

Proposal for the Mode of Operation of Phase X

Working Group activities are covered by two budget lines of similar amounts:

1. Meetings
2. Other activities

Budget line "Meetings"

General principles:

1. Meetings should be planned in order to allow proactive Working Group members to establish collaboration for action or follow up on previous actions.
2. The most important crop collections and crop distribution areas of given gene pools should be represented in the meetings, as far as possible.
3. Meetings should be organized according to criteria of efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
4. Organization of meetings should be made in collaboration between WG Chairs and the Secretariat.
5. The country quota system guarantees a balanced participation.

Budget line "Meetings"

Practice:

1. Each WG can apply for funds to organize a meeting
2. Applications can be submitted at any time to the ExCo through the Secretariat and should indicate: purpose of the meeting; criteria of efficiency and cost-effectiveness; possible synergies; names of participants; suggested date and location of the meeting
3. Applications would be processed within 6 weeks from the submission

Budget line "Meetings"

Limitations:

1. The meetings can span through maximum three nights
2. During the entire Phase X, each WG can use this budget line to organize meetings involving maximum N WG members, (ex. one meeting with N people or two meetings with N/2 or three meetings with N/3, etc.). This limitation can be revised and amended at Mid-term Phase.
3. Only WG members can be funded by ECPGR
4. The country quota system applies. One quota allows attending one meeting
5. N will depend on the value of the agreed budget line

Budget line "Other activities"

General principle:

Additional activities will be funded through the Grant Scheme based on selection of proposals by the ExCo. There is no limitation whether these activities should be meetings or different actions and **the country quota does not apply** to this budget line.

Budget line "Other activities"

Practice:

Applications for other activities should be submitted by WG

Chairs through the same **ECPGR Grant Scheme** procedure and rules adopted during Phase IX, except for the following **elements of simplification** which are introduced:

1. Meetings of Working Group members and/or other actions can be funded. There is **no limitation regarding the ratio** between the budget used for meetings and for other actions
2. Meetings approved under this budget line are **not subject to country quota**

Budget line "Other activities"

Limitations:

Budget limitations continue to apply in the form of **€ 15 000** per WG per year. Further details may be defined by the respective calls for proposals, depending on budget availability

Practical example

With a total budget of € 630 000 for Working Group activities during Phase X, two budget lines would be created for 'meetings' (€ 315 000) and for 'other activities' (€ 315 000). Budgets of this size would allow each WG to organize one meeting with 20 people (or two meetings with 10 people) and a total of 21 activities (average of 1 activity per WG).