

- **Annual meetings and trainings**

The first Plant B+B annual meeting is planned for **August 30st and 31st**, to be held in Ghent, Belgium. The meeting will enable a stronger connection among partners and foster development of common projects. The annual meeting will always be connected with a 3 day workshop to build up the capacity of our network's members.

During the launch of our network we evaluated the training need of our partners. The results show a particular interest in training on science -communication related aspects. But also on breeding and genome editing, both with an emphasis on data analysis, bioinformatics and gender-responsive breeding traits. A training program taking into account these elements will be shared begin of 2021.

3. Development of the network

On the question if new partners can join the network, it was proposed that any person from one of the current partner institutions will be eligible for the funding opportunities. The selection of the application will make sure that all partners get equal chance for funding opportunities independently of the institution size.

The procedure for integrating new partner institutions will need a further thinking and the possibilities will be discussed during the 1st annual meeting in 2021. Until a common agreement is reached on this point, new partner institutions can join the network activities but at their own expenses.

4. Workplan 2021

A workplan for 2021 is requested by the donor. All partners will be asked to further complete a document with activities they intend to offer in 2021 and that could be part of the network activities. The activities will be placed on the website calendar as well as the call openings and deadlines.