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**Ref:** ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme (Phase X) - Sixth Call for proposals  
**Subject:** Proposal "Sylvestris"

Dear Georgios and Dragoslav,

I am very pleased to inform you that the ECPGR Executive Committee (ExCo), during its recent meeting on 29 November 2022, approved for funding the proposal 'Increasing the efficiency of conservation of *Vitis sylvestris* genetic resources in Europe' (Sylvestris).

The ExCo appreciated that you are going to follow up on the previous work done by "InWiGape" and extending the map of *Vitis sylvestris* to other areas with the involvement of new partners. Also the molecular characterization was considered very important and strengthened *ex situ* conservation is a very desirable outcome.

Since the funds requested for this Activity are exclusively dedicated to the organization of a meeting, it is evident that you will be expected to reach all of your achievements through input-in-kind work. This corresponds well with the spirit of ECPGR! At the same time, this is also a weak element of the proposals, since you will need to find the resources to reach your outputs as part of your national programmes. It is also not clear who will carry out the molecular work, with what resources and which is the size of the planned activity.

It will be appreciated if you could comment and reassure the ExCo with more details on the molecular characterization and overall feasibility about reaching the planned achievements.

Regarding the partnership, in several cases there are two partners from the same institute and this appears not justified for ECPGR funding. Therefore, one out of two people from the following institutes will need to participate at own cost to the meeting:

- Hellenic Agricultural Organization DIMITRA (ELGO-DIMITRA), Department of Vitis, Greece (Partners 1 and 11)
- Institut Agro Montpellier & INRAE, Montpellier, France (Partners 7 and 8)
- Università degli studi di Milano, Italy (Partners 13 and 14)
- National Research and Development Institute for Biotechnology in Horticulture, Romania (Partners 18 and 19)
- Agricultural Institute of Slovenia (Partners 22 and 23)
- Manisa Viticulture Research Institute, Türkiye (Partners 28 and 29)

Additionally, Partner 4 will also need to be self-funded, as Armenia is not member of ECPGR during the current Phase X.

Please note that the Steering Committee will be consulted for endorsement of the final list of participants. The Secretariat will then contact the Activity Coordinator and other funded partners regarding the necessary arrangements for the implementation of the Activity.

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