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As representant of Fundación Corporación Tecnológica de Andalucía (CTA), 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 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.

CTA is a regional public-private partnership (PPP) created in 2005 to trigger innovation activities performed by the Andalusian private sector and to connect these activities with Academia and Society. CTA is owned by more than 180 companies, in 7 main European industrial priority sectors: ICT, Aerospace and productive processes, Agrifood, Biotechnology, Building and civil engineering, Energy and Environment, and Leisure and Tourism. CTA offers innovation support services to its ecosystem and as an innovation cluster, took part in 60 European projects funded by R&D&I funding programmes such as Horizon Europe. It is currently involved in 26 projects deploying expertise in cascade funding management, multi-actors approach, stakeholders engagement, knowledge and technology transfer or public procurement of innovation.

In CTA 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 CTA and BIOVEGEN can continue and grow in this new stage of the Platform's development.

Yours sincerely,

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