



HARNESSTOM at DIVSEEK webinar highlights the importance of networking and dissemination activities

On Tuesday September 21 , 2021 and from 16:00 to 17:30 CEST took place the joint webinar “Horizon 2020 GENRES projects –Joining forces for genetic resources and biodiversity management.” The joint webinar included six flash talks by project leads of the Horizon 2020 GENRES initiative supported by the European Commission. Projects under the SFS 28-2018-2019-2020 topic Genetic Resources and Prebreeding communities and included talks from the three consecutive calls in 2018, 2019 and 2020. Subcall A (2018) Joining forces for GenRes and biodiversity management was represented by Michele Bozzano (European Forest Institute) and Shelagh Kell (University of Birmingham, UK) who presented GenRes Bridge: Genetic resources for a food-secure and forested Europe. Subcall B (2019) Adding value to plant GenRes was represented by Ivan Scotti (INRAE, France) presenting FORGENIUS: Improving access to FORest GENetic Resources Information and Services for End-Users, and by Nils Stein (IPK Gatersleben, Germany) who presented his project AGENT: Activated GENebank NeTwork. And finally Subcall C (2020) was represented by three projects HARNESSTOM: Harnessing the value of tomato genetic resources for now and the future presented by Antonio Granell (CSIC, Spain); BreedingValue: Pre-breeding strategies for obtaining new resilient and added value berries - Bruno Mezzetti (D3A – Marche Polytechnic University, Italy) and GEN4OLIVE: Bringing Olive Genetic Resources closer to Breeders and Growers –presented by Conchi Muñoz Diez and Hristofor Miho (University of Cordoba, Spain). .” [Download the full schedule and speaker bios here.](#)

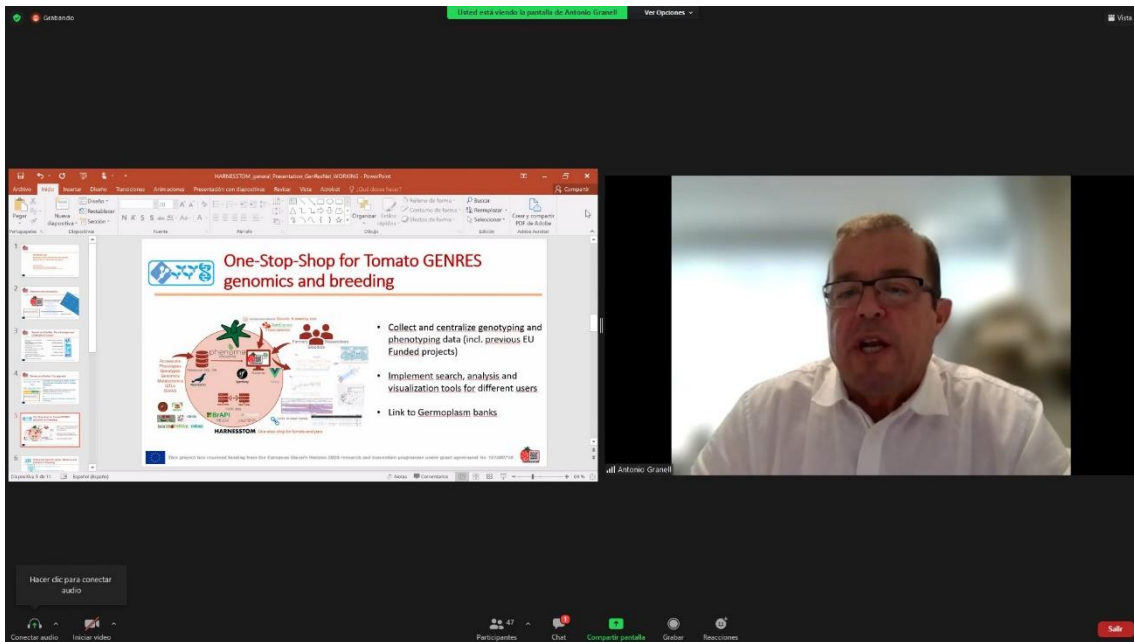
The meeting counted with the participation of the DG Agri policy officer Annette Schneegans and was followed by a short discussion. In the meeting was made clear that this joint webminar has a novelty component as it is the first time that several projects funded under the same topic in H2020 and therefore interconnected are presented together and possibilities for interaction of future support of joint initiatives are discussed.

The meeting reinforced the importance of supporting research and innovation activities in the field of GenRes and genebanks and the importance to enlarge the information basis so that this facilitates that genres are used more widely in order to cope with emerging challenges in agriculture.

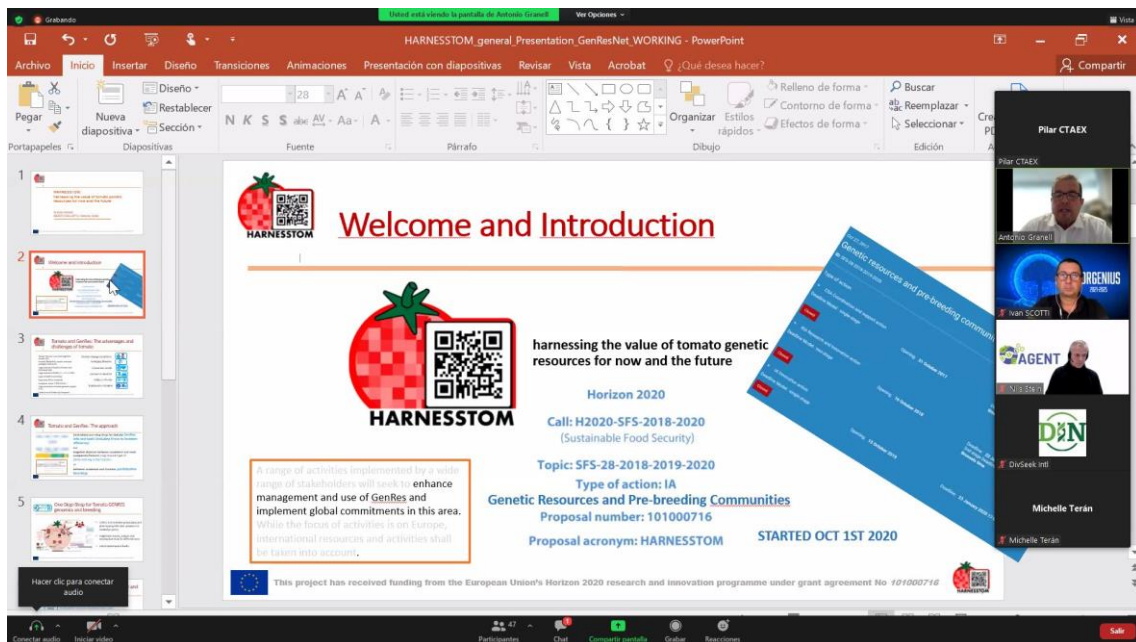
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“Horizon 2020 GENRES projects –Joining forces for genetic resources and biodiversity management.”





Antonio Granell the [#HARNESSTOM](#) coordinator participate in "Horizon 2020 GENRES projects – Joining forces for genetic resources and biodiversity management."



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