

14 February 2023

Mr Veli-Matti Rokka

Ref: ECPGR Activity Grant Scheme (Phase X) - Sixth Call for proposals

Subject: Proposal "EuroPotatoes"

Dear Veli-Matti,

I am very pleased to inform you that the ECPGR Executive Committee (ExCo), during its recent meeting on 13 February 2023, approved for funding the proposal 'Get Potatoes United – Collaboration Action for Updating the Virtual European Potato Collection' (EuroPotatoes).

The ExCo is enthusiastic about the reactivation of the Working Group on Potato and thinks that the project is appropriate, it involves a good number of countries and a very important crop. The need to flag more accessions in AEGIS after molecular characterization and to provide data to EURISCO were considered excellent targets. The revisions to the budget that we requested earlier on have been approved. We have acknowledged that funding for molecular work will be assigned to SASA, UK and/or to IPK, Germany and or to Agroscope, Switzerland. Please inform the Secretariat as soon as details about this split will be made. We understand that the final decision on the participation of the Swiss partner is pending and we look forward to welcoming this new partner, assuming that he will be listed among the WG members by the Swiss National Coordinator and that you will send us his Expression of Interest.

Please note that the Steering Committee will be consulted for endorsement of the final list of participants. The Secretariat will then contact you and other funded partners regarding Letters of Agreement to be prepared.

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