



European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR)

Phase X (2019–2023)

2020 Financial Report

Financial situation by the end of 2020

Contributions received for Phase X (Table 1)

At 31 December 2020, the total regular contributions received for Phase X amounted to €872,450.

Outstanding contributions for Phase X amounted to €211,450 from six countries. However, €67,850 of these were received in early 2021 from two countries. Among the countries with outstanding contributions, only Bosnia and Herzegovina has not signed the Letter of Agreement to join Phase X.

Voluntary contributions were received during 2020 from Germany (€331,920), as payments earmarked to the EVA Network project.

Phase X Budget (Table 2)

The starting budget for Phase X (€2,688,250) was agreed at the 15th Steering Committee meeting in Thessaloniki, Greece (May 2018). It is subject to an overhead of 15.84%, as per the agreement with Bioversity International. This budget has been incremented by 1) Unspent carry-over from past phases (€121,756), with overhead 13%; 2) Carry-over from Phase IX registered in 2019 (€57,402), with overhead 18.15%; 3) additional carry-over from Phase IX composed of Phase IX outstanding contributions received in 2020 from Italy (€104,000), North Macedonia (€2,750) and Portugal (€12,000), corresponding to a net addition of €100,507, also with overhead 18.15%; 4) Voluntary contribution from Hungary for Phase X (€12,000); 5) Voluntary contributions from Germany to be used during Phase X (€1,032,155), reduced in 2020 to €1,024,545 due to returned funds (€7,610) of unspent budget balance. The amount of German contributions is partly made of funds already advanced in Phase IX, funds actually received in 2019/20 and other funds pledged for the rest of Phase X, as part of a series of projects funded by Germany and listed in Table 2.

After the above-mentioned increments, the overall budget for Phase X was set at €4,048,949.

Expenditures (Tables 2 and 3)

At the end of 2020, the total expenditures were €1,164,636, leaving an overall balance of €584,525 after the first two years of Phase X. This under expenditure can be explained with the following reasons: lower staff costs are mainly due to the contribution from the Horizon 2020 projects AGENT and GenRes Bridge and from the German funded projects, while low expenditures for travel and working group activities were due to the late start of the Grant Scheme Calls and the intervening pandemic crisis, which reduced the possibility to travel and hold physical meetings as of March 2020.

The costs of ongoing activities started in Phase IX and other miscellaneous costs were mainly covered by carry over-funds, as detailed in Table 3.

Conclusion

Thanks to the additional outstanding contributions received in 2020, the total available from carry-over funds, plus the voluntary contribution from Hungary, adds up to €290,024 (net of overheads). This amount is higher than the estimated figure of €200,000 for 'carry over and extra funds' that was used in October 2018 for the Steering Committee decisions regarding the [Mode of Operation of ECPGR – Phase X](#). This means that the expected expenditures of Phase X for 'Meetings' and 'Other activities', as well as other miscellaneous costs, can be fully covered by the current available budget. In fact, part of the carry-over funds were spent in 2019 (net €37,226) and in 2020 (net €15,042) to cover the cost of ongoing activities started in Phase IX and other miscellaneous costs detailed in Table 3.

The successful participation of the ECPGR Secretariat in the Horizon 2020 projects AGENT and GenRes Bridge, together with the German funded projects, are generating savings in staff time, as indicated in the above section. This means that more funds are being made available, beyond the amounts of earmarked activities. Therefore, the programme is endowed with some flexibility for extra expenditures, provided outstanding contributions of Phase X are duly received.

The cash balance at the end of 2020 was positive, amounting to €571,770.

Table 1
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ECPGR Contributions for Phase X received by 31 December 2020 (in Euro)

Participating country	Annual pledge	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL	Outstanding Phase X
Albania	3,150	3,150	3,150		6,300	-
Austria	13,800	13,800	13,800		27,600	-
Belarus	4,000	4,000	4,000		8,000	-
Belgium	14,400	14,400	14,400		28,800	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,150	-	-		-	6,300
Bulgaria	4,000	4,000	4,000		8,000	-
Croatia	7,500	7,500	7,500		15,000	-
Cyprus	4,000	4,000	4,000		8,000	-
Czech Republic	12,650	12,650	-		12,650	12,650
Denmark	13,800	13,800	13,800		27,600	-
Estonia	4,000	4,000	4,000		8,000	-
Finland	13,800	13,800	13,800		27,600	-
France	58,500	58,500	58,500		117,000	-
Georgia	3,150	3,150	3,150		6,300	-
Germany	58,500	58,500	58,500		117,000	-
Greece	13,800	13,800	13,800		27,600	-
Hungary	8,600	8,600	8,600		17,200	-
Iceland	3,150	3,150	3,150		6,300	-
Ireland	12,650	12,650	12,650		25,300	-
Italy	56,000	-	-		-	112,000
Latvia	4,000	4,000	4,000		8,000	-
Lithuania	7,500	7,500	7,500		15,000	-
Montenegro	3,150	3,150	3,150		6,300	-
Netherlands	21,850	21,850	-		21,850	21,850 ⁽¹⁾
North Macedonia	3,150	3,150	3,150		6,300	-
Norway	14,400	14,400	14,400		28,800	-
Portugal	12,650	12,650	-		12,650	12,650
Romania	8,600	8,600	8,600		17,200	-
Serbia	4,000	4,000	4,000		8,000	-
Slovakia	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600	25,800	-
Slovenia	7,500	7,500	7,500		15,000	-
Spain	23,000	-	-		-	46,000 ⁽²⁾
Sweden	14,400	14,400	14,400		28,800	-
Switzerland	21,850	21,850	21,850		43,700	-
Turkey	14,400	14,400	14,400		28,800	-
United Kingdom	56,000	56,000	56,000		112,000	-
Total	537,650	455,500	408,350	8,600	872,450	211,450

(1) Netherlands 2020 contribution received in 2021

(2) Spain 2019 & partial 2020 contribution received in 2021


ECPGR Voluntary contributions received by 31 Decemebr 2020 (in Euro)

Participating country	Pledged contributions for Phase X	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL	Contributions to be received
Hungary	12,000	12,000	-	-	12,000	-
Germany (European genetic resources)	9,831	9,831	(2,126)	-	7,705	-
Germany - Implementation of EVA network on wheat, barley, vegetable crops and maize	903,262	69,117	331,920	-	401,037	502,225
Germany ECPGR meetings and public awareness activities	60,387	60,387	-	-	60,387	-
Total	985,480	151,335	329,794	-	481,129	502,225

Regular contributions received in Phase X	872,450
Voluntary contributions received in Phase X	481,129
Total contributions Phase X	1,353,579
Total outstanding contributions Phase X	211,450



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Table 2. ECPGR Phase X - 2020 Contributions and Expenses (in Euro)

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Description	Total budget 2019-2023	Budget					Expenditures					Total expenditures for 2019 and 2020	Balance of 2019 and 2020 Budget	
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023			
Staff costs														
Secretary at Bioversity International (100%)	644,187	121,336	124,976	128,725	132,587	136,563	78,297	95,221					173,518	72,795
Secretariat administrative support (100%)	314,832	59,300	61,079	62,911	64,799	66,743	37,713	24,233					61,946	58,433
Steering Committee, ExCo and travel														
Staff travel	25,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	3,202	-					3,202	6,798
Steering Committee meetings	76,000	-	-	38,000	-	38,000	-	-					-	-
ExCo meetings	10,500	3,500	3,500	-	3,500	-	6,527	299					6,826	174
ExCo Chair's travel for lobbying with EU and others	5,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,078	699					1,778	222
ExCo Chair's compensation	75,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000					30,000	-
Working Group activities														
WGChair's Meeting	31,500	-	15,750	-	15,750	-	-	-					-	15,750
WGactivities - meetings	188,599	37,720	37,720	37,720	37,720	37,720	-	-					-	75,440
WGactivities - other actions	188,599	37,720	37,720	37,720	37,720	37,720	7,875	-					7,875	67,565
Training workshops EURISCO	33,750	11,250	-	11,250	-	11,250	-	-					-	11,250
WOperations - scientific assistance (50%)	238,190	44,864	46,210	47,597	49,024	50,495	37,720	47,717					85,437	5,637
Subtotal	1,831,157	336,690	347,955	384,923	362,100	399,491	187,413	183,169	-	-	-	-	370,582	314,062
Overhead (15.84%)	200,055	53,332	55,116	60,972	57,257	63,279	29,686	29,014					58,700	49,747
Total including overhead	2,121,213	390,021	403,071	445,894	419,456	462,770	217,099	212,183	-	-	-	-	429,283	363,809
EURISCO at IPK														
Personnel & Consumables	478,250	90,050	92,550	95,550	98,550	101,550	90,050	92,550					182,600	-
Travel Coordinator	11,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	-	-					-	4,500
Other costs														
Facilities, IT services, communications and office consumables	77,537	14,620	15,016	15,492	15,967	16,442	16,051	13,866					29,917	(281)
TOTAL BUDGET Phase X	2,688,250	496,941	512,887	559,186	536,223	583,012	323,200	318,599	0	0	0	0	641,800	368,028
Carry over from past Phases ⁽¹⁾	121,756	37,226	15,042	23,163	23,163	23,163	37,226	15,042					52,268	69,488
Overhead (13%)	15,828	4,839	1,955	3,011	3,011	3,011	4,839	1,955					6,795	9,033
Carry over Phase IX ⁽²⁾	157,909	31,582	31,582	31,582	31,582	31,582	-	2,750					2,750	60,414
Overhead (18.15%)	28,661	5,732	5,732	5,732	5,732	5,732	-	499					499	10,965
Voluntary funds received in Phase X from Hungary	10,359	2,072	2,072	2,072	2,072	2,072	-	-					-	4,144
Overhead (15.84%)	1,641	328	328	328	328	328	-	-					-	656
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET including carry over from past phases	3,024,404	674,239	552,601	598,900	575,937	622,726	365,266	338,846	-	-	-	-	704,112	522,728
Projects funded with German voluntary contributions														
"European Genetic Resources" GenR 2017-3	23,300	23,300	-	-	-	-	23,300	-					23,300	-
Overhead (18.15%)	4,229	4,229	-	-	-	-	4,229	-					4,229	-
Strengthening the European Genebank Integrated System "AEGIS" GenR 2018-1	11,002	11,002	-	-	-	-	11,002	-					11,002	-
Overhead (18.15%)	1,997	1,997	-	-	-	-	1,997	-					1,997	-
Organization of an ECPGR Workshop for the preparation of a European Evaluation Network GenR 2018-3	17,113	17,113	-	-	-	-	17,113	-					17,113	-
Overhead (18.15%)	3,106	3,106	-	-	-	-	3,106	-					3,106	-
ECPGR meetings and public awareness activities GenR2019-2	52,258	26,336	25,922	-	-	-	26,336	25,922					52,258	-
Overhead (15.84%)	8,278	4,172	4,106	-	-	-	4,172	4,106					8,278	-
Implementation of EVA network on wheat, barley, vegetable crops and maize" GenR 2019-2	79,750	46,412	29,788	305,533	128,017	-	46,412	246,441					292,853	53,347
Overhead (15.84%)	123,512	7,352	47,486	48,396	20,278	-	7,352	39,036					46,388	8,450
Total additional budget added in 2019 ⁽³⁾	1,024,545	145,018	377,303	353,929	148,295	-	145,018	315,505	-	-	-	-	460,524	61,797
GRAND TOTAL AT 31.12.2020	4,048,949	819,258	929,903	952,830	724,232	622,726	510,284	654,351	-	-	-	-	1,164,636	584,525

(1) Euro 3,400 were received from Georgia in 2019, as outstanding contributions for Phase VII and Phase VIII. The additional budget has been included within the budget line called 'Carry over from past Phases'. Budget for 2019 & 2020 was adjusted as per actual expenses for 2019/2020 and the rest of the budget was equally distributed across the remaining years.

(2) Euro 104,000 plus 2,750 plus 12,000 were received from Italy, North Macedonia and Portugal respectively in 2020, as outstanding contributions for Phase IX. The additional budget has been included within the budget line called 'Carry over Phase IX'.

(3) During 2019 the total budget was further increased by €1,032,155 representing the voluntary contribution from Germany for five different activities as indicated in the budget table. In 2020 the budget for "European Genetic Resources" GenR 2017-3 and Organization of an ECPGR Workshop for the preparation of a European Evaluation Network GenR 2018-3 decreased by EUR 7,610 due to returned funds of unspent budget balance.

Funds balance from previous phases	202,004
Voluntary contribution received from Georgia from previous phases received in Phase X	3,400
Voluntary contribution received from Hungary in Phase X	12,000
Total contributions received for Phase IX during Phase X - Portugal/Italy/North Macedonia received 2019 contrib in 2020	118,750
Total Phase X regular contributions received	872,450
Total received	1,208,604
Total expenditure	704,112
Balance of Phase X (as at 31.12.20)	504,492
Funds balance of German grants opened in phase IX	58,673
Additional funds from Germany	469,129
Total expenditure on German grants	460,524
Balance (as at 31.12.20)	67,278

TOTAL cash **571,770**

Table 3.

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Break-down of expenditures chargeable to carry over of past Phases (overhead 13%)

Description	Expenditure 2019	Expenditure 2020	Total expenditure 2019-2023
Working Group meetings and Grant Scheme activities			
Berries		413	413
- Total Expenditures Working Group meetings		413	
Umorpheas		229	229
- Total Expenditures Second Call - Phase X		229	
MAP Eurocollection - part of expenditures	3,300		3,300
- Total Expenditures Third Call - Phase IX	3,300		
PRUNUS Aligment	12,941	7,072	20,014
- Total Expenditures Fifth Call - Phase IX	12,941	7,072	
training in Triticum species TTS	9,179		9,179
Improve lolium	4,914	726	5,639
EU Grainlegumes	6,063		6,063
Lathyrus		550	550
- Total Expenditures Sixth Call - Phase IX	20,156	1,276	
Total Working Group meetings and Grant Scheme activities	36,397	8,990	
Other expenditures			
- Laptop ExCo Chair		1,580	1,580
- Travel Secretary		60	60
- Travel ExCo member		536	536
- Travel participant EVA Workshop, Berlin		376	376
- Shipment of publications and other postages	510		510
- Travel reimb 2018	23		23
- Panel recruitment Scientific Assistant	297		297
- Consultancy contract		3,500	3,500
Total 'Other expenditures'	829	6,052	
Sub-total expenditures of carry-over funds	37,226	15,042	
overhead (13%)	4,839	1,955	6,795
Total expenditures carry-over funds	42,066	16,998	59,063