



## HARNESSTOM Networking activities with other EU funded projects on Genetic Resources

The Coordinators and managers of four EU Funded sister projects on plant genetic resources (HARNESSTOM, AGENT, BREEDINGVALUE and GEN4OLIVE) met on line April 28 for discussing specific actions to take in the following months in order to foster communication, interaction and collaboration among them. All parties agree that a new series of joint presentations like the one we had at Divseek (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5aslCfRt0A>) will be good to provide updates on the progress made in during the first 2-3 years of the projects (Neils Stein from IPK – Gatersleben, Germany, will get it organized). We also agree on the convenience to meet every 3 or 4 months (next one end of July 2022 chaired by Conchi Novillo from UCO, Spain; followed by a December meeting chaired by Toni Granell from CSIC). Further actions to take include inviting coordinator or specific WP leaders from other projects in the network to participate in the projects annual meeting; to organize short visits for students to learn techniques or tools of interest developed in other projects (like the student from Gen4 OLIVE visiting CSIC from HARNESSTOM); and HARNESSTOM coordinator also suggested the joint organization of webinars /workshop on a) GenRes Databases training; b) Genomic Selection ; c) Breeding for (fruit) quality; d) materials and tools to speed-up breeding that was supported by all the participants. Bruno Mezzeti from Breeding Value indicated also the interest to organize one workshop on how to best deal with IP issues and the participation of companies in these projects.

