The Project

PRO-WILD is a Horizon Europe project aimed at **protecting** crop wild relatives (CWRs) in their natural habitats (in-situ), **conserving** their genetic diversity in genbanks (ex-situ), and promoting their role in developing stronger, more resilient crops.

Project Objectives

- Identify and protect conservation key areas for *in-situ* CWR conservation
- Survey existing CWRs in gene banks and assess their conservation status to fill critical gaps in *ex-situ* resources
- Broaden agricultural diversity by integrating valuable traits from CWR gene pools into cultivated crops
- Promote understanding and appreciation of the importance of CWRs among stakeholders.

Focus Crops

In PRO-WILD, the focus is on wheat, sugar beet, and oilseed rape — three major crops in Europe, selected for their economic and agricultural importance.



The PRO-WILD project runs from 2024 to 2029, bringing together 19 partners from 11 countries with expertise in various fields.



Please find more detailed information and publications at www.pro-wild.eu or contact us directly.



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How Do We Harness the Power of Crop Wild **Relatives (CWRs)?**





Crop wild relatives (CWRs) are wild plant species genetically related to cultivated crops and serve as valuable sources of **genetic diversity** for crop improvement and long-term food security.





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