



Mode of Operation of ECPGR – Phase X

Steering Committee decisions (October 2018)

The following Mode of Operation applies only to countries eligible for ECPGR funding.¹

Working Group activities are covered by two budget lines of similar amounts, one exclusively dedicated to “meetings” and one to “other activities”, as follows:

- **Budget line “Meetings”**

General principle: Meetings should be planned in order to enable proactive Working Group members to collaborate towards implementing the ECPGR objectives. The most important crop collections and crop distribution areas of given genepools should be represented in the meetings, as far as possible. Meetings should be organized according to criteria of efficiency and cost-effectiveness, also merging different WGs and taking advantage of synergies with other meetings and fora (EUCARPIA, COST, etc.), as appropriate. Organization of meetings should be made in collaboration between WG Chairs and the Secretariat. The country quota system guarantees a balanced participation.

Practice: each WG can apply for funds to organize meetings. Applications can be submitted at any time to the ExCo through the Secretariat and should indicate: purpose and expected output(s) of the meeting; criteria of efficiency and cost-effectiveness; possible synergies; names of participants; suggested date and location of the meeting. Applications will be processed within 4 weeks from the submission.

Limitations:

- a) The meetings can span through maximum three nights
- b) Only WG members can be funded by ECPGR
- c) The country quota system applies. One quota allows attending one meeting (see Table 1)

¹ Based on Rule of Procedure of ECPGR N.1.7, “In case of non-payment of outstanding membership fee for 2 calendar years the member country will lose the right to use any ECPGR funds...”

Table 1. Country Quotas Phase X (2019-2023)

	Category	Annual contribution (Phase X) Euros	Percentage of total country quotas	Quota
MONTENEGRO	A	3,150	1.5%	6
MACEDONIA (FYR)	A	3,150	1.5%	6
ALBANIA	A	3,150	1.5%	6
GEORGIA	A	3,150	1.5%	6
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	A	3,150	1.5%	6
ICELAND	A	3,150	1.5%	6
SERBIA	B	4,000	1.8%	7
ESTONIA	B	4,000	1.8%	7
CYPRUS	B	4,000	1.8%	7
BULGARIA	B	4,000	1.8%	7
LATVIA	B	4,000	1.8%	7
BELARUS	B	4,000	1.8%	7
LITHUANIA	C	7,500	2.2%	8
SLOVENIA	C	7,500	2.2%	8
CROATIA	C	7,500	2.2%	8
SLOVAKIA	D	8,600	2.5%	10
HUNGARY	D	8,600	2.5%	10
ROMANIA	D	8,600	2.5%	10
IRELAND	E	12,650	2.8%	11
CZECH REP.	E	12,650	2.8%	11
PORTUGAL	E	12,650	2.8%	11
FINLAND	F	13,800	3.1%	12
GREECE	F	13,800	3.1%	12
DENMARK	F	13,800	3.1%	12
AUSTRIA	F	13,800	3.1%	12
NORWAY	G	14,400	3.4%	13
BELGIUM	G	14,400	3.4%	13
SWEDEN	G	14,400	3.4%	13
TURKEY	G	14,400	3.4%	13
SWITZERLAND	H	21,850	3.7%	14
NETHERLANDS	H	21,850	3.7%	14
SPAIN	I	23,000	4.0%	15
ITALY	J	56,000	4.5%	17
UK	J	56,000	4.5%	17
FRANCE	K	58,500	5.0%	19
GERMANY	K	58,500	5.0%	19
	ExCo discretionary		1.3%	5
	Annual Total:	537,650	100%	385
	Total 5 years:	2,688,250		

Phase X budget elements used to calculate the available quotas

Total budget for WG activities - meetings	€ 188,599
Estimated carry over / extra funds dedicated to meetings (half of total)	€ 100,000 *
Total estimated budget for WG activities - meetings	€ 288,599

Average cost of 1 person per meeting (value of 1 quota) € 750

Total Quotas available **385**

*This estimated figure will be revised in 2019 after closure of Phase IX financial accounts

- **Budget line “Other activities”**

General principle: Additional activities directed to implement the ECPGR objectives will be funded through the Grant Scheme based on selection of proposals by the ExCo. There is no limitation whether these activities should be meetings or different actions and the country quota does not apply to this budget line.

Practice: Applications for other activities should be submitted by WG Chairs through the same ECPGR Grant Scheme procedure and rules adopted during Phase IX, except for the following elements of simplification which are introduced:

- a) Meetings of Working Group members and/or other actions can be funded, with no limitation regarding the ratio between the budget used for meetings and for other actions
- b) Meetings approved under this budget line are not subject to country quota
- c) Number of participants in the activity is no longer subject to limitations
- d) No fixed rule determines budget limitations, but these will be specified in each Call for proposals, based on funds available.