



« 4 pour 1000 Initiative: Soils for food security and climate »

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The Executive Secretariat of the « 4 per 1000 Initiative » in 2017

It was anticipated that the Executive Secretariat of the “4 per 1000 Initiative” should be composed with 4 persons, at least, in addition with and under the authority of the Executive Secretary.

Among the team of 4, there will be:

- One person involved in the scientific aspects of the Initiative who will make the link with the international research and scientific cooperation program and will act as the Secretariat of the Scientific and Technical Committee;
- One person in charge of the animation, the monitoring and the support of “projects part” of the Initiative, working on the collaborative platform and the evaluation of all practices, projects and policies related with the Initiative;
- One person working on the communication internal and external of the Initiative and on the animation of the website, and the Initiative on social networks.
- Finally, an assistant to assist the whole team, and involved in meetings organization.

This Executive Secretariat will be in charge of the coordination and the implementation of the roadmap of the initiative. It will also support the STC, the Consortium, and the Forum before, during and after all of their meetings, and it will also support members and partners between meetings.

As the Initiative should remain a light structure without legal status and with limited resources, all human and financial resources have to be provided by volunteer members or partners of the Initiative. It has to be noted that the cost of each person of the ES team will cost annually between 20,2 k€ and 23,5 k€ to cover all expenditures linked to an usual functioning. This cost will have to be budgeted if possible by the contributors which will second a person to the ES via its host.

It was also proposed that the Executive Secretariat would be hosted by the CGIAR SMO in its headquarter in Montpellier (France). The decision has to be confirmed during this meeting of the Consortium.

1) Cost of the Executive Secretariat for one year

The budget for ES functioning will be:

- 4 persons x 20,2 k€ + 1 person x ((salary of 45 k€) + 23,5 k€) = 149 300 €
- Travels expenses for the ES team: 30 000 € (ES) + 3 x 12 000 € = 66 000 €
- Travels expenses for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman: 24 000 x 2 = 48 000 €

The total amount for one year will be: 263 300 € for the complete team.

2) Situation on the 15th June 2017

At this date, one person composed the Executive Secretariat: Dr. Paul LUU, seconded by the French Ministry of Agriculture as Executive Secretary since 1st September 2016.

The CGIAR SMO agreed to host the Executive Secretary until the signature of a MoU between the Chairman of the Consortium of the “4 per 1000” Initiative and the CGIAR SMO DG.

Some countries are studying the possibility to second one of the three opened positions.

With the help of Agropolis International and a special contribution from Région Occitanie, a working space with network equipment (75 m² with a renting value of 11 250 € per year) will be available in CGIAR SMO environment to welcome the Executive Secretariat team upon arrival on Agropolis international campus.

Even though the Executive Secretariat is functioning from September 1st 2016, contributions from members and partners are welcome to strengthen the team and allow it to work more efficiently. The needs are the following:

- 3 secondments related to the three positions of officer: sciences, projects and communication, for at least one year;
- Funds secured for at least one year of budget for the position of assistant (45 000 €);
- Budget secured to cover the cost of functioning of the whole team in the CGIAR SMO offices for at least one year (104 300 €)

So all contribution are welcome. Participating in the functioning of the Secretariat gives a real opportunity to be involved in the life of the Initiative and its governance and to contribute to its operationalization.