

# TAIEX Workshop on Plant Varieties Protection and Enforcement of Breeder's Rights

*Institutional building on plant variety  
rights in Romania*  
*Plant Varieties Protection*

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# *Authority in the field*

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There is in Romania an official system for new variety of plants testing for their register in the official national Catalogue and to provide legal protection (PBR), the national authority being the State Institute for Variety Testing and Registration (ISTIS).

# *The purpose of the varieties registration*

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***Varieties registration in the official national catalogue allows growing and selling varieties in Romania.***

***Varieties registered in Romania falling under the European Union's common catalogs and can be grown and marketed in all Member States.***

# *Patent protection of new varieties*

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**The varieties are patentable categories of objects through a special system of protection of intellectual property called "sui generis".**

**Title protection is granted in accordance with the International Convention UPOV.**

**The property title obtained is valid in Romania.**



# *ISTIS*

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## **Historic**

1953 - 3726/1953 HCM - State Commission for Variety Testing and approval;

1997 - Law no. 57/1997 - State Institute for Variety Testing and Registration;

## **Current legislation**

2002 - Law no. 266/2002, republished: controls testing and registration of varieties;

2011 - Law 255/1998, republished, as amended: regulates the protection of varieties.

# *Responsible institutions*

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**Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development**

**State Institute for Varieties Testing and  
Registration:**

- **24 for Variety Testing Centre.**

# *State Institute for Varieties Testing and Registration- activity*

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## **Public body**

### **Main activities :**

- Testing of the new varieties,
- their registration in the Official Catalogue,
- providing legal protection.

### **Execute in the experimental fields:**

- DUS tests,
- VAU tests,
- maintenance tests,
- preliminary tests,
- post control.

# *Structure of the Authority of Varieties Testing and Registration*

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4 centers for DUS testing of the varieties of agricultural plants species;

3 centers for varieties testing of horticultural species;

21 centers for VAU examination of the varieties of agricultural plants;

Stuff – 161 people from which 42 experts, technicians 11, 70 workers.



# *DUS and VAU tests- locations*

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## **DUS Test**

CTS Targoviste –Autumn straw cereals, vegetables, ornamentals;

CTS Cogealac –corn, sunflower, soybean;

CTS Sibiu –Spring cereal straw, lucerne, sugar beet, flax, hemp;

CTS Simleu Silvaniei –forage (grasses and forage legumes);

CTS Arad – vegetables;

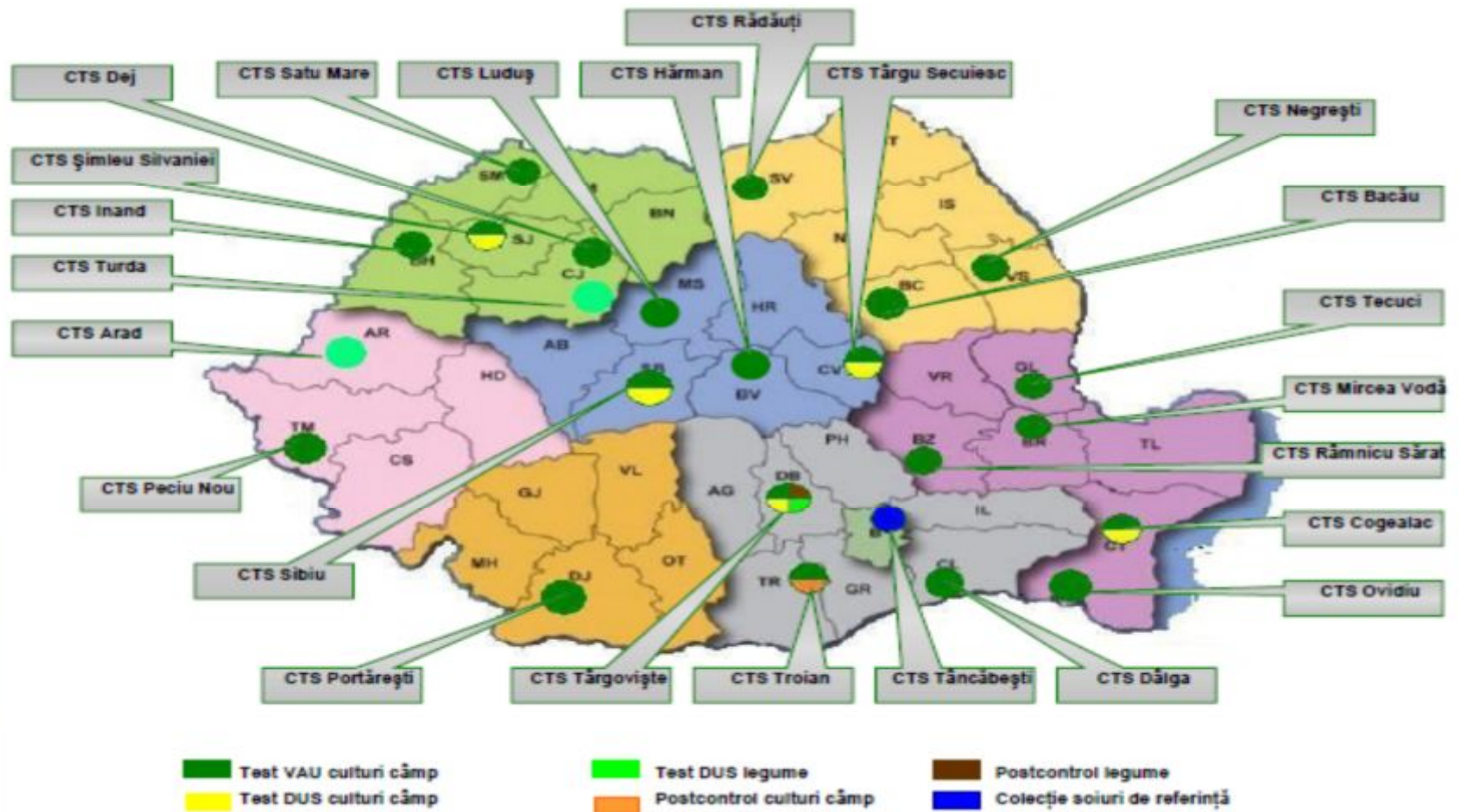
CTS Turda – vegetables, ornamental plants.

## **VAU Test**

21 CTS, which form the varieties testing network.

# Centers for variety testing from the ISTIS official network

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# *Terms for variety registration*

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***The variety should be:***

- 1. Distinct**
- 2. Uniform**
- 3. Stable**
- 4. to possess and use sufficient agronomic value (for field crop species)**



# *Varieties testing and registration*

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DUS test –CPVO protocols, UPOV guidelines, national guidelines;

VAU test – for field crops varieties;

**Develop national catalogue of varieties of crop plants.**



# *The procedure for variety registration*

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- application for entry to the test;
- test preparation contracts;
- drawing up themed plans;
- sowing or planting material transmission by CTS sites;
- field test:
  - Test of distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS)
  - Test the agronomic value and use (VAU) only for field crops specie
- experimental statistical data processing;

Varieties:

- preparation of documentation for registration
- Commission for registration;
- development of the official catalog.

# *Strengthening administrative capacity in the pre and after the EU accession (I)*

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- the construction of eight test centers for testing centers;
- renovation of 18 administrative headquarters of CTS;
- cold store construction for the reference collection (PHARE program);
- building greenhouses for resistance to diseases and pests through artificial infection (PHARE program);
- provision of agricultural machinery and experimental equipment (PHARE program and its own revenues);
- equipping new laboratories for physical and chemical and phytosanitary analysis;

## *Strengthening administrative capacity in the pre and after the EU accession (II)*

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- training of professionals by attending trainings abroad (PHARE program);
- active participation in working groups of CPVO and UPOV;
- essay presentations related to the business of various seminars and symposia;
- implementation of the European legislation since 2002;
- construction of six autonomous irrigation systems from CTS, 2015, in the feasibility stage.

# *ISTIS accreditation*

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- ISO 9001:2008 – Quality Management Standard;
- ISO 14001:2004 - Environment Management Standard.



# *International Relations*

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Part of:

- CPVO Board of Directors;
- UPOV committees and boards;

Administrative arrangements

- 5 Member States of the European Union;
- 30 institutions worldwide.

# *Situation of the tested and registred varieties*

Crop	2013		2014	
	Tested variety	Registred variety	Tested variety	Registred variety
<b>AGRICULTURAL PLANTS</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>VEGETABLES</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>ORNAMENTAL PLANTS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>GRAPE VINES</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>95</b>

*Thank you for your attention!*