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As representant of Greenport West-Holland, an active collaborator of BIOVEGEN, I bring all my support to INVEGEN, entity which is submitting the proposal **“BIOVEGEN-Plataforma Tecnológica de Biotecnología Vegetal: periodo 2023-2024”** to the call **“Plataformas Tecnológicas y de Innovación 2022”** launched by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation through its State Research Agency.

Greenport West-Holland is a partnership between entrepreneurs, governments, education and knowledge institutions; the so-called ‘triple helix’. These parties work together on a healthy, vital and sustainable future for the regional horticulture cluster. The cluster includes all companies and organisations that are active in the field of food and floriculture: from trade to production and from breeders to logistic companies.

West Holland, the strong Greenport in the western part of the Netherlands, is known for the largest greenhouse area in the world, hosting world leading companies in the field of horticulture.

At Greenport West-Holland, we are aware that [BIOVEGEN - Spanish Technology Platform for Plant Biotechnology](#) is a public-private partnership, led by the business sector, which brings together entities from the agrifood sector with an interest in R&D in applied Plant Biology. Its aim is to improve the agrifood sector competitiveness through the entities, connecting technological offer & demand and generating business opportunities through public-private collaboration. It performs as an interface between academy, industry, and Administration, offering tools to facilitate R&D activities for its members. Currently, the Platform has 161 members: 139 companies and 22 research centres, as well as the Spanish Ministry of Science & Innovation, which supports and co-finances this initiative. Furthermore, BIOVEGEN is open to partnerships with other entities within the sector.

Therefore, we wish that this collaboration between Greenport West-Holland and BIOVEGEN can continue and grow in this new stage of the Platform’s development.

Yours sincerely,

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