At the Steering Committee of European Cooperative Programme for Crop Genetic Resources (ECP/GR) meeting from Braunschweig (Germany), in 1998, was taken the decision to make a study related at the present situation and to analyze the possibility to split the responsibilities about the plant (for food and agriculture) genetic resources conservation in Europe. The European Phaseolus Database was established on the initiative of ECP/GR at the meeting of the Grain Legumes Working Group in Copenhagen, 13-17 July 1995. The Federal Office of Agrobiology in Linz, Austria maintains it. The database contains passport data of over 30 000 accessions representing the Phaseolus collections of 20 European contributors. From these accessions, 5062 are from P. vulgaris var. nanus (http://www.ipgri.cgiar.org).

It is well known that in Romania are a lot of landraces from different agricultural species in the small farms. Many of them are not collected and only very few could be conserved and used for breeding purposes.

The aim of our study was to collect and evaluate some pod beans landraces from different counties of Moldavia in the conditions of Iasi.