

ERA-PG Call for Proposals - Structuring Plant Genomics Research in Europe

Annex for applicants in Portugal to the first ERA-PG Call for proposals

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Budget frame and duration: FCT intends to contribute to the first ERA-PG call for proposals with a maximum budget of 300 000 Euros. The projects would be financed for a maximum of three years. The application and evaluation procedures will be carried according to the Application Guidelines to be published on www.erapg.org with the Call Notice on the 1st of February 2006. Final approving of funding will be made by the FCT Board of Directors.

Funding Regulations:

The national regulations will apply, namely with regard to: eligibility of the participants, maximum duration of the projects, consortium agreement, research project follow-up and intellectual property rights. The aforementioned regulations are available for download at the FCT institutional website: www.fct.mctes.pt.

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