



“HARNESSTOM scientists close with a flourish the active collaboration with RoxyCOST”

HARNESSTOM coordinator Antonio Granell gave the opening talk on New Genomic Techniques NGTs in horticultural crops and the regulatory situation in the EU, a topic that was of high interest for the participant given the importance of having a regulation that facilitates the use of NGTs in Europe. Other HARNESSTOM partners from CSIC (Clara Pons), ENEA (Gianfranco Diretto) and INPT (David Pierre, Julien Pirello) also presented their results or chaired in different sessions of the meeting where HARNESSTOM scientists had the opportunity to share advances with the other RoxyCOST participants and foresee new possibilities for collaboration.

The RoxyCOST final meeting took place at the NH Gran Hotel in Zaragoza from 6th March to 8th March 2024 with the participation of close to 60 participants from more than 15 countries. Maria José Rubio and Jerome Grimplet from CITA (<https://www.cita-aragon.es/>) were the local organizers.

The collaboration between RoxyCOST and HARNESSTOM has been very fruitful during the last three years of coexistence of the two projects. Not only because of the active participation and discussion or HARNESSTOM partners in ROxyCOST organized meetings but also by HARNESSTOM partners enjoyed a number of Short-Term Missions funded by RoxyCOST. Joint organization of training courses and workshops between HARNESSTOM and RoxyCOST were widely appreciated and acknowledged by a large number of participants both online and in person. Indeed, the last training course took place on March 4th and 5th 2024 on the same premises and right before the annual meeting and opened new opportunities for RoxyCOST and HARNESSTOM partners to populate the HARNESSTOM Database with new information and data for the benefit of all tomato scientists and users.



Group picture of the participants in the Final Meeting of RoxyCOST held at the NH Collection Hotel in Zaragoza from the 6th to the 8th March 2024.





HARNESSTOM Coordinator during his presentation at the RoxyCOST final meeting



HARNESSTOM Partners Clara Pons (CSIC) and David Pierre (INPT) organizers of the HARNESSTOM DB Datathon that took place March 4th and 5th as a satellite training course right before the RoxyCOST final meeting in Zaragoza.