

European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR)

Phase IX (2014-2018)

2015 Financial Report

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Financial situation by the end of 2015

Contributions received for Phase IX (Table 1)

At 31 December 2015, the total regular contributions received for Phase IX amounted to € 885 000; outstanding contributions for Phase IX amounted to € 167 000. The outstanding contributions are being monitored. In particular, reassurances have been received from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Italy regarding the payments. Payments from Spain were delayed by internal bureaucratic procedures. Azerbaijan and Greece have formally joined ECPGR Phase IX and should therefore be committed to contributing. So far Israel and Poland have neither formally joined ECPGR nor indicated a commitment to pay for the entire Phase, therefore their contribution to ECPGR is at risk.

As of 1 January 2016, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Poland and Spain were not eligible to receive ECPGR funds, owing to their two-year outstanding contributions to ECPGR.

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), and a further addition corresponding to the 5-year pledge from Portugal (€ 60 000), which joined ECPGR in 2014.

The total budget, as set at the end of 2014 (€ 2 943 668), was again slightly increased in 2015 owing to a voluntary contribution from Finland (€ 750). The total budget at the end of 2015 was therefore € 2 944 418.

Expenditures (Tables 2 and 3)

At the end of 2015, Phase IX expenditures for Secretariat staff and travel and for ExCo meeting and travel costs were lower than originally estimated. Combined savings in this regard amount to ca. € 15 500.

The budget for Working Group activities began to be used in 2015, following the start of the implementation of successful Activities awarded in December 2014 under the first call of the Grant Scheme. 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 3; these include the cost of the workshop held in Maccarese for the preparation of the 'On-farm concept' and the second fee of € 1000 for the cost of participation in the 'PGR Gold Consortium' (second stage submission of the proposal to Horizon 2020).

Outstanding contributions from past Phases (Table 4)

Countries with outstanding contributions related to Phases VII and VIII are listed in Table 5. These countries are not eligible to receive ECPGR funds until their dues are settled.

Conclusion

Compared to the budget (€ 2,8M) agreed at the beginning of Phase IX, during the first two years of Phase IX, considering new pledges and outstanding contributions received, ECPGR has secured an additional income of ca. € 128 000 (net of overhead). However, the receipt of outstanding contributions from Azerbaijan, Greece, Israel, Poland and Spain is uncertain and equivalent to € 290 250 (net of overhead = € 245 662).

The cash balance at the end of 2015 was positive, amounting to € 267,858.

Table 1. ECPGR Contributions for Phase IX received by 31 December 2015 (in Euro)

Participating country	Annual pledge	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL	Outstanding
Albania	2,750	2,750	2,750				5,500	0
Austria	12,500	12,500	12,500				25,000	0
Azerbaijan	2,750						0	5,500
Belarus	3,500	3,500	3,500				7,000	0
Belgium	19,000	19,000	19,000				38,000	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,750						0	5,500
Bulgaria	3,500	3,500	3,500				7,000	0
Croatia	6,500	6,500	6,500				13,000	0
Cyprus	3,500	3,500	3,500				7,000	0
Czech Republic	11,000	11,000	11,000				22,000	0
Denmark	12,000	12,000	12,000				24,000	0
Estonia	3,500	3,500	3,500				7,000	0
Finland	12,000	12,000	12,000				24,000	0
France	52,000	52,000	52,000				104,000	0
Germany	52,000	52,000	52,000				104,000	0
Greece	12,000						0	24,000
Hungary	11,000	11,000	11,000				22,000	0
Iceland	3,500	3,500	3,500				7,000	0
Ireland	12,000	12,000	12,000				24,000	0
Israel	11,000	11,000					11,000	11,000
Italy	52,000	52,000					52,000	52,000
Latvia	3,500	3,500	3,500				7,000	0
Lithuania	6,500	6,500	6,500				13,000	0
Macedonia FYR	2,750	2,750	2,750				5,500	0
Montenegro	2,750	2,750	2,750				5,500	0
Netherlands	20,000	20,000	20,000				40,000	0
Norway	12,500	12,500	12,500				25,000	0
Poland	12,500						0	25,000
Portugal	12,000	12,000	12,000				24,000	0
Romania	7,500	7,500	7,500				15,000	0
Serbia	3,500	3,500	3,500				7,000	0
Slovakia	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500			22,500	0
Slovenia	6,500	6,500	6,500				13,000	0
Spain	22,000						0	44,000
Sweden	19,000	19,000	19,000				38,000	0
Switzerland	19,000	19,000	19,000				38,000	0
Turkey	12,000	12,000	12,000				24,000	0
United Kingdom	52,000	52,000	52,000				104,000	0
Total	522,250	470,250	407,250	7,500	0	0	885,000	167,000

Table 1 (continued). ECPGR Contributions for Phase IX received by 31 December 2015 (in Euro)

ECPGR Voluntary contributions

Participating country	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
Finland		750				750
Total		750				750

Contributions Phase IX 885,000
Total outstanding contributions Phase IX 167,000

Table 2. ECPGR Phase IX – 2015 Contributions and Expenses (in Euro)

Description	Total Budget budget			Balance of 2014 and			
	2014-2018	2014	2015	2014	2015	Total expenditures 2014 and 2015	2015 Budget
Staff costs							
Secretary at Bioversity International (100%)	579,675	109,184	112,460	110,686	114,726	225,412	-3,768
Secretariat administrative support	297,005	55,942	57,621	54,376	55,247	109,624	3,939
Steering Committee, ExCo and travel							
Secretariat staff travel	35,000	7,000	7,000	4,958	4,307	9,265	4,735
Steering Committee meetings	96,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
ExCo meetings	12,375	4,125	0	3,153	2,945	6,098	-1,973
ExCo Chair's travel	15,000	3,000	3,000	301	1,563	1,864	4,136
ExCo Chair's compensation	75,000	15,000	15,000	15,224	15,000	30,224	-224
Working Group activities							
Working Group activities	283,809	25,072	48,615	0	51,434	51,434	22,253
WG operations - Scientific assistance	232,486	43,790	45,103	39,083	37,856	76,940	11,953
AEGIS project coordination	84,257	45,714	23,543	48,785	23,693	72,478	-3,221
Total expenses	1,710,607	308,827	312,342	276,567	306,770	583,337	37,832
Overhead (18.15%)	310,475	56,052	56,690	50,197	55,679	105,876	6,867
Total expenses including overhead	2,021,082	364,879	369,032	326,764	362,449	689,213	44,698
Facilities, IT, communications, office consumables	81,443	16,288	16,288	17,825	15,385	33,210	-633
Maintenance and development of EURISCO at IPK	448,725	87,400	88,555	66,298	84,206	150,504	25,451
TOTAL ORIGINAL BUDGET	2,551,250	468,567	473,875	410,886	462,040	872,926	69,517
Expenditures chargeable to carry-over Phases VII and VIII	217,361	43,472	43,472	28,469	40,012	68,481	18,463
Overhead (13%)	28,257	5,651	5,651	3,701	5,202	8,903	2,400
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET AT 01.01.2014	2,796,868	517,691	522,999	443,057	507,253	950,310	90,380
Expenditures chargeable to additional contributions received for Phase VII and Phase VIII during Phase IX	76,814	15,363	15,363	0	0	0	30,726
Overhead (13%)	9,986	1,997	1,997	0	0	0	1,997
Expenditures chargeable to voluntary contribution from Finland (2015) and additional contributions pledged by Portugal for Phase IX	51,418	10,157	10,791	0	0	0	20,948
Overhead (18.15%)	9,332	1,843	1,959	0	0	0	1,843
Total additional budget added in 2014-2015 (1)	147,550	29,360	30,110	0	0	0	55,514
GRAND TOTAL AT 31.12.2015	2,944,418	547,051	553,109	443,057	507,253	950,310	145,894

⁽¹⁾ The Grand Total budget of €2,796,868 (as at 01.01.2014) has been increased by €86,800 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).

Total Phase IX regular contributions received	885,000
Voluntary contribution received from Finland	750
Funds balance as at 31-12-2013	245,618
Total contributions received for Phase VII and Phase VIII during Phase IX	86,800
Total received	1,218,168
Total expenditure	950,310
Balance of Phase IX (as at 31.12.15)	267,858

Table 3. Breakdown of 2015 expenditures of carry-over funds (in Euro)

Description	Expenditure 2015
Consortium fee for Horizon2020 proposal	1,000
Corrections reimbursements 2015	(116)
On-farm Workshop	4,756
Meetings under Grant Scheme:	
Forages2020	12,256
GeDiPa	7,266
TRAID (partial)	5,094
HordEva	9,757
Sub-total expenditures	40,013
Overhead (13%)	5,202
Total	45,214

Table 4. ECPGR Outstanding contributions for Phase VII and Phase VIII at 31 December 2015 (in Euro)

DONOR	Phase VII	Phase VIII	Total
Armenia	11,750	13,750	25,500
Georgia	3,400	13,750	17,150
Malta	7,050	13,750	20,800
Russian Federation	0	91,000	91,000
Ukraine	0	28,000	28,000
Total outstanding contributions	22,200	160,250	182,450