New genetics to add value to agricultural and livestock production

ARGENTINA / CHILE / COLOMBIA / ECUADOR / PARAGUAY / URUGUAY / BRAZIL

The technological solution

The project creates an inter-institutional platform for research and application of gene edition knowledge (EG) that will consolidate the regional research and innovation capacities in species of agricultural interest.

Description

Genome edited based pilots oriented to: i) Obtain potato varieties with increased nutritional and industrial quality, ii) Development of soybean with higher nutritional value suitable for humans, birds, and fish iii) generation of animals with modified characteristics to generate products and/or by-products of interest.

Results

Despite the pandemic situation, in the first year 3 training instances were carried out involving researchers from Argentina, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, and Colombia. Practices for the isolation and transfection of potato protoplasts were addressed; protocols for soybean gene editing were generated and knowledge in animal cloning and gene editing was updated. These increased capacities allow us to envision important advances for the second year.

+12 Trained staff in gene editing
+9 Women trained in gene editing
+4 Workshops
103 @FontagroEG followers
+41 Members of the public-private GE Regional platform
+27 Women in the GE platform
About Fontagro

Fontagro is a unique cooperation mechanism for agricultural innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean (ALC) and Spain, that works through regional platforms. It is composed of 15 countries that have contributed capital exceeding 100 million dollars and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which is its legal representative.

### Origin of Resources

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### Participation and Role in Consortia Since 1998

- **Member**
  - Argentina: 20
  - Bolivia: 25
  - Chile: 65
  - Colombia: 67
  - Costa Rica: 59
  - Ecuador: 47
  - España: 19
  - Honduras: 20
  - Nicaragua: 36
  - Panamá: 40
  - Paraguay: 10
  - Perú: 46
  - República Dominicana: 36
  - Uruguay: 64

- **Leader**
  - Argentina: 75
  - Bolivia: 66
  - Chile: 56
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### Fontagro in Numbers

- **Number of Projects Approved**: 198
- **Approved Total Amount US$**: 142.1 Millones
- **Contribution from Other Agencies**: 9.8 Millones
- **Benefited Countries**: 32
- **Generated Technologies**: 63
- **New Technologies for ALC**: 15
- **Technology of Global Relevance**: 8

### Member Countries

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Spain
- Uruguay
- Venezuela