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Ref: ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme (Phase IX) - Third Call for proposals
Subject: Proposal 'LINKAGES'

Dear Valeria,

Kindly note that the ECPGR Executive Committee (ExCo), during its recent meeting on 30 May 2016, approved for funding the proposal 'LINKAGES'. The Steering Committee will have to clear the decision with regard to the partnership in the projects. Please note that we will contact the Activity Coordinator as soon as the above formalities are completed, regarding the Letters of Agreement to be prepared.

The ExCo approved your Activity with the requested budget. However, you are requested to adjust the List of partners. In fact, you have requested funds for a meeting with 14 participants, but only indicated the ID No. of 4 partners. Actually, all the participants in the meeting that are funded by ECPGR should be members of an ECPGR working Group and should be listed in the table of Activity partners. You should therefore select 10 people from within or outside the list of genebank curators and include them as partners in the Activity (with the respective Expressions of Interest provided to the Secretariat). This is essential for administrative reasons, since the cost of the meeting is covered through the ECPGR country quota system.

The ExCo also strongly recommended that you try to expand your survey with information from genebanks and users also from other areas of Europe (especially non-EU), currently not included in your plan. Although it is understood that this may be beyond the capacity of this Activity's framework, the ExCo would appreciate if you could circulate your questionnaires more widely than currently planned, such as requesting information through the ECPGR National Coordinators.

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,



Eva Thörn
Chair of the ECPGR Executive Committee

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