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## "Harnesstom to participate in a Workshop on Genetic Resources."

Harnesstom project coordinator Antonio Granell has been invited to participate in the Workshop "Pre-breeding materials: a grey zone between Genetic Resources and Cultivars - Introduction on regulatory aspects and protection of Intellectual Property" that is organized by the sister project [BreedingValue](#) and will take place at the University of Applied Sciences, HTW Dresden Campus Pillnitz, Germany, on the 15th of March 2023.

This initiative by [BreedingValue](#) is part of a strategy shared by HARNESSTOM on the need to establish a common understanding of the regulatory framework for IP Management of new pre-breeding material and more specially in those materials developed in the frame of EU-funded projects .

All the EU-funded projects in a [GenRes](#) network that include [BreedingValue](#) and Harnesstom (but also [Agent](#), [Forgenius](#), etc.) are committed to contribute to improving the characterization of genetic resources and increase their use in the development of prebreeding materials to meet the needs of breeders, farmers and consumers in a changing environment of climate change, emerging diseases and variety of consumer needs. We are also aware that the use of Genetic Resources ([GenRes](#)) are subjected to a complex international regulatory framework that regulates the various stages where genetic resources are used from obtaining knowledge to developing new varieties, and directly or indirectly affect the identification, recovery, characterization, conservation, protection of Intellectual Property (IP) and use. Different actors include farmers, researchers, breeders in academia and in companies with different interests and access to [GenRes](#). In addition, this complexity is managed by various international organizations which, each with their own role, contribute to guarantee the appropriate access and equitable sharing of benefit arising from the use of [GenRes](#).

During the workshop, high-level representatives of the [ECPGR](#), [FAO](#), [CPVO](#) and the [EC](#) will share their views on the current international regulatory framework and its consequences for IP management of pre-breeding material. European research projects with a focus on [GenRes](#) will share their views on the IP landscape in their respective fields. Harnesstom coordinator will present what is the situation for tomato and particularly in the context of the project that aims to gather all the information about tomato genetic resources in one-stop-shop and to develop pre-breeding materials for several study cases including improving resistance against emerging diseases, improving tolerance to climate change conditions, and increased fruit quality.

More information at <https://breedingvalue.eu/workshop-on-genetic-ressources>





Pre-breeding strategies for obtaining new resilient and added value berries

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15th March 2023, 8:30–15:30

University of Applied Sciences, Dresden, Germany

The workshop is offered as a hybrid meeting. You are welcome to join in presence in Dresden or online.

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

1. **Bruno Mezzetti, Università Politecnica delle Marche, BreedingValue** Short introduction on the BreedingValue project
2. **N.N., DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission** Strategy/ Vision of EU funding in the field of GenRes
3. **Sandra Goritschnig, Alliance Bioversity-CIAT** Exchange and use of GenRes within a public/private partnership: the EVA Network's experience
4. **Marco Marsella, Daniele Manzella and/or Francisco Lopez, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)** Regulatory framework of the International Treaty, presentation of a tool developed for easy use of sMTA
5. **Urszula Braun-Młodecka, Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO)** Plant variety regulation and evaluation focusing on berries
6. **Marliese von den Driesch, German Federal Office for Agriculture and Food** Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the EU
7. **Antonio Granell, HARNESSTOM**, Status quo of GenRes IP for tomato
8. **Concepcion Muñoz Diez, GEN4OLIVE**, Status quo of GenRes IP in olive breeding
- **Léna Prochnow, Eurice, BreedingValue** Status quo of GenRes IP for berry breeding

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A day of insightful  
presentations,  
networking and  
lively discussions!

Register now at: [www.breedingvalue.eu/workshop-on-genetic-ressources](http://www.breedingvalue.eu/workshop-on-genetic-ressources)

