Glossary

AQUASERV Project (external use)

**Access Officer:**

The Access Officer (AO) is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the Transnational Access programme in AQUASERV.

**Access Manager**

The contact person at the Access Provider is responsible for communicating with the Access Provider and the applicant/user. There may be one or more Access Managers (AMs) per Access Provider. See also “Liaison Officer”.

**Access Provider**

The organisation where the TA project is performed. Sometimes referred to as “Host”.

**Access Provider’s facility**

The premises and the platforms of the Access Provider where the TA project is performed. Sometimes simply referred to as “facility”, “service-providing facility”, “access-providing facility” or “host facility”.

**Home institution**

The Applicant’s institute of affiliation; the legal entity responsible for the applicant.

**Hosting Agreement**

The legal agreement between the Home Institution of the User and the institution of the Access Provider in which the Terms and conditions for the access are specified. May also be referred to as User Access Contract.

**Liaison Officer**

This term might sometimes be used synonymously with Access Manager.

**On-site Access**

A type of access for which the User or User group visits the Access Provider (on site) to carry out a research project.

**Remote Access**

A type of access in which the service is delivered without the User visiting the Access Provider e.g., procurement and dispatching of field samples, organisms and their derivatives, or culture strains and their derivatives.

Transnational Access (TA)

Provision of access (by an Access Provider) to a User or User group whose home institution is located in a country other than the country where the Access Provider is located.

**User Selection Panel (USP)**

The group of experts in charge of approving or rejecting applications after they have gone through scientific review. The User Selection Panel comprises the AQUASERV Executive Committee and the external Scientific and Technical Advisory Board (STAB).