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As representant of Innov'Alliance, an active collaborator of BIOVEGEN in the framework of the Plant Inter Cluster European network, I bring all my support to INVEGEN, entity which is submitting the proposal **"BIOVEGEN-Plataforma Tecnológica de Biotecnología Vegetal: periodo 2025-2026"** to the call **"Plataformas Tecnológicas y de Innovación 2024"** launched by the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities through its State Research Agency.

**Innov'Alliance** is competitiveness cluster (pôles de compétitivité) labelled by the French government, dedicated to products and solutions based on natural sources. We support innovation in agriculture and plant processing, in four major industrial sectors: **food, nutraceuticals/food complements, cosmetics, aromas and fragrance**. Based in the south-east of France, our network gathers more than 350 members, including SMEs and large groups, research and training organisations as well as more than 5000 academics and researchers. All actors are representative of the whole plant-based value chain in each market, from producers to consumers through solution providers. Innov'Alliance mission consists of supporting the green and technological transition of agriculture serving our 4 target industrial sectors, through open innovation and by promoting the respect and protection of natural ingredients and the environment all along the value chain.

In Innov'Alliance, 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 185 members: 160 companies and 25 research centres, as well as the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, 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 Innov'Alliance and BIOVEGEN can continue and grow in this new stage of the Platform's development.

Yours sincerely,

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