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Letter of Support BIOVEGEN

Dear Mr Lapuente,

As employee of the Province Limburg, an active collaborator of BIOVEGEN, I bring all my support to INVEGEN, the 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.

The Province Limburg is the regional ministry for the region “Limburg”. This province, together with the German cross-border region, has the largest horticulture area in the Netherlands. The Netherlands is divided into twelve provinces, each of which has its own parliament and government. These provinces are again subdivided into 344 municipalities. The provinces form the administrative layer between the central government and the municipalities. The provinces have specific powers and tasks in a number of subjects, such as regional economy development, spatial planning, environmental protection and culture. In addition, they supervise the municipalities and play a coordinating role in many areas in collaboration with municipalities, other authorities and private organizations. At the European level, the provinces form the Dutch NUTS 2 areas.

As a Senior Policy Adviser working for the Province Limburg, I am not signing this letter on behalf of the Provincial Government.

I am 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 and across Europe.

Therefore, as a Senior Policy Adviser, I wish that this collaboration between the Province Limburg and BIOVEGEN can continue and grow in this new stage of the Platform's development.

Yours sincerely,

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