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Ref: European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources - ECPGR
Subject: Activity Grant Scheme – Fourth Call

Dear Marc,

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 'Pomefruit – C&E'.

The Steering Committee will have to clear the decision with regard to the partnership in the projects. Already one proposal was made by the Italian NC, to possibly include Petra Engel from Centro di Ricerca per la Frutticoltura (CRA-FRU), Roma (petra.engel@gmail.com) as self-funded partner. You are welcome to contact her and make sure that the Secretariat receives the respective Expression of Interest, if you agree with this addition.

It has also been noted that the partners from INRA, France, are currently not listed among the members of the WG. They will need to be nominated by the respective NC, before they can receive ECPGR funding. The Secretariat will contact you as soon as the above formalities are completed, regarding the Letters of Agreement to be prepared.

One additional remark is related to your plans to include SSR data into EURISCO. As EURISCO is currently unable to host this type of data, you are invited to enter into dialogue with the EURISCO Coordinator and verify whether EURISCO can be adapted to receive these data or a different solution will need to be found to make these data publicly available.

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