Road map to the inclusion of C&E data in EURISCO

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1.   Theo van Hintum will update this document and create a website (**Done 22 May 09**)

2.   Frank Begemann will circulate the proposal to the ECPGR Documentation and Information Network Coordinating Group and the wider network of CCDB managers and National Focal Points, and ask for feedback. (**Done 28 May 09)**

3.   Lorenzo Maggioni will distribute the proposal to the ECPGR Steering Committee for information and comments (**Done 25 June 09**)

4.   Michael Mackay will check the proposal against other systems such as GRIN, and propose changes to harmonize when needed. (**By 30 August 09**)

5.   Frank Begemann, through communication with M. Mackay, will try to 'feed the proposal into the GIGA process', explore possibilities to benefit from each other's initiative, and possibly integrate them (**September 09**)

6.   Based on all feedback, the technical details of the elements of the mechanism will be proposed by Bioversity (Dag, Milko, Fawsi, Michael, Sonia) and submitted to the EPGRIS 3 activity members for comments **(October 09)**

7.   Based on advice and acceptance from the EPGRIS 3 coordinators, Bioversity will commence implementation of the mechanism. Depending on the agreed technical specification for the mechanism, this could be done in one of two ways: 1) by using the data structure and curatorial/migration utilities being developed within the GIGA project, or 2) independent development within Bioversity's Biodiversity Informatics project (F07). The two ways have different resourcing implications that will need to be verified. The aim is to provide a functioning database and uploading mechanism and a preliminary web-interface plus downloading mechanism **(November 09)**

8.   CGN, NordGen, BLE and IPK will deliver the first data sets for developing and testing the infrastructure in Rome **(As soon as the specifications will be available)**

9.   Further elements of the implementation, requiring additional funding, will be included in the EUROGENEBANK project, as well as Michael Mackay will explore the possibilities to seek funds as part of the next phase of GIGA.