



European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (ECPGR)

Phase X (2019–2023)

2019 Financial Report

Financial situation by the end of 2019

Contributions received for Phase X (Tables 1 and 4)

At 31 December 2019, the total regular contributions received for Phase X amounted to € 451 450. Outstanding contributions for Phase X amounted to €97 950 from five countries. Of these countries, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, North Macedonia and Spain have not yet signed the Letter of Agreement to join Phase X, but they indicated that they are in the process of formalizing the Agreement.

Voluntary contributions were received during 2019 from Hungary (€12 000) (not earmarked) and from Germany (€139 335, as payments earmarked to specific projects (support to Grant Scheme Activities, support to ECPGR meetings and public awareness activities, and EVA project on Barley, Wheat, vegetables and maize).

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 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 (€57 402), with overhead 18.15%; 3) Voluntary contributions from Hungary for Phase X (€12 000); 4) Voluntary contributions from Germany to be used during Phase X (€1 032 155). The latter amount is partly made of funds already advanced in Phase IX, funds actually received in 2019 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 €3 937 809.

Expenditures (Tables 2 and 3)

At the end of 2019, the total expenditures were €510 284, leaving an overall balance of €292 981 after the first year of Phase X. This under-expenditure can be explained with two reasons: lower staff costs are mainly due to the contribution from the Horizon 2020 project GenRes Bridge, while low expenditures for Working Group Activities and meetings were due to the late start of the Grant Scheme Calls (two calls for proposals in the second half of 2019) and the poor participation of Working Groups to the Grant Scheme (five proposals submitted and three granted for funding in 2019). Also the budget line "Meetings" was not used by the Working Groups. The EURISCO training workshop budgeted for 2019 was instead planned to take place in 2020 with GenRes Bridge funds.

Apart from the continuing maintenance and development of EURISCO, most of the activities and expenditures carried out in 2019 were thus related to the German-funded projects, covering the cost of ongoing Working Group activities and meetings, as well as promoting the AEGIS system and increasingly the EVA Network.

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.

Outstanding contributions of Phase IX (Table 4)

Outstanding contributions of Phase IX (Table 4) were not received at the end of 2019, therefore the corresponding amounts were not considered for budget carry-over to Phase X. However, contributions from Italy and North Macedonia were received during 2020 for a total of 106 750 and this amount will be included in the next financial report, increasing the ECPGR budget of Phase X.

Conclusion

Carry-over funds and the voluntary contribution from Hungary amount to €189 517 (net of overheads). This amount is not very distant from 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 these funds would allow to almost entirely cover expected expenditures of Phase X for "Meetings" and "Other activities", as per the above-mentioned Steering Committee decision (i.e. €288 599 for "Meetings" and €288 599 for "Other activities"). In reality, part of these carry-over funds (net €37 226) were spent in 2019 to cover the cost of ongoing Activities started in Phase IX and other miscellaneous costs (Table 3). However, it should be noted that Phase X budget will be further incremented in 2020, thanks to the above-mentioned outstanding contributions received in 2020 from Italy and North Macedonia, and possibly from other countries. Additionally, the successful participation of the ECPGR Secretariat in the Horizon 2020 Project GenRes Bridge is 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.

The cash balance at the end of 2019 was positive, amounting to €356 577.

Table 1
 Bioversity reference: A1065
 ECPGR Contributions for Phase X received by 31 December 2019 (in Euro)

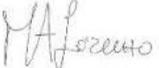
Participating country	Annual pledge	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL	Outstanding Phase X
Albania	3,150	3,150					3,150	0
Austria	13,800	13,800					13,800	0
Belarus	4,000	4,000					4,000	0
Belgium	14,400	14,400					14,400	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,150	0					0	3,150
Bulgaria	4,000	4,000					4,000	0
Croatia	7,500	7,500					7,500	0
Cyprus	4,000	4,000					4,000	0
Czech Republic	12,650	12,650					12,650	0
Denmark	13,800	13,800					13,800	0
Estonia	4,000	4,000					4,000	0
Finland	13,800	13,800					13,800	0
France	58,500	58,500					58,500	0
Georgia	3,150	3,150					3,150	0
Germany	58,500	58,500					58,500	0
Greece	13,800	13,800					13,800	0
Hungary	8,600	8,600					8,600	0
Iceland	3,150	3,150					3,150	0
Ireland	12,650	12,650					12,650	0
Italy	56,000	0					0	56,000
Latvia	4,000	4,000					4,000	0
Lithuania	7,500	7,500					7,500	0
Montenegro	3,150	3,150	3,150				6,300	0
Netherlands	21,850	21,850					21,850	0
North Macedonia	3,150	0					0	3,150
Norway	14,400	14,400					14,400	0
Portugal	12,650	0					0	12,650
Romania	8,600	8,600					8,600	0
Serbia	4,000	4,000					4,000	0
Slovakia	8,600	8,600	8,600				17,200	0
Slovenia	7,500	7,500					7,500	0
Spain	23,000	0					0	23,000
Sweden	14,400	14,400					14,400	0
Switzerland	21,850	21,850					21,850	0
Turkey	14,400	14,400					14,400	0
United Kingdom	56,000	56,000					56,000	0
Total	537,650	439,700	11,750	0	0	0	451,450	97,950

ECPGR Voluntary contributions received by 31 Decembr 2019 (in Euro)

Participating country	Pledged contributions for Phase X	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL	Contributions to be received
Hungary	12,000	12,000					12,000	0
Germany (European genetic resources)	9,831	9,831					9,831	0
Germany - Implementation of EVA network on wheat, barley, vegetable crops and maize	903,262	69,117					69,117	834,145
Germany ECPGR meetings and public awareness activities	60,387	60,387					60,387	0
Total	985,480	151,335	-	-	-	-	151,335	834,145

Regular contributions received in Phase X	451,450
Voluntary contributions received in Phase X	151,335
Total contributions Phase X	602,785
Total outstanding contributions Phase X	97,950


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Table 2. ECPGR Phase X - 2019 Contributions and Expenses (in Euro)

Biodiversity reference: A1065

Description	Total budget 2019-2023	Budget	Expenditures	Balance of 2019 Budget
		2019	Total expenditures for 2019	
Staff costs				
Secretary at Biodiversity International (100%)	644,187	121,336	78,297	43,039
Secretariat administrative support (100%)	314,832	59,300	37,713	21,587
Steering Committee, ExCo and travel				
Secretariat staff travel	25,000	5,000	3,202	1,798
Steering Committee meetings	76,000	0	0	0
ExCo meetings	10,500	3,500	6,527	(3,027)
ExCo Chair's travel	5,000	1,000	1,078	(78)
ExCo Chair's compensation	75,000	15,000	15,000	0
Working Group activities				
WG Chairs Meeting	31,500	0	0	0
WG activities - meetings	188,599	37,720	0	37,720
WG activities -other actions	188,599	37,720	7,875	29,845
Training workshops EURISCO	33,750	11,250	0	11,250
WG operations - scientific assistance (50%)	238,190	44,864	37,720	7,144
Subtotal	1,831,157	336,690	187,413	149,276
Overhead (15.84%)	290,055	53,332	29,686	23,645
Total including overhead	2,121,212	390,021	217,099	172,922
EURISCO at IPK - Personnel and consumables (no OH)	478,250	90,050	90,050	0
Eurisco - Travel Coordinator (no OH)	11,250	2,250	0	2,250
Facilities, IT, communications, office consumables	77,538	14,620	16,051	(1,431)
TOTAL BUDGET Phase X	2,688,250	496,942	323,200	173,741
Carry over from past Phases ⁽¹⁾	121,756	121,756	37,226	84,530
Overhead (13%)	15,828	15,828	4,839	10,989
Carry over Phase IX	57,402	11,480	0	11,480
Overhead (18.15%)	10,418	2,084	0	2,084
Voluntary funds received in Phase X from Hungary	10,359	2,072	0	2,072
Overhead (15.84%)	1,641	328	0	328
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET including carry over from past phases	2,905,654	650,490	365,266	285,224
Projects funded with German voluntary contributions				
"European Genetic Resources" GenR 2017-3	25,100	25,100	23,300	1,800
Overhead (18.15%)	4,556	4,556	4,229	327
Strengthening the European Genebank Integrated System "AEGIS" GenR 2018-1	11,002	11,002	11,002	0
Overhead (18.15%)	1,997	1,997	1,997	0
Organization of an ECPGR Workshop for the preparation of a European Evaluation Network GenR 2018-3	21,879	21,879	17,113	4,766
Overhead (18.15%)	3,971	3,971	3,106	865
ECPGR meetings and public awareness activities GenR2019-2	52,131	26,336	26,336	0
Overhead (15.84%)	8,257	4,172	4,172	0
"Implementation of EVA network on wheat, barley, vegetable crops and maize" GenR 2019-5	779,750	46,412	46,412	0
Overhead (15.84%)	123,512	7,352	7,352	0
Total additional budget added in 2019 ⁽²⁾	1,032,155	152,775	145,019	7,757
GRAND TOTAL AT 31.12.2019	3,937,809	803,265	510,284	292,981

(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'.

(2) 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.

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 Phase X regular contributions received	451,450
Total received	668,854
Total expenditure	365,266
Balance of Phase X (as at 31.12.19)	303,588
Funds balance of German grants opened in phase IX	58,673
Additional funds from Germany	139,335
Total expenditure on German grants	145,019
Balance (as at 31.12.19)	52,989
TOTAL cash	356,577

Table 3.

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

Description	Expenditure 2019	Total expenditure 2019-2023
Working Group activities under the Activity Grant Scheme		
MAP Eurocollection - part of expenditures	3,300	3,300
- Total Expenditures Third Call	3,300	3,300
PRUNUS Aligment	12,941	12,941
- Total Expenditures Fifth Call	12,941	12,941
training in Triticum species TTS	9,179	9,179
Improve lolium	4,914	4,914
EU Grainlegumes	6,063	6,063
- Total Expenditures Sixth Call	20,156	20,156
Total Working Group activities under Activity Grant Scheme	36,397	36,397
Other expenditures		
- Shipment of publications and other postages	510	510
- Travel reimb 2018	23	23
- Panel recruitment Scientific Assistant	297	297
Total 'Other expenditures'	829	829
Sub-total expenditures of carry-over funds	37,226	37,226
overhead (13%)	4,839	4,839
Total expenditures carry-over funds	42,066	42,066

Table 4.
ECPGR Outstanding contributions for Phase IX as of 31 December 2019 (in Euro)

DONOR	Phase IX	Total
Azerbaijan	13,750	13,750
Italy	104,000	104,000
North Macedonia	2,750	2,750
Portugal	12,000	12,000
Total outstanding contributions	132,500	132,500

* The contributions from Italy for the years 2017 and 2018 were received in June 2020.

** The contribution from North Macedonia was received 24 February 2020.

Table 5.
ECPGR Outstanding contributions for Phase VII, Phase VIII & Phase IX as of 31 December 2019 (in Euro)

DONOR	Phase VII	Phase VIII	Phase IX	Total
Armenia	11,750	13,750		25,500
Malta	7,050	13,750		20,800
Russian Federation	-	91,000		91,000
Ukraine	-	28,000		28,000
Total outstanding contributions	18,800	146,500	-	165,300