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**Ref: ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme (Phase IX)
Sixth Call for proposals**
Subject: Proposal 'Training in Triticum species: TTS'

Dear François,

I am very pleased to inform you that the ECPGR Executive Committee (ExCo), during its recent meeting on 14 May 2018, approved for funding the proposal 'Training in Triticum species: TTS'. However, it was also requested that you send us **within the end of June** a slightly revised proposal with a number of clarifications as detailed below.

The entire Steering Committee will have to clear the decision with regard to the partnership in the project. The Secretariat will contact you as soon as the above formalities are completed, regarding Letters of Agreement to be prepared.

In the revised proposal, please consider the following:

- The Activity Coordinator (Pavel Hauptvogel) is not included among the partners. Could you please explain this contradiction;
- The partner from Azerbaijan is not eligible for ECPGR-funding. You can include him as a self-funded partner;
- One of the objectives of the workshop is the discussion of taxonomy systems. It would be also important to make clear and practical proposals (such as through practical guidelines) that would lead to improve the quality of information in EURISCO;
- In view of the above, it would be important to also invite the EURISCO Coordinator as a self-funded partner, so that the taxonomy searches in EURISCO could be improved;
- It would be important to indicate the name of the botanical specialist that you will invite (the ExCo thought that this expert should come either from VIR or from IPK). Please indicate this in the budget table as 'other actions' (not in the list of partners);
- The list of expected products is currently a list of 'tasks'. Could you please rather list the expected products/results;
- The proposed development and publishing of a handbook summarizing the taxonomical systems of wheat and of its crop wild relatives is very much appreciated. Please indicate who will be responsible for the production and who should receive the budgeted funds (clarify this point also in budget table);
- A Gantt chart is missing;
- In the budget table indicate number of nights to be funded per each participant (=3)

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and all the partners involved in this proposal and look forward to receiving the revised version before the end of June.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Secretariat in case you need any further clarification.

Best wishes,



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Chair of the ECPGR Executive Committee

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