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

**Subject:** Proposal "INWHEATORY"

Dear Valeria and Albrecht,

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 'Inventorying wheat on-farm diversity' (INWHEATORY).

The ExCo appreciated the well formulated and clear proposal and the topic of the project was considered important, given the high value of wheat genetic resources still conserved on farm. The partnership is reasonably wide and promoting a stimulating networking activity. It was also thought that the proposal can contribute to a baseline for complementary conservation *in situ/ex situ* and it can also offer insights on genetic erosion and evolution of wheat landraces in Europe. At the same time, this latter target is perhaps too ambitious, given that the historical data that you can get from the existing sources will be fragmentary and imprecise.

The ExCo wishes to encourage you to proceed with your investigation and inventorying of wheat landraces data and case studies. Some ambiguity was noted about the template of descriptors to be agreed at ECPGR level through the National Coordinators, since this may go beyond the possibilities of your partnership. Also, it was not very clear how the resulting database will be maintained and remain sustainable. It is recommended that you pay attention to these aspects during the implementation of your activity, keeping in close contact with the Secretariat at this regard.

Finally, it is appreciated that you will enlarge the existing database of best practice evidence-based studies. It was noted that at some point it will be useful to analyze these metadata and derive generalized conclusions or recommendations from these case studies, if possible already in the course of this activity, or as a future task.

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 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

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