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THE CITRUSEQ/CITRUSGENN CONSORTIUM: A PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVE FOR CITRUS BREEDING.



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CITRUS WORLD PRODUCTION





Citrus Industry in Spain



Economic terms

- The most important fruit-tree crop worldwide
- Cultivated in more than 140 countries
- The main natural source of Vit C.
- Spain, 1st fresh fruit exporter (€ 2500 M/year)



CITRUS PRODUCTION IN SPAIN





CITRUSEQ-CITRUSGENN (2009-)









Spanish technology platform for plant biotechnology



BIOVEGEN in brief

- Public-Private association
 - ► Led by the Business Sector (71 members → 80% companies)
 - It gathers entities interested in Plant Biology R&D

OBJECTIVE

Improve the **competitiveness** of the agrifood sector through the incorporation of **new Plant Biology-based technologies**

- Generation of R&D joint projects
 - Higher Knowledge & Technology transfer
 - Contribution to the design of R&D strategies tailored to the Agrifood sector
 - Promote greater public & private investment in R&D

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PROYECTOS SINGULARES ESTRATEGICOS (PSE)

STRATEGIC SINGULAR PROJECTS (PSE)

A set of interrelated R & D activities that enhances the integration of scientific technological agents and imply the transfer of technology contributing to improve technological capacity



- Projects of national strategic interest
- Focus on research in key areas
- Integration of R & D activities
- Creation of a collaboration culture
- Mobilization of human and economic resources









CONSORTIUM COMPOSITION





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Cooperative company leader in the commercialization of horticultural products made up of a hundred Cooperatives of different Spanish autonomous communities.



Leading company in plant innovation whose vocation is to work together with experts of recognized prestige to offer new models of sustainable agro-food development to traditional agricultural companies.



The CIPF has one of the biggest research groups in Bioinformatics in Spain. It is formed by three separate units, dealing with functional, comparative and structural genomics.



GCM Variedades Vegetales A.I.E, is constituted as R & D company that intends to cover a research area in citrus that until now was not present in the private sector. It is formed by three major exporter partners (Giner, Cañamás, Marti Navarro).



ICC, SA is a company focused on R & D, comprised of exporters and cooperatives belonging to the Professional Association of Fruit Exporters of Castellón (ASOCIEX), whose objective is to R & D & I needs of the associated companies.



CONSORTIUM COMPOSITION



Company specialized in the development and commercialization of new varieties of citrus. With headquarters in England and Spain (Source Citrus Genesis S.L) belongs to the Antonio Muñoz group.



The Center of Genomics is focused in the generation of genomic knowledge to address major problems of citrus generation and management.



Foundation that works to meet social needs through activities aimed at all segments of the agricultural population, including farmers and agri-food businesses and companies



Center of the Spanish Scientific Council developing basic and applied scientific activities for the optimization of the use and conservation of the natural resources of the soil, water and plant.



BUDGET

	Financial Budget	Grant	Loan	Down Payment
CITRUSEQ	1.654.809,66	288.860,51	830.947,46	609.700,00
CITRUSGENN	2.098.092,29	379.928,98	1.399.300,00	244.165,00
TOTAL	3.752.901,95	668.789,49	2.230.247,46	853.865,00

	Public	Private
CITRUSEQ	898.560,51	756.249,15
CITRUSGENN	624.093,98	1.473.998,31
TOTAL	1.522.654,49	2.230.247,46



CONTRIBUTION

CITRUSGENN

Partner	Contribution (thousand €)	
	TOTAL	%
Eurosemillas S.A.	264	12
Fundación CajaMar Valencia	220	10
Instituto Valenciano de Investigaciones Agrarias	440	20
Anecoop S. Coop.	264	12
F.C.V. Centro de Investigación Príncipe Felipe	220	10
Source Citrus Genesis	264	12
GCM Variedades Vegetales AIE	264	12
Investigación Citrícola Castellón S.A.	264	12



Industrial property according to % of contribution



The results of these projects have been a milestone in the field of biotechnology-agriculture relations. They opened up possibilities then unsuspected in the field of collaboration with the sector and the citrus research teams.





GOALS OF THE CONSORTIUM

1) To provide scientific knowledge to develop genomics and biotechnological tools to facilitate the generation and selection of new lines and varieties of citrus.

2) Identification of genes, markers and alleles related to citrus fruit quality, production and tolerance to environmental adverse conditions. To develops complementary strategies including the translational identification of genes of potential agricultural interest.

3) Further developments will include technological application of this information through the use of association studies.





MAIN RESULTS





Near 1000 citrus genomes have been sequenced and stored in the CITRUSEQ database.

Close to 6000 new citrus lines and several segregating populations have been obtained.

Identification of gene variants for citrus fruit quality genes.

Association studies are in progress (GWAs and GBS, GS)

Molecular markers and development of technologies for the authentication and management of citrus varieties.

Dissemination of these results to the entities of the citrus sector



NEW CITRUS LINES

















BIOMARKERS PROCEDURE

- 1. Citrus varieties
- 2. DNA extraction
- 3. Genome Sequencing
- 4. Genome Alignment
- **5. Identification of point mutations/indels**
- 6. Identification of structural variants
- 7. Validation PCR and Sanger sequencing
 - a. Two independent laboratories.b. Blind samples
- 8. Selection of 100% effective markers











DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS



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