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Ref: ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme (Phase XI) - First Call for proposals

Subject: Proposal "EUROPEPLAND"

Dear Pasquale,

I am very pleased to inform you that the ECPGR Executive Committee (ExCo), during its recent meeting on 6 March 2024, approved for funding the proposal 'Implementing a trans-EUROpean PEPper LANDrace collection for resilient agriculture Strategy (EUROPEPLAND)'.

The ExCo was very pleased to receive this well-written proposal, with clear and feasible objectives addressing several ECPGR priorities. There is also a good representation of the membership of the Solanaceae Working Group. The ExCo noted the absence of members from Hungary and Poland, which conserve significant collections of pepper. Efforts to include in your study also landraces from these countries will be appreciated. It was also noted that this Activity will be complementary and act in synergy with the results recently obtained by the G2P-SOL project and the EVA Pepper Network.

Please note that the ECPGR Steering Committee will be consulted for endorsement of the final list of participants. The Secretariat will then contact you and other funded partners regarding Letters of Agreement to be prepared.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the partners involved in this proposal and look forward to a successful implementation.

Best wishes,



Marianne Lefort
Chair of the ECPGR Executive Committee