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ECPGR - Activity Grant Scheme – Fourth Call**

Dear Theo,

I am very pleased to inform you that the ECPGR Executive Committee (ExCo), during its recent meeting on 14-16 December 2016, approved for funding the proposal 'GRIN-Global'. The Steering Committee will have to clear the decision with regard to the partnership in the projects.

The ExCo noted that two funded participants are invited from Slovenia and requested to choose one of the two (the second being welcome on a self-funded basis), at the same time suggesting you to seek a new Expression of Interest from a non-represented ECPGR country, if possible. The Secretariat will contact the Activity Coordinator as soon as the above formalities are completed, regarding the Letters of Agreement to be prepared.

The involvement of the Crop Trust was very welcome and their availability to fund additional participants including the trainers from USA and Mexico much appreciated. The ExCo wishes to suggest that the Trust might also consider the listed members from Albania and Serbia as a priority for funding additional participants.

Finally, it was noted that it would be desirable to identify someone to be trained as trainer on GRIN Global for Europe and the ExCo wondered whether Ludmila at CRI, Prague or others would be prepared to take on this role. Feasibility and modality of implementation would be left to the Working Group for consideration.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the partners involved in this proposal and look forward to a successful implementation. Please don't hesitate to contact the Secretariat in case you need any further clarification.

Best wishes,



Eva Thörn  
Chair of the ECPGR Executive Committee

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