



European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR)

Phase IX (2014–2018)

2017 Financial Report

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Financial situation by the end of 2017

Contributions received for Phase IX (Table 1)

At 31 December 2017, the total regular contributions received for Phase IX amounted to € 1 871 669. It should be specified that both Israel (2015-18) and Poland (2014-18) contributions are no longer considered receivable as the two countries have not signed the Letter of Agreement to join ECPGR during Phase IX. Consequently, the overall outstanding contributions for Phase IX amounted to € 148 801. Of these outstanding contributions, payments from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Italy are expected to be simply delayed, but are not considered at risk. In the case of Spain, internal bureaucratic procedures might have jeopardized the possibility to contribute for the past years. Also the case of Azerbaijan is uncertain, since the Secretariat has not been informed about the intention to pay, although the country has formally joined ECPGR at the beginning of Phase IX.

As of 1 January 2018, member countries that are ineligible to receive ECPGR funds, owing to their two-year (or more) outstanding contributions are Azerbaijan, ~~Bosnia and Herzegovina~~ and Spain.

A voluntary contribution from Germany was received in 2017 (€ 218 654, advance payment of a total pledge of € 333 152) and earmarked to specific Grant Scheme Activities, EURISCO Taxonomy project and Public Private Partnerships project).

Phase IX Budget (Table 2)

The original budget for Phase IX (€ 2 551 250), agreed at the 13th Steering Committee meeting in Vienna (December 2012), was subsequently incremented by funds carried over from the previous Phase (€ 245 618), as well as by additional contributions related to previous Phases received in 2014 (€ 86 800), by a further addition corresponding to the 5-year pledge from Portugal (€ 60 000), which joined ECPGR in 2014, by voluntary contributions from Finland (€ 750) in 2015 and from Germany (€ 82 469) in 2016. However, a deduction of € 44 000 was implemented in 2016 to the total budget due to Israel withdrawing from the list of member countries.

The total budget, as set at the end of 2016 (€ 2 982 887), was then increased in 2017 owing to additional voluntary contributions pledged from Germany (€ 250 683). However, a deduction of € 62 500 was also implemented due to the withdrawal of Poland from the list of member countries. The latter deduction affected the budget line "Working Group Activities", which was reduced by € 52 899 (net of overheads) from € 283 809 to € 230 910. The overall grand total budget at the end of 2017 was therefore set at € 3 171 070 (compared to € 2 982 887 at the end of 2016).

Expenditures (Tables 2 to 4)

At the end of 2017, Phase IX expenditures for Secretariat staff and travel and for Steering Committee and ExCo meetings and travel costs were lower than originally estimated. Combined under expenditures in this regard amount to ca. € 43 000.

The budget for 'AEGIS project coordination' which was foreseen to be spent in three years (2016-2018), has been entirely spent in 2016 instead, following an arrangement agreed by the ExCo to employ Jan Engels for more time in 2016, and then to discontinue this collaboration in the following years.

The budget for Working Group Activities has been used as detailed in Table 3. Carry-over funds from previous Phases, which are charged with a lower overhead (13%), have also been used in part to cover the meetings held by the Grant Scheme Activities. All the expenditures charged to carry-over funds are detailed in Table 4.

Conclusion

Compared to the budget (€ 2,8M) agreed at the beginning of Phase IX, during the first four years of Phase IX, considering new pledges, past Phase outstanding contributions received and voluntary contributions, less the withdrawals of Israel and Poland from Phase IX, ECPGR has secured an additional income of ca. € 328 000 (net of overhead). However, the receipt of outstanding contributions from Azerbaijan (5 years = € 13750) and Spain (4 years = € 88 000) is uncertain and equivalent to € 101 750 (net of overheads = € 86 119). The latter possible missed income can be partially counterbalanced by the above mentioned under expenditures (ca. € 43 000, net of overheads), should this figure be reconfirmed at the end of 2018.

The cash balance at the end of 2017 was positive, amounting to € 389 233.

Table 1. ECPGR Contributions for Phase IX received by 31 December 2017 (in Euro)

Participating country	Annual pledge	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL	Outstanding	
Albania	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	0	0	8,250	2,750	
Austria	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	0	50,000	0	
Azerbaijan	2,750	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,000	
Belarus	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	14,000	0	
Belgium	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	0	76,000	0	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,750	2,750	2,750		0	0	5,500	2,750	*
Bulgaria	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	14,000	0	
Croatia	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	0	26,000	0	
Cyprus	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	14,000	0	
Czech Republic	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	44,000	0	
Denmark	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	48,000	0	
Estonia	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	14,000	0	
Finland	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	48,000	0	
France	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	0	208,000	0	
Germany	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	0	208,000	0	
Greece	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	48,000	0	
Hungary	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	44,000	0	
Iceland	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	14,000	0	
Ireland	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	48,000	0	
Israel	11,000	11,000					11,000	0	**
Italy	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	0	0	156,000	52,000	
Latvia	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	14,000	0	
Lithuania	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	0	26,000	0	
Macedonia FYR	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	0	11,000	0	
Montenegro	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	0	11,000	0	
Netherlands	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	80,000	0	
Norway	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	0	50,000	0	
Poland	12,500						0	0	**
Portugal	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	0	36,000	12,000	
Romania	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0	30,000	0	
Serbia	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	14,000	0	
Slovakia	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	37,500	0	
Slovenia	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	0	26,000	0	
Spain	22,000	22,000	449	0	0	0	22,449	65,551	
Sweden	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	0	76,000	0	
Switzerland	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	0	76,000	0	
Turkey	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	48,000	0	
United Kingdom	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	7,000	215,000	0	
Total	522,250	507,000	474,449	471,250	404,500	14,500	1,871,699	146,051	

* The 2016 contribution (€ 2,750) was provided as "in-kind" by offering part of expenses for the hosting of the ECPGR Steering Committee meeting in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2016.

** Israel (2016) and Poland (2017) were withdrawn from the list of member countries as they did not sign the Letter of Agreement to join Phase IX of ECPGR.


Table 1 (continued). ECPGR Contributions for Phase IX received by 31 December 2017 (in Euro)


ECPGR Voluntary contributions

Participating country	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
Finland		750				750
Germany (PPP project)			82,469	67,424		149,893
Germany (EURISCO Taxonomy)				78,225		78,225
Germany (European genetic resources)				73,005		73,005
Total		750	82,469	218,654		301,873

Contributions Phase IX **2,173,572**

Total outstanding contributions Phase IX **146,051**


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Table 2. ECPGR Phase IX – 2017 Contributions and Expenses (in Euro)

Description	Total budget 2014-2018	Budget				Expenditures				Total expenditures for 2014-2017	Balance for 2014-2017
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2014	2015	2016	2017		
Staff costs											
Secretary at Bioversity International (100%)	579,675	109,184	112,460	115,834	119,309	110,686	114,726	121,684	115,062	462,158	-5,371
Secretariat administrative support	297,005	55,942	57,621	59,349	61,130	54,376	55,247	57,371	63,722	230,716	3,326
Steering Committee, ExCo and travel											
Secretariat staff travel	35,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	4,958	4,307	7,696	6,911	23,872	4,128
Steering Committee meetings	96,000	0	0	48,000	0	0	0	18,335	5,024	23,359	24,641
ExCo meetings	12,375	4,125	0	4,125	0	3,153	2,945	1,637	1,748	9,483	-1,233
ExCo Chair's travel	15,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	301	1,563	2,117	3,745	7,726	4,274
ExCo Chair's compensation	75,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,224	15,000	15,000	15,000	60,224	-224
Working Group Activities											
Working Group Activities ⁽¹⁾	230,910	25,072	48,615	68,571	43,577	0	51,434	43,843	28,421	123,698	62,136
WG operations - Scientific assistance	232,486	43,790	45,103	46,457	47,850	39,083	37,856	40,523	52,199	169,661	13,539
AEGIS project coordination	84,257	45,714	23,543	5,000	5,000	48,785	23,693	15,000	0	87,478	-8,221
Total expenses	1,657,708	308,827	312,342	372,336	301,866	276,567	306,770	323,206	291,832	1,198,375	96,996
Overhead (18.15%)	300,874	56,052	56,690	67,579	54,789	50,197	55,679	58,662	52,968	217,505	17,605
Total expenses including overhead	1,958,582	364,879	369,032	439,915	356,654	326,764	362,449	381,868	344,799	1,415,880	114,600
Facilities, IT, communications, office consumables	81,443	16,288	16,288	16,288	16,289	17,825	15,385	16,888	17,313	67,411	-2,257
Maintenance and development of EURISCO at IPK	448,725	87,400	88,555	89,727	90,917	66,298	84,206	67,174	89,166	306,843	49,756
TOTAL BUDGET	2,488,750	468,567	473,875	545,930	463,861	410,886	462,040	465,930	451,278	1,790,134	162,099
Expenditures chargeable to carry-over Phases VII and VIII	217,361	43,472	43,472	43,472	43,472	28,469	40,012	7,347	58,446	134,274	39,615
Overhead (13%)	28,257	5,651	5,651	5,651	5,651	3,701	5,202	955	7,598	17,456	5,150

Description	Total budget 2014-2018	Budget				Expenditures				Total expenditures for 2014-2017	Balance for 2014-2017
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2014	2015	2016	2017		
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET	2,734,368	517,691	522,999	595,054	512,984	443,057	507,253	474,232	517,322	1,941,864	206,864

Table 2 (continued). ECPGR Phase IX – 2017 Contributions and Expenses (in Euro)

Description	Total budget 2014-2018	Budget				Expenditures				Total expenditures for 2014-2017	Balance for 2014-2017
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2014	2015	2016	2017		
Expenditures chargeable to additional contributions received for Phase VII and Phase VIII during Phase IX	76,814	15,363	15,363	15,363	15,363	0	0	0	0	0	61,451
Overhead (13%)	9,986	1,997	1,997	1,997	1,997	0	0	0	0	0	7,989
Expenditures chargeable to voluntary contribution from Finland (2015) and additional contributions pledged by Portugal for Phase IX less contributions initially planned for Israel (€44k) no longer expected to be received.	14,177	2,708	3,343	2,708	2,708	0	0	0	0	0	11,468
Overhead (18.15%)	2,573	492	607	492	492	0	0	0	0	0	2,082
Total additional budget added in 2014-2015 ⁽²⁾	103,550	20,560	21,310	20,560	20,560	0	0	0	0	0	82,990
Expenditures chargeable to voluntary contribution from Germany PPP Workshop	126,866	0	0	69,800	57,066	0	0	0	69,711	69,711	57,155
Grant scheme activities GenR 2017-3	88,900	0	0	0	88,900	0	0	0	33,934	33,934	54,965
Overhead (18.15%)	39,161	0	0	12,669	26,493	0	0	0	18,812	18,812	20,350
Eurisco Taxonomy	74,500	0	0	0	74,500	0	0	0	49,940	49,940	24,560
Overhead (5%)	3,725	0	0	0	3,725	0	0	0	2,497	2,497	1,228
Total additional budget added in 2016 and 2017 ⁽³⁾	333,152	0	0	82,469	250,683	0	0	0	174,893	174,893	158,259
GRAND TOTAL AT 31.12.2017	3,171,070	538,251	544,309	698,083	784,228	443,057	507,253	474,232	692,216	2,116,757	448,113

(1) The WG Activities' budget has been decreased by € 52,899 (excluding overheads) due to missed contribution from Poland during Phase IX.

(2) The Grand Total budget has been increased by € 103,550 representing the contributions received in 2014 from Israel (€12,100) for Phase VII and from Denmark (€18,200), Greece (€22,000), Israel (€22,000), Romania (€7,000) and Serbia (€5,500) for Phase VIII, voluntary contribution received from Finland in 2015 (€ 750) and by €60,000 representing the pledge made by Portugal to participate in

Phase IX (the contribution from Portugal was not included in the original budget agreed in Vienna in December 2012). In 2016 and 2017, a budget reduction has been made by €44,000 due to missing contributions from Israel during phase IX.

(3) During 2016 and 2017 the total budget was further increased by €333,152 representing the voluntary contribution from Germany for three different activities as indicated in the budget table.

Table 2 (continued). ECPGR Phase IX – 2017 Contributions and Expenses (in Euro)

Total Phase IX regular contributions received	1,871,699	Total receipts
Voluntary contribution received from Finland	750	Finland receipts
Additional funds from Germany	301,123	Total additional receipts 2017
Funds balance as at 31-12-2013	245,618	Carry-over
Total contributions received for Phase VII and Phase VIII during Phase IX	86,800	
Total received	2,505,990	
Total expenditure	2,116,757	
Balance of Phase IX (as at 31.12.17)	389,233	

Table 3. Breakdown of expenditures of Working Group Activities funds (in Euro)

Description	Expenditure 2014	Expenditure 2015	Expenditure 2016	Expenditure 2017	Total expenditure 2014-2017
Total Working Group Activities under the Activity Grant Scheme					
- Expenditures First Call	-	51,434	6,462	-	57,896
- Expenditures Second Call	-	-	25,472	9,786	35,258
- Expenditures Third Call	-	-	11,910	18,635	30,545
Sub-total expenditures	-	51,434	43,843	28,421	123,698
Overhead (18.5%)	-	9,335	7,958	5,158	22,451
Total expenditures Working Group Activities	-	60,770	51,801	33,579	146,150

Table 4. Breakdown of expenditures of carry-over funds (in Euro)

Description	Expenditure 2014	Expenditure 2015	Expenditure 2016	Expenditure 2017	Total expenditure 2014-2017
Working Group activities under the Activity Grant Scheme					
- Total Expenditures First Call	-	34,373	4,529	-	38,902
- Total Expenditures Second Call	-	-	-	11,818	11,818
- Total Expenditures Third Call	-	-	-	24,297	24,297
- Total Expenditures Fourth Call	-	-	-	25,844	25,844
Total Working Group activities under Activity Grant Scheme	-	34,373	4,529	61,959	100,861
Other expenditures					
- Return of unspent funds on LOAs year 2013 (AEGIS project)	-	-	-	(3,513)	-3,513
- Consortium fee for Horizon 2020 proposal	1,525	1,000	-	-	2,525
- Return of funds AEGIS potato project	(5,994)	-	-	-	-5,994
- Documentation and Information Workshop Prague	22,745	-	-	-	22,745
- Return of funds from Crop Trust (Nov2014)	(5,237)	-	-	-	-5,237
- Corrections reimbursements 2015	-	(116)	-	-	-116
- On-farm Workshop	-	4,756	-	-	4,756
- EURISCO Migration to IPK	15,429	-	-	-	15,429
- EURISCO Advisory Committee meeting October 2016	-	-	2,818	-	2,818
Total 'Other expenditures'	28,468	5,640	2,818	(3,513)	33,413
Sub-total expenditures of carry-over funds	28,468	40,013	7,347	58,446	134,274
Overhead (13%)	3,701	5,202	955	7,598	17,456
Total expenditures carry-over funds	32,169	45,215	8,302	66,044	151,730