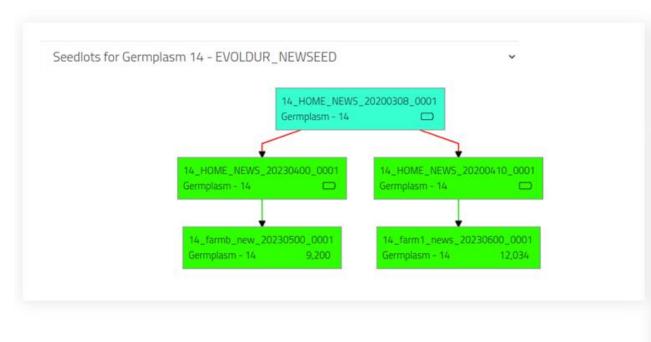


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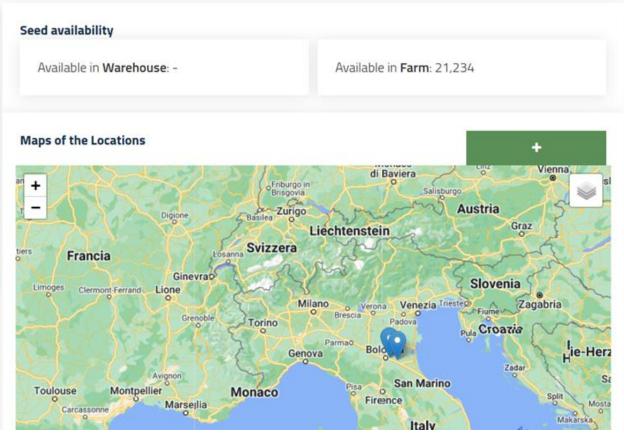


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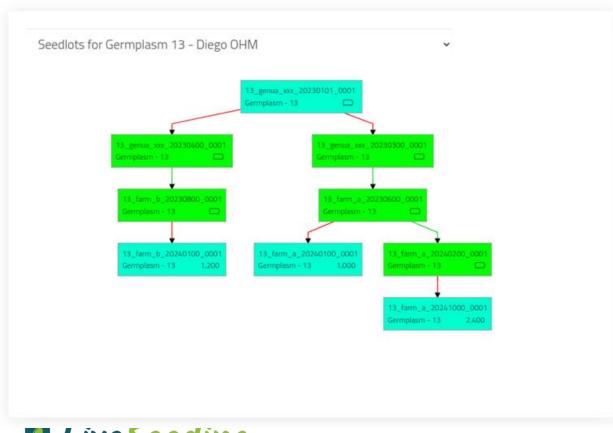
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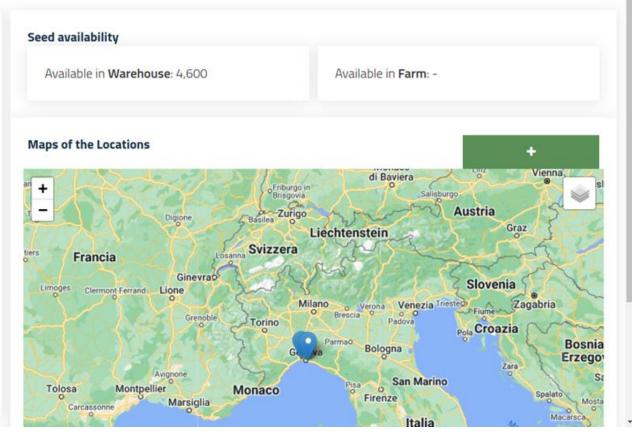
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## **OHMTrack - My Great Seed Farm**











Interoperability



# What is interoperability

# Make digital tools communicate with each others automatically









# Why Interoperability

- Data already are managed by existing softwares
- User cannot re-enter the same data in different tools
- Traceability works if are able to share the data across different organisations

## What do we need to be interoperable

- Have a way to exchange the data (using documented APIs
  - Application programming Interface)
- Share the same language
- Have a common vocabulary
  - Specie/Crop
  - Germplasm
  - Accession
  - Seed lot



# **Example of Tools - BRAPI: the language**

## https://brapi.org/

- A standards to exchange Breeding data
- Do no reinvent the wheel
- Already used by several softwares

Can be used to share data about Germplasm, Organisations, Seed Lots, and Phenotyping



# **Example of Tools - CPVO Variety Finder**

https://online.plantvarieties.eu/

A plant variety registration repository
Vocabulary of Plant Species and Crops (UPOV code)
Accessible by API



# Global Information System for PGRFA

## https://glis.fao.org/glis/

Tools to support PGRFA - International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

#### Provide tools to:

- Generate a global unique code for a seed lot (DOI)
- Share plant passport data
- Register also Genetic Material Transfer Agreement (Easy-SMTA)

Not alls eed lots need to be registered but for important lots (e.g. seed lots of notified OHM) may be good practices to register to have an unique indentification

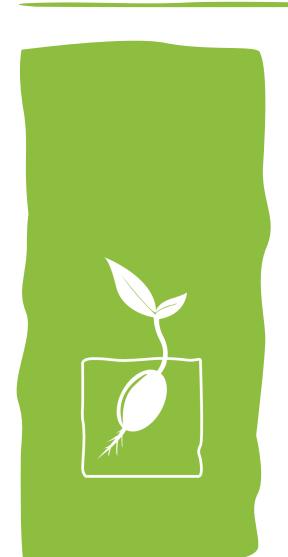


## Thank you

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# Quiz

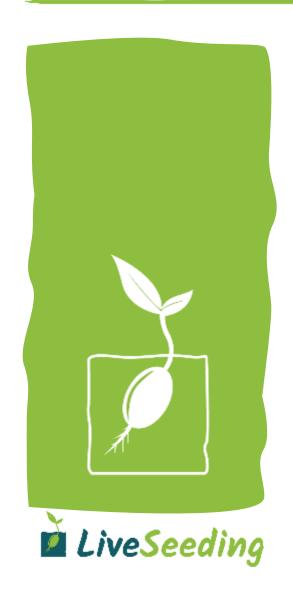


Are you ready to see how well you've understood the main points?

Take a few minutes to complete the short quiz for this unit before moving on \(\frac{\rightarrow}{\rightarrow}\) Link: \(\frac{https://forms.gle/57AcazkvRvkWWHhx7}{\rightarrow}\)

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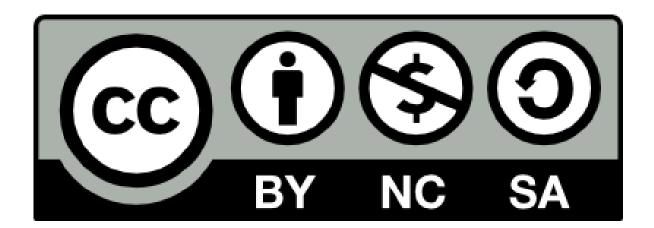
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