



Announcement and Call for Proposals

Competitive AEGIS Grant



The ECPGR Secretariat, on behalf of the ECPGR Steering Committee and the Competitive AEGIS Grant Scheme Task Force, is pleased to announce the call for proposals for the Competitive AEGIS Grant.

A total of € 103,000 has been made available for Phase VIII of the ECPGR programme, from 01.01.2009 until 31.12.2013. In the event additional resources became available, it will be possible to increase the number of activities to be funded. A typical individual Grant will be approximately € 10,000. The duration of a Grant will be up to one calendar year from its initiation. A longer period will only be allowed on an exceptional basis and requires a well-argued justification.

If the proposed project deals with a crop specific subject, a letter of endorsement should be obtained from the corresponding Working Group Chair. If the proposal deals with a topic that is broader than a crop-specific approach, the respective Network Coordinator (or even two or more Coordinators of the respective Networks) should be requested to endorse. See list of Network Coordinators and Working Group Chairs, at: <http://www.ecpgr.cgiar.org/Introduction/Networks.htm>.

For more information, please contact Jan Engels (j.engels@cgiar.org) or Lorenzo Maggioni (l.maggioni@cgiar.org).

Application requirements

- Applications may be submitted by any individual or institution based within an ECPGR member country.
- Each Grant requires a well-written proposal in English. The proposal must follow an agreed format and length (See Guidelines for preparation of project proposals).
- Each Grant application requires a named coordinating individual or institution which will receive and manage the funds on behalf of the partners of that Grant.
- Germplasm material and related information used in or resulting from the Grant must be made, or will remain, publicly available in line with the conditions as set out by the SMTA of the International Treaty.
- Grant outputs/results have to be concrete, measurable and sharable (where applicable) and could be a method, a list of accessions, a database, etc.
- Each proposal will include a detailed itemized budget, consisting of one or more of the following cost factors: staff time, travel, meetings, equipment, supplies and/or services.
- The complete application package should include the filled out application form, the proposal, a cover letter and an endorsement letter from the corresponding ECPGR Network Coordinator or Working Group Chair and must be submitted before the deadline of 18 October 2009 to: Jan Engels, j.engels@cgiar.org.

Deadline for applications is 18 October 2009

Objective:

The objective of the Grant is to support activities that will directly contribute to the establishment and/or operation of AEGIS. Details on AEGIS can be obtained from its [website](#), in particular from "A Strategic Framework for the Implementation of a European Genebank Integrated System (AEGIS) - a Policy Guide"

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Selection and review procedure

- All proposals will be screened for eligibility by the ECPGR Secretariat and where necessary clarifications will be sought from the applicant. Eligible proposals will be forwarded to the AEGIS Advisory Committee.
- Eligible proposals will be reviewed by the AEGIS Advisory Committee and ranked according to the selection criteria below, based on expected contributions to the AEGIS establishment and/or operation process.
- The AEGIS Advisory Committee will make the final decision on the successful proposals, avoiding conflicts of interest and assuring transparency.
- The titles of all proposals as well as the results from the review and selection process will be published on the AEGIS website.

Selection criteria

Proposals will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- The anticipated impact of the Grant on the establishment and development of AEGIS.
Weight: **30%**
- The quality of the proposal and the likelihood of the Grant reaching the projected results.
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- Contributions (financial and/or in kind) of the applicant to the total cost of the project, as well as the cost effectiveness of the project in advancing AEGIS.
Weight: **20%**
- The appropriateness and quality of the partnership submitting the Grant i.e. countries; mix of partner institutions (e.g. multi-sectoral, NGOs, public and private sector and/or others).
Weight: **20%**

Implementation of the AEGIS Grant Scheme

The ECPGR Secretariat will:

- Publish the calls for proposals
- Coordinate the review and selection process
- Administer the implementation of the Scheme
- Coordinate technical backstopping by mobilizing necessary expertise from the ECPGR Networks as required

The AEGIS Advisory Committee will:

- Approve the calls for proposals
- Contribute to the review and selection process (avoiding conflicts of interest)
- Evaluate the results of each call for proposals and report to the ECPGR Steering Committee
- Advise on opportunities for raising additional funds for the Scheme