



**“The Global Partnership for Safe and Sustainable Agriculture”**

**Activity Plan 2006**

**EUREPGAP Board**



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## EUREPGAP VISION

*Safety and sustainability of agricultural products for consumers*



## EUREPGAP STRATEGIC PILLARS

EurepGAP has five strategic pillars which support decision making within EurepGAP.

### 1. Partnership

Retailers and producers are equally represented in decision making committees. EurepGAP provides open access to certification systems for all producers globally thereby encouraging the adoption of safe and sustainable agricultural practices.

### 2. Integrity

The certification process is developed and operated to standards which are industry leading and exceed accreditation norms.

### 3. Benchmarking

Operating principles of independent, fair and transparent benchmarking to demonstrate equivalence and facilitate recognition of national and regional farm assurance schemes.

### 4. Stakeholder Involvement

Meeting the specific information and data needs of members. To work with other key stakeholders particularly government and non-government organisations. Foster an open and consultative culture, which contributes to the global effort of harmonising GAP certification standards.

### 5. Efficiency and Effectiveness

EurepGAP will develop globally relevant, cost effective solutions on behalf of its members to avoid multiplication of standards, systems and audits. It will strive to use internal resources as efficiently as possible.



## HEADLINE ACTIVITIES 2006

The headline activities are aligned to EurepGAP's strategic pillars

### Partnership:

- Complete consultation and implementation of Governance changes
- Revise Protocols to a fully Integrated Whole Farm Standard
- Extension of product scope according to member needs

### Integrity:

- Complete Risk Assessment - implement critical control points
- Process Review within FoodPLUS and alignment of internal accountabilities
- Further develop auditor proficiency
- Refine Traceability and database approaches
- Implement Risk Based Cross-Checks of Certification bodies
- Intensify cooperation with Accreditation Bodies

### Benchmarking:

- Advise and assist producers wishing to benchmark existing schemes or establish National or Regional Schemes equivalent to EurepGAP

**Stakeholder Involvement:**

- Member Service: tailor information to individual needs of members
- Provide core data requirements from the database as requested by members
- Continue to raise awareness amongst EurepGAP's non-industry stakeholder base. Consult with and respond to information needs of EU, Governments, NGOs etc.
- Continue to work with other organisations to further harmonise GAP approaches on a global level

**Communication**

- Protocol Revision and Implementation Conference , Prague, September 2006
- All Scope Newsletter June 2006

**Efficiency and Effectiveness:**

- Review and refine internal processes (EurepGAP Board) and management system
- Continue to develop IT capability